



EDITORIAL



Welcome to **GERIATRICS Today: JOURNAL OF THE CANADIAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY** (the journal formerly known as **MATURE MEDICINE Canada**). In “adopting” the journal, the *Canadian Geriatrics Society* has further broadened its scope and mandate to underline its vision statement, “all older Canadians will be their best”, and to incorporate the interests and needs of all physicians caring for older Canadians, including specialists, generalists and particularly the frontline family physician. Our mission statement is “**The Canadian Geriatrics Society is an organization of physicians committed to improving the health, independence and care of older people through promotion of excellence in clinical care, education, and research.**”

We all know that the health-care system in Canada is approaching a crisis. Both the professional and the lay press point to the challenges of an aging population as one of the major factors affecting our health-care system; yet curiously very little has been done in a practical way to address such issues as: 1) the lack of geriatric curriculum hours in the undergraduate medical school training program across Canada; 2) the critical shortfall of geriatric and care of the elderly specialists; and 3) the needs of family physicians in terms of both continuing medical education, appropriate fee-schedule adjustments or alternative remuneration mechanisms. Two of the articles in this issue reflect some of these critical concerns —David Hogan’s article on “Human Resources, Training in Geriatrics,” and Duncan Robertson’s article with respect to the “CMA Policy Document: Principles of Medical Care for Older Persons”.

In upcoming issues of this new journal, we plan to add several features to help meet your needs: review articles on common geriatric syndromes and new drugs, updates on important new articles in the geriatric literature, journal clubs and case studies. Send us your ideas.

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