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Program at UT Health San Antonio helps Latino caregivers

SAN ANTONIO – Playing cards is just one of the many activities mother and son Sarah Cadenas and Thomas Brittain take part in. It's keeping Cadenas' mind occupied. Cadenas has Alzheimers, and Brittain is her caregiver. "When I'm making breakfast and doing stuff, she'll start to color, and we got the Lotería there," Brittain said.

Latinos are 1.5 times more likely to have dementia compared to non-Latinos.

Because of the culture, the impact dementia has on an entire family, some say, is deeper for Latinos. Typically, Latinos become caregivers for their loved ones — information not reflected in research.

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The Toll of Adverse Patient Outcomes on Healthcare Providers: Supporting Second Victims



Any approach for managing adverse outcomes in healthcare,

including medical errors, should prioritize the patients who these situations affect. Patients are considered the "first victims" of adverse outcomes, and healthcare organizations and providers have a duty to provide them with truthful information, follow-up care, and emotional support.

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Medical Scribe Benefits for Providers

According to a study published by a well-respected healthcare consortium, Kaiser Permanente, medical scribes are valuable assets, reducing the burden of medical documentation and improving work efficiency in practices so that providers have more time to spend with their patients. Take a look at how this translates into three very specific medical scribe benefits for providers.

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Now is the time to make tax-saving, year-end moves

As the holidays approach, it's time to consider tax planning moves that will help lower this year's tax bill, as well as set you up for tax savings in future years. The good news is that it appears there won't be any significant unfavorable federal tax changes that will take effect next year.

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