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## **Enhancing University Students' Competencies in Suicide Prevention: New Elective Module on Suicide Prevention at Vilnius University**

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## **Postvention Education for Ambulance Staff in Sweden: Preliminary Evaluation of a Brief Training on Supporting People Bereaved by Suicide**

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