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EDUCATION ON OLD AGE PSYCHIATRY AT EUROPE: FACTS AND PROPOSALS

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Old Age Psychiatry is a branch of psychiatry and forms part of the multidisciplinary delivery of mental health care to older people. The specialty of psychiatry of the elderly requires a grounding in general psychiatry and in general medicine as well as training in the specific aspects of both psychiatric and medical conditions as they occur in older people. Psychiatry of the elderly should be taught in the variety of settings in which it is practised.

Training in mental health care of older people should be offered at both undergraduate and postgraduate level and also during continuing professional development.

It is important to recognise that in some countries, resources, especially in terms of mental health professionals, are very limited. In these countries it will be necessary to establish sensible priorities for mental health problems of the elderly.

In this presentation we go to consider some ideas to develop educational training at European Countries.