

Special Issue

Family Caregiving of Older Adults

Message from the Guest Editors

In many countries around the world, the population is aging and the number of people living with chronic diseases is increasing. It is expected that the current population of 703 million people aged 65 or over will double by 2050 to reach the number of 1.5 billion people worldwide. This means that the interdependence within families will also increase. Many family members want to take care of their older family members and find it rewarding. However, there are also many who struggle to combine caregiving with work, participating in other social activities, taking care of own health and wellbeing and more. Relying on formal caregiving may be difficult due to the economic restrictions and decreasing economic resources in many countries, as well as a lack of health- and social care professionals to give support. This Special Issue aims to provide a better understanding of the situation of families and what kind of support they need, as well as the development of systemic, relational and practical personal care interventions that should be supported and implemented.

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