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1. J.L. Smith, R.M. Miller, Jr., and W.C. Callahan, “Tracking the Virus in Africa: The Etiology of AIDS,” *Journal of AIDS Epidemiology* 124, no. 6 (June 2007): 1147-59.

2. L. Greene and W.K. Nelson, “The Ethics of Care,” in *Principles of Nursing Science*, vol. 2, ed. W.K. Nelson (Plano, Tex.: Nursing Administration Press, 2007): 122-4; T.M. McCall et al., “Cost-Effectiveness v. Total Patient Care: Who Wins?” *Health Care Administration Quarterly* 6, no. 2 (Summer 2007): 150-6.

3. Smith, Miller, and Callahan, “Tracking the Virus,” see note 1 above, pp. 1127-48.

4. *Ibid.*, 1148.

5. Greene and Nelson, “The Ethics of Care,” see note 2 above.

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