

Current issues in geriatric pharmacotherapy: Clinical implications and the Indian perspective

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Abstract

The present review explores the recent advances and challenges surrounding geriatric pharmacotherapy in the Indian context which especially assumes greater significance during the time of the raging global SARS-Cov2 (n-Cov19) viral pandemic outbreak that has impacted or killed millions of persons worldwide. In the backdrop, this systematic review aims to underscore the factors and challenges encountered in routine geriatric care in India and its widespread clinical implications for the society at large. For the purpose of collating this review, a comprehensive compendial search of abstracting and indexed databases was performed in the month of August, 2020 using the keywords such as: “Geriatric care”, “Acute Care for Elders”, “Ageing care” and “Geriatric Pharmacology”. The electronic database searched included PubMed and Cochrane and the period was delineated from 2000-2019 to arrive initially at 30 research and review articles. Subsequently, post-screening 25 articles were brought forward for the review. The review findings are unanimous and self-explanatory and reiterate the well-known fact that geriatric care should be among our top national health priority at this moment as it has a tremendous cascading impact considering the family structure and socio-demographic dynamics and is indeed

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