SARA Sri Lanka - 2017 report

SURVEY SHOWS
ELDERLY HEALTHCARE

The median age of the population of Sri Lanka is increasing due to the decline in fertility and mortality rates. The growing number of older adults increases demands on the public health system, and on medical and social services. Chronic diseases affect older adults disproportionately, contribute to disability, diminish quality of life and increase health and long-term care costs. Increased life expectancy reflects, in part, the success of public health interventions, but, now public health services must extend to the elderly population. The SARA - 2017 reveals that the availability of elderly-friendly wards was as low as 20 percent among all hospitals that are expected to provide this service.

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