



## FROM THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

The United Nations General Assembly has designated the period between 2021 and 2030 as the “Decade of Healthy Ageing”.

Some main topics of their declaration are: Examining the perspectives of the concepts of old age and aging in societies, taking measures against age discrimination, improving the ability of the elderly to participate and contribute to the society and communities in which they live and expanding opportunities, spreading the concept of an age-friendly environment, providing integrated care and basic health services that respond to the needs of elderly people, and providing access to long-term care for elderly people who need it.

In this regard a wide variety and in-depth knowledge is needed about the multifaceted problems affecting the aging world. The protection, treatment and care of the elderly are complex issues and involve the expertise of many different professionals.

It is obvious that the determination of the health needs of elderly people should be based on the results of specific scientific researches to be conducted in this field. And the results of these researches should take place in the focus of solution strategies to be planned with a realistic approach.

Researches conducted on the elderly carry various difficulties both for researchers and for the elderly participating in these studies. Regarding this issue a problem that has attracted attention in recent years is that the elderly are not adequately represented in clinical trials.

In this context, it is expected that the researches submitted and planned to be submitted to our journal will make valuable contributions not only to the world of science, but also to the protection of the health of the elder persons as well.

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