



Developments in Long-Term Care for Older People between Residential and Community-Based Services

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Message from the Guest Editors

Population ageing is a worldwide phenomenon, and the safeguard of the health and wellbeing of the increasing number of seniors has become one of main issues on political agendas. If family help is not available, personal care assistants or home care services are essential, and when these are not feasible or sufficient, moving into a nursing home becomes the most common alternative. Moreover, older people with physical and cognitive limitations strongly require integrated health and social care services. Long-term care issues of ageing people represent, therefore, crucial challenges for policy makers and care professionals, especially in light of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. A possible source of help could come from Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), as these may facilitate care and cure at a distance. On the background of these considerations, this Special Issue welcomes contributions reporting both qualitative and quantitative (or mixed) studies, addressing formal care for older people in a multidisciplinary perspective and, particularly, if they offer a comparative/cross-country perspective, without excluding insights at local and national levels.





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