

Comments: “The impact of intensive care admission criteria on elderly mortality”

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Cintra MTG et al.¹ study addresses a topic of importance to the association between functionality, co-morbidities, severity scores, and the estimate of elderly mortality concerning admission to intensive care units. The overall sample size is large, and the findings suggest an interesting association. However, a significant study limitation limit enthusiasm. This is well described in the discussion.

As we know, the geriatric functional scale is a self-report questionnaire for comorbidity screening. Therefore, the accuracy of diagnosis/comorbidity in this study is very doubtful.

The association between clinical data, functional

decline and life-quality with social/environmental factors is an important challenge in geriatric medicine.

This study reviewed systematically the influence of admission criteria on mortality, functional decline, and life-quality among elderly patients under intensive therapy. It is important to emphasize the paradigm shift in aging populations. New research should be encouraged after this paper.

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