

Special Issue

Home Care Services for Older Adults

Message from the Guest Editor

Because of a variety of demographic changes, including the increase in lifespan, the reduction in childbirth, the move towards nuclear families, and the entrance of women into the workforce, family care is often supplemented by paid care at home. Home care workers usually do not have formal training in the delivery of care, yet they are responsible for a large chunk of the caregiving tasks worldwide. Past research has shown that when paid home care workers are involved in the care, family members do not relinquish responsibilities. Instead, care is divided so that family members provide instrumental care and supervision in an attempt to ensure adequate care, whereas personal care is provided primarily by paid home care workers. As the provision of home care services to older adults is often seen as a low-status job, there is a shortage of paid home care workers worldwide. As a result, migrants tend to capture paid care positions in many countries. This Special Issue aims to address the home care arrangement from multiple perspectives, with an emphasis on the impact of this care arrangement on older adults, their family members, the home care workers, and society at large.

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