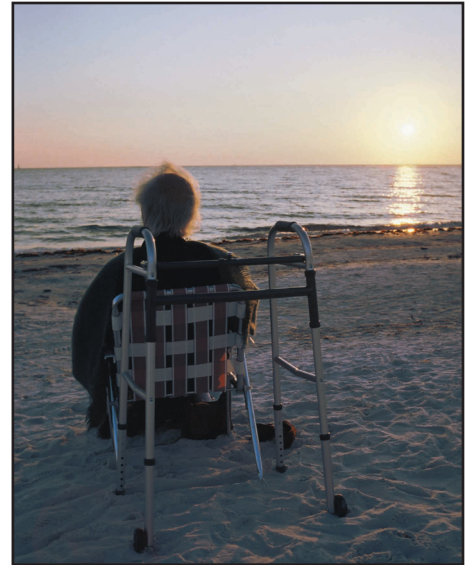


# 1 Health Care and Aged Care

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- Public and private hospitals must become "age friendly" and modify their priorities to provide for the particular acute care needs of older patients, as well as providing or taking responsibility for ensuring their patients receive the sub-acute and rehabilitation services they need.
- Aged care homes must be capable of providing a full range of medical, nursing and multidisciplinary health care services for their residents. Support from geriatricians and other specialists must be incorporated into the structure and funding of health services for aged care homes.
- Commonwealth, State and Territory Governments must act urgently to resolve the current fragmentation of health and aged care services,



which inhibits continuity of care of older people.

- Aged care policy makers need ongoing advice from geriatricians about health and aged care service organisation, integration and quality.
- The services provided by geriatricians must be recognised and appropriately remunerated through the Medicare system.

