

Symposium: Social science 6

Prevention of functional decline during COVID-19 epidemics

The impacts of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) have been examined from multiple aspects around the world. In social science studies, one of the interests is not only direct but also indirect associations between COVID-19 and health-related and behavioral outcomes in older adults. This symposium introduces findings on this topic reported from longitudinal studies that were initiated prior to or during the early stages of the COVID-19 pandemic, and subsequently carried out follow-up surveys to assess changes in health status. They will help us understand the changes in health-related indicators in older adults over the past few years and learn strategies to improve functional health status. Additionally, this symposium discusses traditional Chinese medicine (TCM), providing us with an opportunity to learn about TCM's efficacy in treating severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 and its clinical usefulness. Therefore, this symposium will be of interest to clinical, public health, and other relevant sectors.