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Headlines

[A looming crisis: Millennials caring for aging parents](#)

Falls Church News-Press, by Brian Reach; 1/11/24

... Millennials, born between 1981 and 1996, comprise roughly 73 million Americans. By 2030, all boomers, and over 70 million Americans in total, will be ages 65 and older. This represents an at least 25 percent increase in the number of senior citizens — in just over five years.

[Best healthcare jobs in 2024: US news](#)

Becker's Hospital Review, by Alexis Kayser; 1/9/24

U.S. News & World Report has ranked the top 26 jobs in the healthcare industry, encompassing some of America's top-paying jobs with high growth potential. ... Median salaries are listed.

[Editor's Note: #1 Nurse practitioner. #2 Physician assistant.]

Hospice Provider News

[PeaceHealth nurses mull a strike amid wage, workload pressures](#)

Hospice News, by Holly Vossel; 1/9/24

Nurses at PeaceHealth's Sacred Heart Home Care Services have voted to authorize a strike, citing low wages and staffing strains. PeaceHealth operates two hospice locations in Oregon, along with six others in Alaska and Washington state.



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[Hospice of Cincinnati launches new inpatient unit at Christ Hospital](#)

The Business Journals - Cincinnati Business Courier, by Liz Engel; 1/11/24

Christ Hospital is set to debut a new unit at its flagship campus this week, and it serves as a significant expansion for one of the region's oldest nonprofits.

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[Unity Hospice and Palliative Care awarded five-year General In-Patient Care contract with UTMB Health](#)

Press release, 1/11/24

Unity Hospice and Palliative Care, a leader in providing end-of-life care, announced today that it has entered a five-year agreement with the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) Health. Unity will provide general in-patient (GIP) care for all four hospitals within the Health System: Angleton, Clear Lake, League City, and Galveston Campus Hospitals.

[Taking the 'polar' plunge - Fundraiser for Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County](#)

Sequim Gazette, by Keith Thorpe; 1/10/24

Participants in the New Year's Day polar bear dip in Port Angeles braved the chilly water of Port Angeles Harbor at Hollywood Beach on Jan. 1. More than 100 dippers took part in the annual ritual, which served as a fundraiser for Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County.

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[Sara McKay named Chief Executive Officer](#)

Hospice of Washington County press release; 1/11/24

Hagerstown, Md., and Chambersburg, Penn. – Sara McKay has been named Chief Executive Officer of Hospice of Washington County, Hagerstown, Md., and Franklin Hospice, Chambersburg, Penn., effective January 4, 2024. She succeeds Ernesto Lopez, who was named President of The Denver Hospice in Colorado in August 2023. McKay had been serving as Acting CEO of Hospice of Washington County and Franklin Hospice since last August.

[New Hosparus care center for elderly nearing final approval](#)

The News-Enterprise, by Gina Clear; 1/11/24

Known for hospice care for 45 years, Hosparus Health is expanding its mission with a new level of care at its Care Guide Partners PACE center in Elizabethtown (KY). Not yet open — the agency still is seeking approval from Medicare — the program is meant to offer services to elderly family members who need extra assistance, but might not want or be ready for full-time nursing care, Hosparus Health President and CEO David W. Cook said.

Palliative Care Provider News

[Palliative care physicians unionizing](#)

Hospice News, by Jim Parker; 1/9/24

Palliative care physicians at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Oregon have voted to unionize, reflecting a growing trend. Labor pressures have haunted hospice and palliative care ...



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Clinical News

[**A dying person is the last to lose this sense. The scientists' discovery may be surprising.**](#)

247 News Agency; 1/10/24

Researchers analyzed the brain activity of 30 people to check their reactions before death. As a result of the research, it turned out that the last sense that leaves the body of a dying person is hearing.

[**Videos help increase communication of care goals for hospitalized older adults**](#)

National Institute on Aging; 1/11/24

A video intervention delivered to older hospital patients by palliative care educators helped increase communication and documentation of care preferences. These findings, published in *JAMA Network Open*, are from a study led by NIA-funded Harvard Medical School and Massachusetts General Hospital researchers.

General News

[**Impatiently waiting for my mom to die**](#)

Your Tango, by Kai Larsen; 1/10/24

... I never hear her voice or see her face or think it's her when a light burns out. She's just gone. ... I write my portion of her obituary while she is still alive, but only because there's not much to do while you're living on the floor of the hospital that is designated for dying, and because it is taking her so long to do so. ...

[Speaking out: Hello and goodbye](#)

The Bismarck Tribune, by Amanda Godfread; 1/11/24

As I said hello to 2024, though, I had the difficult honor of saying goodbye at two funerals. One for a dear friend's father who passed away unexpectedly and another for my great aunt, who was 94 and in hospice when she died. Two very different lives that led to the same kind of commemoration by friends and family to remember, to say goodbye, and to figure out how to move forward.

[Is healthcare relying too much on family caregivers?](#)

Modern Healthcare, by Diane Eastabrook; 1/10/24

The Biden administration is demanding hospitals offer more clarity to family members on their role in home-based services.

Access requires a subscription to Modern Healthcare

[Rural hospitals are caught in an aging-infrastructure conundrum](#)

Fortune, by Markian Hawryluk and KFF Health News; 1/11/24

Kevin Stansbury, the CEO of [Lincoln Community Hospital](#) in the 800-person town of Hugo, Colorado, is facing a classic Catch-22: He could boost his rural hospital's revenues by offering hip replacements and shoulder surgeries, but the 64-year-old hospital needs more money to be able to expand its operating room to do those procedures.

[Faculty at Brown earn prominent awards, distinctions in 2023](#)

Brown University; 1/9/24

Dr. Richard Besdine, a professor of medicine and health services, policy and practice, and Terrie "Fox" Wetle, a professor of health services, policy and practice, were honored in 2023 by HopeHealth with the Human Dignity Award. The nonprofit organization, a teaching affiliate of the Warren Alpert Medical School, recognized Besdine and Wetle for their dedication to the essence of hospice, which is to provide comfort, compassion and dignity to patients, and hope and healing to their families.

International News

[Construction of Hospice Care evaluation system for terminally ill patients in ICU](#)

PubMed, Patient Prefer Adherence, by Qin-Ling Wang, Cheng-Rui Liu, Peng Yue, Bin-Ru

Han; 1/10/24

Conclusion: In this study, three rounds of Delphi consultation methods were used to construct an evaluation index system for the nursing quality of hospice care for ICU patients. The evaluation indicators formulated closely focus on the physiological and psychological characteristics of ICU patients, which can provide a better reference for ICU patients with advanced life in the future.

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Other News

[Other Business Headlines of Interest, updated 1/11/24 per *nasdaq.com*](#)

- [Adus HomeCare \(ADUS: \\$88.60\)](#)
- [Amedisys \(AMED: \\$93.45\)](#)
- [Encompass \(EHC: \\$68.78\)](#)
- [Enhabit \(EHAB: \\$10.64\)](#)
- [Ensign Group \(ENSG: \\$114.50\)](#)
- [HCA Healthcare \(HCA: \\$283.37\)](#)
- [Humana \(HUM: \\$454.11\)](#)
- [Pennant Group \(PNTG: \\$14.90\)](#)

- [Vitas / Chemed Corp \(CHE: \\$579.07\)](#)

[Executive personnel changes](#)

- [AccentCare Announces Appointment of Saurabh Gupta as Chief Financial Officer](#)
- [HomeCare & Hospice welcomes Yanetsko as director of organizational advancement](#)

Today's Encouragement

Winter is a season of recovery and preparation. Paul Theroux

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