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- Sharing the practice innovations of gerontological nurses;
- Facilitating the dissemination of gerontological nursing knowledge and expertise;
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