

Special Issue

Physical Activity and Elder Health

Message from the Guest Editors

Life expectancy is increasing worldwide, and, consequently, the proportion of older people in the total population is reaching consistent levels. Considering that health conditions are often weakened during the third age, this demographic change has important social consequences. Therefore, the identification of cost-effective interventions that may improve the health status and prevent disability in old age represents one of the most important public health challenges. Regular physical activity is widely recognized as an instrument to improve functional health and energy balance, to reduce the risk of chronic diseases, depression, and falls, and to prevent the development of disability in the elderly. At the same time, physical inactivity is considered one of the leading causes of non-transmittable diseases and contributes to functional disability in the later stages of life. This Special Issue seeks papers considering all aspects of physical activity in relation to health in the elderly.

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