
Learning Objectives

MedBridge Education
Aging Overview: Facts, Theories, Numbers
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Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

Chapter 1: Definitions

- Understand the definitions of aging, including primary and secondary aging processes.
- Understand the difference between lifespan and life expectancy, and review factors that contribute to varying levels of function over the lifespan.

Chapter 2: Theories of Aging, the Age of Aging

- Comprehend the difference between gerontology and the practice of geriatrics
- Understand the theories of aging, including biological and social theories.

Chapter 3: Medical Model and Summary

- Understand demographic considerations in aging, including life expectancy across the world, and generational conflict.
- Explore the special considerations in treating aging persons, and evaluate different models of healthcare in relation to geriatric care.

Chapter 4: Review of Systems: Skin, Digestive, Eyes, and Ears

- Understand the effects of aging on skin and digestive system, including warning signs for age-related disease.
- Understand the effects of aging on sensory function, including the deterioration and specific disease of the eyes and ears.

Chapter 5: Review of Systems: Joints, Circulatory, and Pulmonary

- Understand the effects of aging on joint and circulatory system function.
- Understand the effects of aging on the pulmonary system function with an emphasis on changes in pulmonary system structure.