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Care in elderly homes

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Institutional elderly homes are second most preferred model of care for elderly in Turkey following the family care. The quality of institutional care depends on a broad range of factors such as the adequacy of financial sources, experienced staff, cultural acceptance, etc. Staff and the system of the institution have a major role in defining the course of the rest of the life of the elderly they care for. When “being sent” to an institutional care from a family environment might cause negative feelings such as disappointment and uselessness in many cultures such as Turkey, institutional care can still be developed as a preferable alternative for the elderly by adding psychosocial dimensions to the service.

Biography

Suleyman Gorpelioglu is the head of the Department of Family Medicine in Ankara Diskapi Research and Training Hospital. He is the founder and the first president of the Family Physicians' Association of Turkey in 1990. He is leading many remarkable projects in primary health care representing Turkish Ministry of Health. Having many international presentations and publications, his main academic interests are geriatrics, preventive care, basic-vocational-continuing education in family practice, clinical skills training.