

44. Gaeriatric care in institutionalized south indian population- demographic study

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India is in a phase of demographic transition. India has thus acquired the label of “an ageing nation” with 7.7% of its population being more than 60 years old. current statistics for the elderly in india gives a prelude to a new set of medical, social, and economic problems that could arise if a timely initiative in this direction is not taken by the program managers and policy makers. There is a need to highlight the medical and socio-economic problems that are being faced by the elderly people in india, and strategies for bringing about an improvement in their quality of life also need to be explored. this paper analyzes the need for dental and prosthodontic care for elderly patients. the study gives insights into the highly neglected but yet the major portion of prosthodontic patients.

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