

GERIATRICS

Care and Education

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“Commonwealth Fund Scorecard on State Health System Performance, 2019”

South Carolina **(overall ranking 41/51)**
(HC Disparities rank 47/51)

Our Bottom Ranked Indicators:

- Adults who are obese
- **Elderly patients who received a high risk prescription drug***
- Children who did not receive needed mental health care

*On this indicator we were ranked 47th of all states

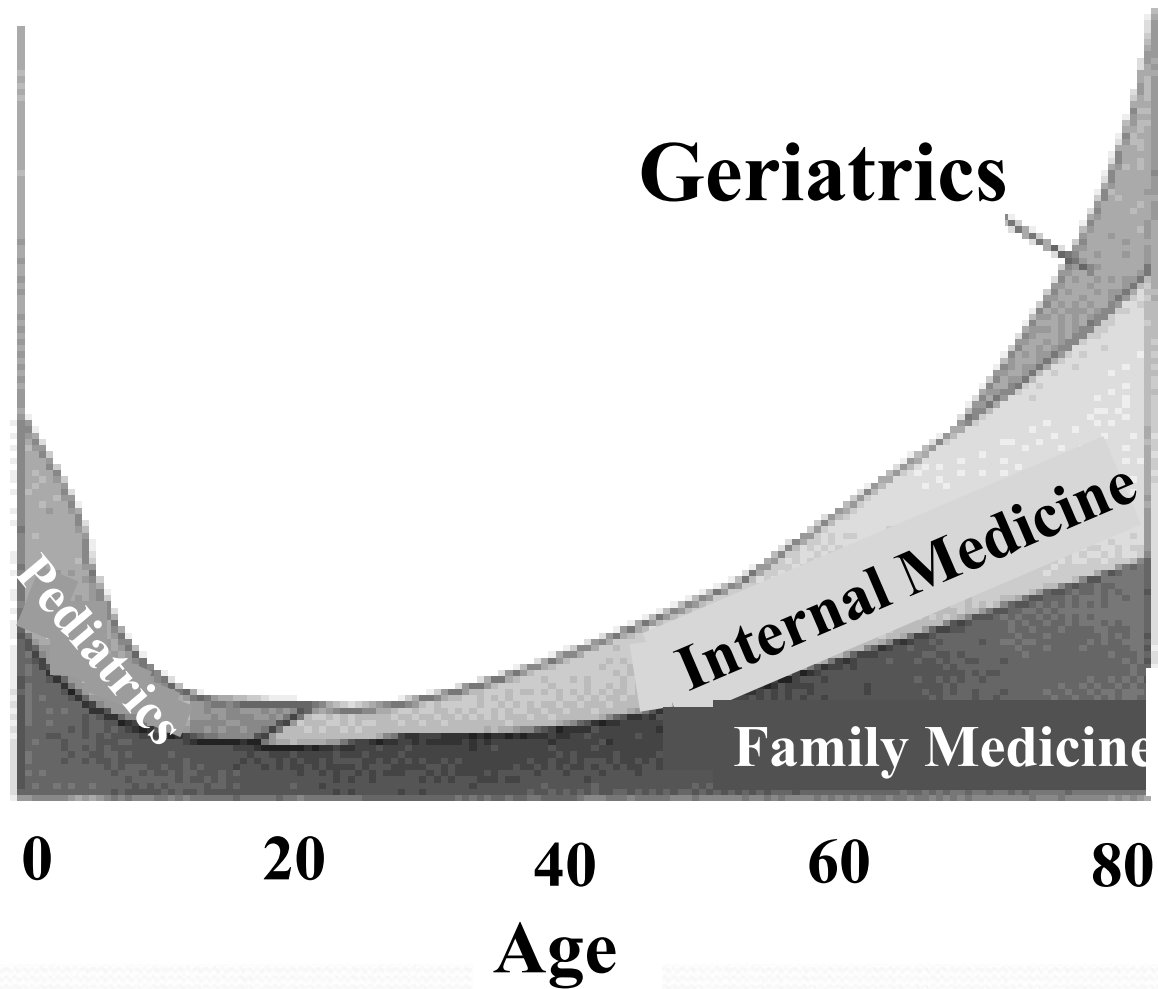


The Opportunity

- Persons over 65 are 13% of the population & account for 40% of visits to internists
- Currently there are about 7,000 geriatricians, or one per 5000 persons age 65+ in America

Who will care for the elderly?

