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Message from the Collection Editor

Extension of healthy life expectancy of the elderly is an important issue worldwide. According to the World Health Organization, healthy life expectancy is defined as the average number of years that a person can expect to live in “full health”, while also considering the years they may live in less than full health due to disease and/or injury. The difference between healthy life expectancy and average life expectancy is the interval during which an individual experiences an unhealthy state that limits daily life; increasing this difference will increase the period of required spending on medical expenses and care costs. Therefore, if the difference between the average life expectancy and healthy life expectancy can be lessened by disease prevention, health promotion, and preventative care for the elderly, it is expected that the quality of life of the elderly will be improved and the social security burden will be reduced. This Special Issue features a wide range of research papers on care and services for extending the healthy life expectancy of the elderly.



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