



Health Economics of Population Aging

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Message from the Guest Editor

Population aging introduces many issues that merit health economists' attention. Compared with younger adults, the elderly face declines in somatic function and cognitive ability, are more vulnerable to diseases and need more long-term healthcare. The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic brings about new challenges to the elderly. Issues such as reduced access to healthcare, limited food supplies, and separation from their children/grandchildren due to safety concerns and lockdown policies are likely to impact the elderly more seriously than their younger counterparts. Thus, an adequate understanding of the health challenges faced by the elderly, the determinants and consequences of their health-related behaviors, as well as the roles families, private organizations, and public sectors may play, is necessary for informing public policy and private sectors on the most efficient, cost-effective, and equitable course of action. Research articles and reviews examining these issues are invited for this Special Issue. Those combining rigorous analysis and clear policy implications are especially welcome.





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