

Editor's call for papers: "Innovations in Older Adult Care and Health Service Management: A Focus on the Asia-Pacific Region"

Manuscript submission is now open for a new article collection (special issue) we are co-editing on "*Innovations in Older Adult Care and Health Service Management: A Focus on the Asia-Pacific Region*" in collaboration with Frontiers in Public Health (Impact Factor of **3.709** and CiteScore of **2.7**). On behalf of the editorial team, we would like to include a paper from you in this collection - if you would like to contribute, you can register your interest in the link below my signature.

You can learn more about the collection here:

<https://www.frontiersin.org/research-topics/34196/innovations-in-older-adult-care-and-health-service-management-a-focus-on-the-asia-pacific-region>

Abstracts close: 30 Aug 2022

Submissions close: 30 Jun 2023

Background to the special issue:

Population ageing is a consistent global demographic trend. The growth in both the size and proportion of older people has threatened the sustainability of the health system in meeting healthcare needs of the population. Countries in the Asia-Pacific Region may face even more complex health system challenges due to the diversity in culture, management and leadership styles, composition of health service provision, investment in research infrastructure and innovation adaptation, data availability and gaps in information technology.

The Asia-Pacific is home to more than half of the world's population and comprises countries across five Asia-Pacific subregions: East and North East Asia, North and Central Asia, Pacific, South East Asia, South and South West Asia. The economies are diverse, including high-income countries (such as Australia, Brunei, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, and Singapore), low-income countries (Nepal and North Korea), and middle-income countries. The region also includes some of the fastest growing economies in the world, including China, India, Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, and the Philippines.

The Asia-Pacific Region brings unique challenges to aged care and health service management. High-income economies in the region have tackled ageing and aged care services, with varying degrees of success. Developing economies in the region are witnessing a "seismic demographic shift". By 2050, one in four Asians will be 60 years or older. Undoubtedly the developing world is "going grey". A people-centric approach is essential in ageing to strengthen relationships and improve outcomes. The ageing population brings a range of challenges in managing chronic conditions, comorbidity, frailty, and issues such as integrated care, health workforce, care continuum, quality care, technology innovations, and funding. Interdisciplinary health workforce and home-based are services also emerging as important issues in the management of ageing.

Editors for the Special Issue



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Angie Shafei is a Clinical Pathologist, pracademic and an interdisciplinary researcher with a focus on innovation and transformation in health. Angie is the Director of Healthcare Management Programs at Flinders University and co-founder of a Technology start-up specializing in MedTech. She has over 25 years of experience in the medical, education, and accreditation sectors in Australia, Singapore, China, North Africa and the Gulf. Angie's interests span the healthcare consumer's journey, patient-centred care, digital health and uses of emerging technology in improving the healthcare delivery including health apps, wearables, virtual reality, telehealth, and social media in health.



Zhanming Liang is an Associate Professor in Health Systems Policy and Management and Associate Dean of Research Education, College of Public Health, Medical and Veterinary Science, James Cook University, Australia. Dr Liang is passionate about health service management and has spent the last 15 years researching and teaching in the areas of management competency, evidence-informed decision-making, health management workforce development, healthcare quality and safety, and program planning and evaluation. As President of the Society for Health Administration Programs in Education, Dr Liang has played a leading role in shaping the health service management training and development in Asia Pacific. The Management Competency Assessment Partnership (MCAP) tool developed and validated by Dr Liang and colleagues has been used to assess competency gaps for managers working in the health sector in Australia, China, Italy, Iran and Thailand, providing evidence to guide the development of direction for management training and education.

Co-design and co-creation

The special issue will be one of the first attempts to explore aged care and health service management issues in the Asia Pacific, especially with a country- or region-specific approach. We adopt an innovative editorial structure towards co-design and co-creation by working collaboratively with key country level experts on all stages of the special issue. Country level experts, aided by the core editorial team and the journal team, will be well-positioned to reach out to policy makers, educational institutions, academic and researchers working in the area of aged care and aged care management in different healthcare contexts.

Region/Country level leaders

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1. Professor Ben Fong [Country lead, **China**]
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Pacific

8. Dr Jalal Mohammed [Country lead, **New Zealand**]

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Special issue editors also play the role of region/country level leads from Australia and the Pacific.

(Please note no region/country leaders were included from the North and Central Asia due to ongoing conflict in the region, and undue burden to researchers. However, we continue to work with colleagues in the region and towards strengthening health systems in the region).

Marketing and dissemination:

The issue will be widely marketed in the Asia-Pacific Region through networks, organisations, and media channels. Special attention will be given to quality articles, which will be widely disseminated both using journal channels, and by the combined editorial team (including country/region level leads). News and media reports will be encouraged to disseminate quality research emerging from the special issue.

Scope for special issue:

We welcome a wide range of articles including qualitative and quantitative original research articles, systematic reviews, case studies, commentaries, perspectives, as well as policy analysis. Articles that bring methodological rigour in the design, conduct and analysis are encouraged.

For this special issue, we specifically call for articles that discuss or conduct research in the Asia-Pacific Region. Our definition of the Asia-Pacific is based on the [United Nations Economic and Social Commission's classification](#). Articles will need to tackle issues on aged or older people care or the management of aged care planning and provision and can cover residential aged care facilities, hospitals, rehabilitation clinics, retirement homes or independently living older people. We will appreciate linkages to health policy, and especially towards health service management and leadership in the region.

Please note that publishing fees are applied to accepted articles, but the team at Frontiers is happy to advise you in this regard. You can reach out to our dedicated point of contact at Frontiers, **Bradley Hall** at publichealth.submissions@frontiersin.org if you have any questions.

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