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Abstract

A radical shift in thought, innovation, and action is required in the development of models and modes of care to meet the expectations of future generations of older people. Against the backdrop of globalization and urbanization, country and regional trends in population ageing provide unique opportunities to examine the effectiveness of aged care policy and the applicability of various models of care to younger countries.

The pursuit of longevity is not without its dangers and compromises – increasing frailty leading to falls and fractures, life-changing cognitive deficits often resulting in serious functional changes and a loss of identity, and loneliness leading to depression are but a few of the many realities for older people.

Quality of care represents one of the most fundamental criterion of a health care system, through ensuring the safety and well-being of patients. As standards and systems differ in general practice from country to country, a broad-spectrum framework is critical to provide guidance for managers and caregivers in order to ensure continuous improvement in the quality of effective health care.

Gathering further evidence and innovation in the pursuit of excellence of care for older people is not just an option, but a responsibility that must be shouldered by the holders of relevant knowledge.

Experts and leaders in the field of care innovation, evidence based aged care policy, and brain health will inform and debate the most pressing issues of the current and new era in care to ensure older people are able to age in a society where their care needs are realized and prioritized.