

WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT THE 65+ AGE GROUP?

- Heterogeneity of health status
- Age-related physiologic changes
- Increased incidence of comorbidity
- Atypical disease presentations
- Increased incidence of iatrogenic illness
- Higher need of social support
- Different goals of therapy

SUMMARY FOR THE 65+ AGE GROUP

- By 2050, one of every 5 people living in the United States will be aged 65 or older
- The US elderly population is heterogeneous
- Many people in the older age group are healthy and health-conscious
- Functional disability increases with age and is closely associated with chronic disease