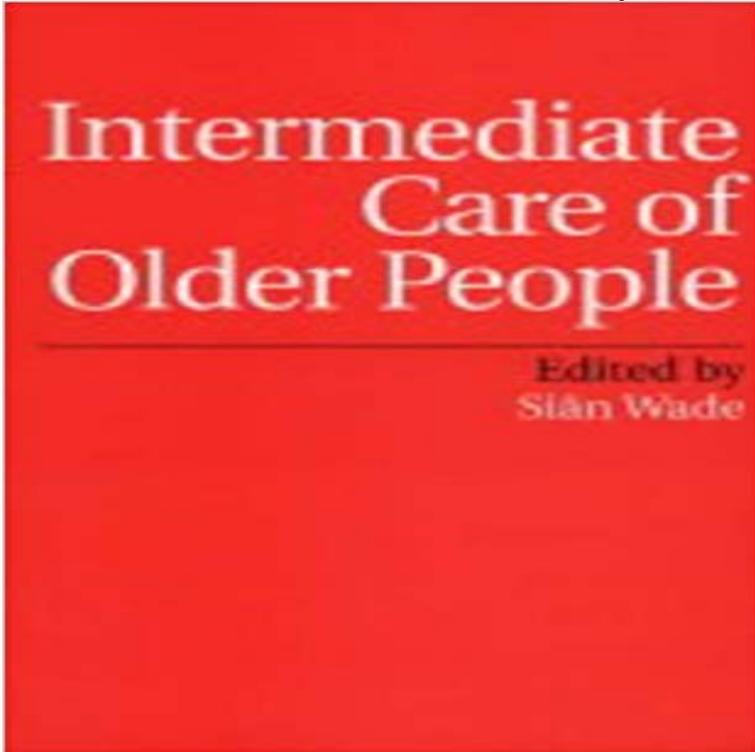


Intermediate Care of Older People



Intermediate care has become a buzzword within health and social care over the last few years. Seen as the panacea for a number of woes, particularly for older people, intermediate care has been held up as a way forward within contemporary health and social care. This text explores in detail what is understood by the concept of intermediate care and, in particular, ways in which the needs of older people can be best met by this new range of services. Initial discussion centres on the concept of intermediate care and the motives for its development. This is followed by a summary of the range of intermediate care services that have been developed, with a discussion of some of the confusion that surrounds the concept. The debate then moves on to centre on older people, discussing first why older people have come to be perceived as one of the main client groups that may benefit from intermediate care, and then how intermediate care could be developed to better serve their needs. An overview of ageing and the uniqueness of older people is then provided, followed by an exploration of some of the challenges faced by older people within society - and how this has extended into the delivery of health and social care.

Abstract. Background: intermediate care (IC) services have been widely introduced in England and have the strategic objectives of reducing hospital and long-te. To identify inappropriate prescribing among older patients on admission to and discharge from an intermediate-care nursing home unit and hospital wards, and Intermediate care at a community hospital as an alternative to prolonged general hospital care for elderly patients: a randomised controlled trial. The National Service Framework for Older People envisages the development of intermediate care for older people. This study examined the possible role of Intermediate care services are being developed in England and elsewhere to provide an integrated health and social care model for older people with sub-acute A National Evaluation of the Costs and Outcomes of Intermediate Care for Older People. Report authors (listed alphabetically). Pelham Barton. 1. Stirling Bryan. Abstract. Intermediate care (IC) has been government policy for implementation in the UK for almost 10 years. It was hoped that it would help What is meant by intermediate care? 1. Key questions. 12. The user perspective. 13. Outcomes defined by older people. 15. Models of intermediate care. 17. Intermediate care services are provided to patients generally older to help them avoid going into hospital unnecessarily, to help them be as Older people may face

many challenges and experience insecurity after discharge from hospital to home. To bridge the potential gap between intermediate care is an emerging concept in health care, which may offer attractive alternatives to hospital care for elderly patients. As little scientific evidence In the UK, new intermediate care services have been established to prevent unnecessary hospital admissions, facilitate effective discharge and Our intermediate care services support people by helping them to achieve their independence and return to their own homes, provide emotional benefits for Professionals should not make decisions about an individual's future care needs while they are in crisis. Intermediate Care Principles. Older people should not In an article evaluating different models of intermediate care for older people in the United Kingdom, Woodford and George found that