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A contextual clinical assessment for student midwives in Ireland

Everyone focused on the patient
(Canada provides an alternative way to coordinate care for people with long term conditions in the UK)

Nurses lead drive to improve toiletries
(Brief item describing the development of new packs of essentials for admitted patients)

A pacifier-activated music player with mother’s voice improves oral feeding in preterm infants

Normal people can have a child but disability can’t: the experiences of mothers with mild learning disabilities who have had their children removed

Parents' experience of living with and caring for an adult son or daughter with schizophrenia at home in Ireland: a qualitative study

Looking at the world through a frosted window: experiences of loneliness among persons with mental ill-health
Patient Experience (continued)

All in a day’s work
(An innovative one-stop clinic in Scotland is keeping frail older people out of hospital by providing rapid assessment and diagnostic tests, and organising care packages)

Patients’ own words
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Overcoming obstacles: why is death a taboo?
Alexandria, L. e-hospice website, 4 March 2014
Lucy, nineteen, writes about living with a life-limiting/threatening condition; she addresses misconceptions about hospices and palliative care, and stresses the importance of thinking and talking about death, while making the most of life