

Welcome to *Geriatric Care*

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When the President of the Italian Society of Geriatrics Hospital and Community (SIGOT), a prestigious and historical 30-year-old national scientific society devoted to Geriatrics, invited me to join the project to launch the new official journal of the Society, my first reaction was *Geriatric Care!* It will be the name of this new journal. Indeed, *Geriatric Care* is more than just a name of a new journal. Geriatric Care is a method in clinical practice, an effective model for the management of older people and the main objective of our work as geriatricians.

During the last three decades, relevant efforts have been done to advance in research in order to develop and validate new methods and new models of care for the clinical management of elderly subjects. Actually, important results have been obtained along the thin line of geriatric care of older people. Now is the time to implement these methods and models of geriatric medicine and share this great clinical and research experience with colleagues, researchers, students and care-givers, who face every day with the world of the aging people. According to this vision, the main aim of *Geriatric Care* is to stimulate debate and dissemination of knowledge in the geriatric field in order to ameliorate efficacy, effectiveness and efficiency of interventions to improve health outcomes of elderly people.

This is the main reason why *Geriatric Care* is an open access journal, free of charge, since the SIGOT will cover the costs of all activities related to the management and publication of the submitted manuscripts, giving

Authors a great opportunity to disseminate the results of their research and clinical practices as well as their opinions and suggestions in an open debate among different professionals devoted to the care of older people.

Geriatric Care seeks to publish peer-reviewed manuscripts dealing with the Geriatric Care in different settings including, but not limited to, hospitals, residential services, nursing homes and home-care services for the elderly. *Geriatric Care* publishes contributions of epidemiology, pathophysiology and clinical assessment, management and treatments of the diseases of the older people, as well as health education and environmental health, hospital-residential-homecare management of the elderly including ethics, social and communication sciences, e-health and health technology assessment. Contributions on innovative topics of biological and genetics research, gender and disparity issues, as well as high-technology supports, *i.e.* domotics and robotics for the elderly, will be welcome as *Original Articles*, *Review Articles*, *Brief Reports*, *Case Reports*, *Statement Reports* and *Editorials*.

A reference journal needs an authoritative Editorial Board. *Geriatric Care* involves a group of very expert opinion leaders as Associate Editors who are actively involved both in research and in clinical practice, in agreement with the choice of *Geriatric Care* to give impulse to translational research. Moreover, a group of selected colleagues who are experiencing their professional skills in different countries all over the world will act as members of the International Board to give a multi-colored contribution in terms of information, opinions and suggestions.

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Just few years ago, we could not imagine that the health care needs of elderly people would have changed so rapidly and the Geriatric Care become a priority for all the Public Health Systems in the world. Indeed, National and International Health Policies are searching the *magical box* to guarantee an appropriate health assistance to the older populations, taking into account quality of life and preferences of the subjects as well as economic sustainability. Most probably in this process new parameters and innovative perspectives for the aging people are needed. We are convinced that further researches as well as the development of innovative solutions in Geriatric Care will be crucial to build a world that really could be inclusive of the aging populations.

Our feeling is that *Geriatric Care* journal will give a significant contribution to this mission.

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