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The Risk Factors of Neurocognitive Dysfunction

Message from the Guest Editor

Currently, most countries have rising life expectancy and an ageing population. The aged population is currently at its highest level in human history. The number of people aged 60 years and over has tripled since 1950, and it is projected to reach over 2.1 billion by 2050. Since increasing age is defined as a time-dependent decline in physiological function, it is also the most common risk factor for Alzheimer's disease (AD). Thus, most people affected by AD and related dementias are 65 years of age or older. It is estimated that at least 50 million people have AD or other dementias worldwide—approximately the population of Columbia. There is no cure for AD, but treatments for symptoms are available and research continues to target key risk factors that are associated with neurocognitive dysfunction. Individuals with certain health conditions (i.e., diabetes) and disabilities (i.e., Down syndrome) and from a specific race are at higher risk of developing AD including at an early age.

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