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When Disasters Hit Home They Hit Home Care Too – Tell Us Your Stories!

As many in our CHAMP community know from recent experience, **when natural disasters strike**, home care expertise can be more vital than ever. [Click here](#) to read this week's *Wednesday Wisdom* as Deb Bertrand discusses her own experiences with disaster response. **Share your own stories** to help others know what they can do if disaster strikes close to their homes (we hope not)!



May's Top 5 Tools

The CHAMP community downloaded so many tools in May that we couldn't list just three! Click on the names below to download **May's 5 most popular tools**, or visit our [tools page](#) to **find many more**.



[Best Practice Evidence Brief: Medication Management](#)

Provides evidence-based best practices to improve adherence and reduce medication errors.

[Edmonton Symptom Assessment Scale \(revised version\) \(ESAS-r\)](#)

A simple scale for assessing for symptoms of distress in patients receiving palliative care (download the instructions for using the ESAS-r by [clicking here](#)).

[Depression ZONE Tool](#)

Assists clinicians in assessing the severity of a patient's depression and suggests appropriate actions or interventions.

[The Confusion Assessment Method \(CAM\) \(Try This, Issue 13\)](#)

A widely-used tool for to help non-psychiatrically trained clinicians quickly and accurately identify the symptoms of delirium (from the Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing).

[ARMOR \(Assess, Review, Minimize, Optimize, Reassess\) Polypharmacy Tool](#)

A tool to help evaluate and reduce polypharmacy for older patients that can also be used as a supplemental tool in assessing falls, behaviors, and unexplained functional decline. (Posted with permission from *Annals of Long-Term Care*.)

Free E-Presentations

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[Considerations in Geriatric Medication Management](#)

[The Model for Improvement: Small Tests of Change and Using PDSA Cycles to Drive Improvement](#)

[Clinical Coaching with CHAMP Tools](#)



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