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Underserved & Vulnerable Populations (15 November 2022 Supplement)



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A few months ago I announced that I was “scaling back Media Watch” to focus on articles involving end-of-life care for underserved and vulnerable populations. I have decided to retire, but still very much a keen observer from “the wings.” My decision was noted in the October issue of the newsletter of the International Association for Hospice & Palliative Care: <https://bit.ly/3egAlxG>. This is the last issue, therefore, of Media Watch ...and, I take this opportunity to express my most sincere gratitude for the expressions of appreciation and support from so many members of the hospice and palliative care communities-at-large who helped in no small measure to extend the reach of Media Watch as an advocacy, research and teaching tool. **BRA**

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