

## **Elder Friendly Care Project**

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The goal of the Elder Friendly Care Project is to achieve systematic change to benefit care of hospitalized older patients. The vision of the strategy is for all patients 65 and over to be given sensitive and exemplary care. The mission is to import principles and tools to stimulate a change in the culture of healthcare facilities to achieve patient-centered care for older adults.

The strategy does not prescribe how institutions should modify geriatric care; rather, it provides the materials and services necessary to stimulate and support the planning and implementation process. The focus will be on implementation of programs and protocols that are predominantly under the control of nursing practice; in other words, areas where nursing interventions have a substantive and positive impact on patient care.