



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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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 pub-

hospitals with more than 50 beds (89 percent).

SERVICE READINESS INDEX

According to the SARA - 2017 report, the general service readiness index is a composite measure designed to combine information from five domains, namely, basic amenities, basic equipment, standard precautions, laboratory diagnostics, and essential medicines. The results revealed that the general service readiness index score for hospitals in Sri Lanka was 79 out of 100, with a score of 77 out of 100 in public sector health facilities and 83 out of 100 in private sector health facilities.

SERVICE AVAILABILITY AND READINESS

Older people have a need for more health monitoring and treatment than younger people and the pattern and causes of their illness are different. They need extraordinary care and geriatric treatments that are expensive. Therefore, the provision of