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Message from the Collection Editors

Dear Colleagues,

With the world-wide growth of the older adult population, there is increased concern about the impact of aging-related consequences on health and healthcare utilization. While individuals can encounter many problems as they age, two of the most pressing issues facing older adults are falls and chronic disease. The direct and indirect costs of these public health issues are enormous and growing. Many of the known risks for falls are associated with inadequate disease management (e.g., physical activity, medication, communication with healthcare providers), which makes strategies to address these issues highly interrelated. Over the past decade, there has been an emergence of large initiatives to reduce the burden of falls and chronic conditions that draw upon evidence-based programs (EBP) and practices in community, clinical, and industry settings. Often these efforts are translational in nature and integrate technology. Additional research is needed to document the reach and effectiveness of these interventions and advance their implementation, dissemination, and sustainability.

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