**Primary
Health
Care**



Hazzard et al., American Journal of Medicine. 110(6):507-513, April 15, 2001

Prevalence & Cost of Chronic Disease

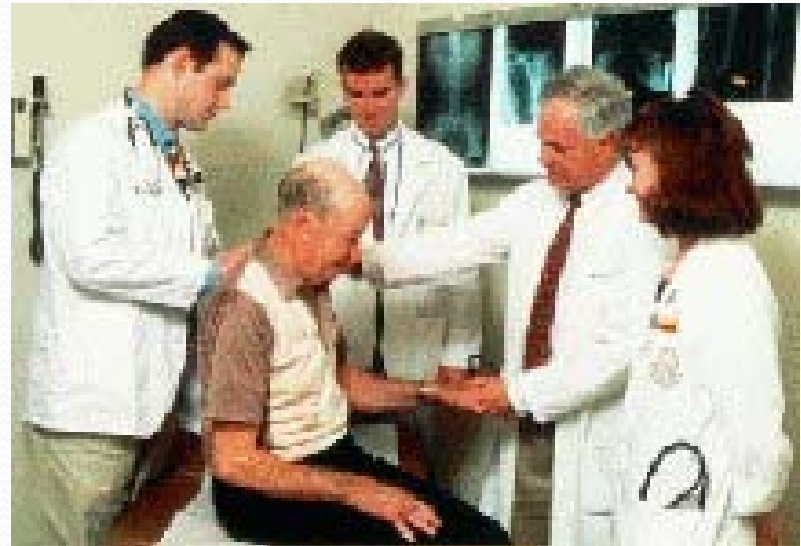
Acute Illness: Signs and symptoms are of short duration, usually severe, and impair the normal functioning of the patient

Chronic Illness: Persists, usually > 3 months, affects physical, emotional, intellectual or social functioning of patient

- Average person over 65 has 1.5 recognizable chronic diseases.
- Almost half of the U.S. population is affected.
- Persons with chronic illnesses account for 75% of the health care costs in the United States.

So, we teach...

- Gerocentric care – recognizing that this population is unique
- Functional assessment – addressing the impacts of health issues
- Team-based & Interprofessional education and care – health professions at UofSC



So, we teach... Gero-centric Care

What:

- Geriatric Syndromes
 - Falls
 - 3 D's – Delirium, Depression, Dementia
 - Incontinence
- Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment
- Critical Conversations
- Basic Sciences - elders

To whom:

- Medical students
 - Senior Mentor Program
 - Medication Review with Pharmacy Students
 - Vertical Curriculum
- PA Students
- Interprofessional Health Science Students
- Primary Care Residents

We teach... Functional Assessment

Comprehensive
Geriatric Assessment
=
History & Physical “+”

- + Cognitive screening
- + Depression/Anxiety
- + Medication Review
- + Mobility/Balance
- + Social Supports
- + Self-rating of Health

... the “so what” of medicine, the meaning for that person.

We teach... Interprofessional Care

- Through PACER – Professionals Accelerating Clinical and Educational Redesign <https://pcpacer.org/>
- Elective in Geriatrics for Medical Students & Residents
 - PACE site – Palmetto Senior Care
 - Geriatric Practice – Senior Primary Care
 - HBPC – Home based primary care at the WJBD Dorn VAMC
- IHI Open School Chapter and UofSC (student – led)
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Jot down your questions...

