


## Editor's note:

elcome to the third issue of IRJ. I am so sorry to announce that this editoin is published with delay. After second edition, we have received number of e-mails and letters, so thank you for the support and effort you have taken to write us.

This edition of the journal is mostly focused on ageing. The related subject matters that are covered in this issue include:

1- Development of a community - based care system model for senior citizens in Tehran

2- Prediction of risk of falling among institutionalized elderly people in Iran

3- Employment status of elderly people refering to social security organization of Tehran city

4- Responding to the needs of an aged population, and readers will find in this issue also articles under the title of: An introduction to Razi psychiatry hospital and Psychological Rehabilitation Techniques and sport injury. Since the ageing of population is a world wide phenomenon and occuring more rapidly in developing countries, so ageing is an important reality in our country.

According to 1996 consus out of 60 million population of Iran approximately 4 million are aged 60 and over. They contribute 6.6 percent of total population and it is estimated that this figure will rise to 10 percent in 2025.

Comparing population 60 and over to the percentage of child population (0-14) indicates a sharp increase from 14 to 33 percent from time interval between 1995 and 2025, it is anticipated, with increasing size of the elderly population the number of disabled among them is likely to grow. In our country family members are the main provider and central support of care for the elderly but at present era, attitude towards the duty and customs of children caring for elderly parents are changing and there is a rise in independent living among elderly people, so there is increasing recognition of the need to complement this support with wide variety of home care and community - based services.

By considering such reality, this issue is mostly prepared for elderly matters and I hope it will be useful and informative reference for professionals , researchers and others who are interested about elderly people.

On behalf of IRJ Editorial Advisory Board, I express my thanks and gratitude to the writers and reviewers of articles published in this issue for their contribution.

Readers' comments and suggestions are certainly appreciated and of course will help us improving the quality of journal materials.

Thank you  
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