### WT

#### ELDERLY / OLDER PERSON CARE / 
**GERIATRICS.** 
**TERMINAL/PALLIATIVE CARE**

**GERIATRICS. ELDERLY CARE**

1. **Societies**

11. **History**

   Use for general works only. Classify with specific subjects where possible

15. **Classification. Nomenclature**

16. **Tables. Statistics**

18. **Education and training**  
   Include educational materials for teaching and study

19. **Schools, departments and faculties of geriatrics**

20. **Research. Research design**  
   Include research to support evidence-based practice  
   Classify research on a specific subject with the subject

21. **Geriatrics and elderly care as a profession. Careers**  
   Include ethics, accountability, etc

26. **Equipment and supplies (medical)**  
   See WT350 for welfare equipment

27. **Health services for the aged**  
   Include geriatric hospitals  
   Include health service policy and planning

28. **Social problems of an ageing population**  
   Problems for society only. See WT300 personal aspects
32  Laws

33  Discussion of laws

50  Middle age. General works
    Include here works about people aged between 35 and 60 years of age

55  Health aspects of middle age
    See WP640 for menopause

60  Psychological aspects of middle age

100 Geriatrics. Ageing. Elderly care. General works
    Include works about people aged 60 years and over
    See WT130 for works covering diseases only

104 Physical process of ageing. Longevity. Prolongation of life

120 Healthy old age. Preventive medicine. Health promotion
    Include popular works on ageing

125 Diet and nutrition in old age

130 Diseases of the aged. General works

132 Geriatric orthopaedics. General works
    See WE for specific diseases and problems

135 Special aspects of elderly care

141 Geriatric assessment and diagnosis. Screening
    Include Single Assessment Process

142 Chiropody

144 Hypothermia

146 Exercise. Mobility
    See WT375 for welfare provision aspects of transport and mobility

147 Accidents. Falls
Incontinence in old age
See WJ146 for general works on urinary incontinence and WJ602 for general works on faecal incontinence

Special aspects of therapeutics, e.g. drug therapy

Rehabilitation and after-care
Include physiotherapy and occupational therapy

The elderly patient

Nursing the elderly. Care of the patient including electronic monitoring
See WA164 for community nursing

Nursing care within and by the family. Home care
See WA190 for informal care and carers in general

MENTAL WELFARE

Psychology of ageing

Old age psychiatry. Psychogeriatrics. Mental disorders. General works not specified
See WM221-225 for dementia

Therapy. General works not specified below

Geriatric psychotherapy, e.g. reality orientation, reminiscence therapy

Drug therapy. Geriatric psychopharmacology

Learning disability in old age

SOCIAL WELFARE

Social problems of growing old. General works
See WT28 for a societal viewpoint

Directories and guides

Information, advisory and legal services
308  Biographical accounts
   Include accounts of life in institutions

310  Surveys. Assessment of need. Registers

321  Attitudes to the elderly
   Include elderly abuse and discrimination

322  Environmental aspects, e.g. access to buildings

328  Social or economic aspects
   Include employment

330  Personal relationships
   Include sexual aspects

335  Retirement

338  Preparation for retirement

**WELFARE SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY**

340  Social welfare and social work with the aged
   Include elderly rights and advocacy in general

345  Financial provisions, pensions etc.


360  Professional home help services
   Include meal provision

375  Transport and mobility

380  Residential care. Accommodation. Sheltered dwellings for the elderly
   See WX875 for private nursing homes
   See HV280 for residential accommodation; HV900s for hostels and housing;
   WM29 for halfway houses and hostels for the mentally ill; WB680 for residential
   care for disabled and chronically ill

385  Day care. Day centres

395  Recreation, leisure and sports facilities
   Include holiday schemes, etc
PALLIATIVE & TERMINAL CARE. DEATH
Palliative care - alleviating symptoms without curing the underlying disease
Terminal care – medical and nursing care of patients in the terminal stage of an illness

600 Palliative and terminal care general works. Death. Attitudes to death. Bereavement.
Ethics of palliative and terminal care (move from 640)
See WLM220 for grief from a psychological viewpoint; HQ560 for widowhood as a social status; WS412 for terminal care and death in children; WC180 for terminal care in AIDS
For palliative/terminal care nursing see WT620

603 Fiction, biography and popular works

605 Social customs associated with death. Funerals, mourning, etc

610 Counselling the dying and bereaved
Include all aspects of communication

620 Palliative and terminal care nursing . Care of the dying patient
Include dignity, religious considerations, holistic care
See QZ800 for cancer nursing; QZ865 for palliative care in terminal cancer

630 Community aspects. Social work. Home care. Dying at home. Hospice at home

640 Symptom relief, including pain relief in terminal care
Include palliative surgery and therapy
See QZ865 for palliative care in terminal cancer (including pain and symptom relief); WC180 for palliative care in AIDS
See WL830-836 for general works on pain therapy

650 Hospices. Special units for the dying