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“The Geriatric Population and Its Impact on Fire & EMS” (60 – 90 minutes)

NCCR Category: Medical (Special Healthcare Needs)

Operations (At Risk Population)

Breakout/Concurrent Sessions

Summary

In the year 2000, the geriatric population in the United States was estimated at 35 million. Experts suggest that our geriatric population will increase to more than 70 million by the year 2030. This ever- g r o w i n g patient demographic has already made an impact on the delivery of fire and EMS services throughout the nation and will continue to place great demands on our pre-hospital healthcare system. This session will provide attendees with an overview of the impact, preparatory steps than can be taken to help ease the burden, and provide suggestions for geriatric wellness and safety programs.

Objectives

- Explain the current and predicted trends of this patient demographic
- Describe the aging process
- Describe wellness programs
- Describe safety and preparedness tips for geriatrics