

## Inter-professional team approach to geriatric care

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According to the 2015 World Health Organization, on average, people around the world are living longer. Thirty percent of the Japanese population are aged 65 years and over. In the United States of America alone, over 10,000 people turn 65 every day, which translates into one person every eight seconds. Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, the former European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, stated that by 2020 a quarter of the population of Europe will be 60 years or older. With the worldwide ageing population, the importance of optimizing health care delivery to seniors must be urgently addressed. With this shift of focus to chronic diseases of aging, appropriate medication use becomes a top priority. This presentation will review the specific pharmacokinetic and

pharmacodynamics changes that accompany the aging process as well as the role of the pharmacist within an interdisciplinary geriatric team to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the provision of care for the elderly. Upon completion of this workshop, participants will have gain a working knowledge of how to provide inter-professional team-based care for the aged across the continuum of care levels.

### Biography

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