

**Session Title:** Long-term care and Aging: Future Challenges

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**Session Description:**

All developed nations have rapidly aging populations. Over the next several decades the large number of elderly persons will strain health care systems. This session will discuss economic questions related to long-term care and aging. Specifically, what are the best ways to improve quality of nursing home care? Will increased longevity necessarily raise end-of-life expenditures? What is the greatest source of financial uncertainty for elderly? And, how does informal care provided by children affect health expenditures and transfers of money?

**Expected Audience:**

Researchers interested in working in the area of long term care and end of life studies, and policy makers interested in anticipating future challenges in this field.

**Some recent papers on the topic:**

Van Houtven, C.H. and E.C. Norton. Forthcoming. "Informal Care and Health Care Use of Older Adults." *Journal of Health Economics*.

Norton, E.C. and D.H. Taylor, Jr. Forthcoming. "Equal Division of Estates and the Exchange Motive." *Journal of Aging and Social Policy*.

Stearns, S.C. and E.C. Norton. 2004. "Time to Include Time to Death? The Future of Health Care Expenditure Predictions." *Health Economics* 13(4):315- 327.

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