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Quality of Life, Well-Being and Nurse-Patient Interaction in Late Life

Message from the Guest Editors

As people live longer, it is important to ensure that the extra years of life are worth living, despite chronic illnesses. Hence, in the years to come, health-promotive initiatives supporting quality-of-life (QoL) and wellbeing in late life will become ever more important. In late life, people experience changes in roles, relationships and living environments that can increase their risk for experiencing social isolation and loneliness—particularly when moving to a care facility. With advancing age, loss of functionality and symptom severity, it is inevitable that people lose connection with their friendship networks and that they find it more difficult to initiate new friendships and to belong to new networks. However, a link between QoL and connectedness is emerging in the literature. Despite old age, chronic diseases, fatigue or frailty, the desire for affiliation and social bonding is an intrinsic human need, also in late life.

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