

Human aging is characterized by large differences between and within older adults

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Introduction

Health Economics and Outcome Research is internationally reputed peer-reviewed journal that discusses micro and macroeconomic policies related to efficiency, effectiveness, value and behavior in the production and consumption of health and healthcare on an open access platform.

The journal promotes well researched articles pertaining to health policies, health infrastructure building, health and medical budget, policies on ethical and clinical health practices, drug licensing, approval and promotion of modern drug design, development, delivery and research.

This peer reviewed journal covers a wide range of subjects on economic policies, medical infrastructure development, development strategies on health, nutrition and medicine, primary healthcare for women and children that may have wider implication on the progress of the public health systems across the globe. The journal lays special emphasis to understand the behavior of individuals, health care providers, public and private organizations, and governments in decision-making.

Human aging is characterized by large differences between and within older adults. Numerous factors are known to contribute to these differences, including genetic and immunological, somatic and medical, cognitive and behavioral, psychosocial and experiential, as well as socioeconomic and geospatial conditions.

Continuing and expanding the scientific objectives of the Berlin Aging Study, the Berlin Aging Study II (BASE-II) seeks to comprehensively describe phenomena associated with aging and old age and to better understand the multiple different underlying factors and their interactions.

To this end, BASE-II was established as a multi institutional project combining and integrating interdisciplinary perspectives ranging from molecular genetics and immunology, geriatric medicine and psychology, to sociology and economics.

In this Special Issue, we have compiled seven empirical analyses that feature examples of interdisciplinary insights that BASE-II provides by linking data across multiple levels of analyses at

Which human functioning and development occur in old age? Here, we provide an overview of the study, note commonalities between BASE-II and earlier studies, and highlight some of its unique qualities.