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As America ages, our nation's need for high-quality geriatric health care is greater than ever.

The July/August special issue of *Nursing Outlook* offers an in-depth focus on geriatric nursing, including the crucial role of nurses in building a better-prepared workforce, advancing geriatric nursing education, and an examination of the state of the science in important areas of geriatric nursing.

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As Donna Shalala, former Secretary of HHS and Chair of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Initiative on the Future of Nursing, writes in the introductory article, "the HGNI has made a profound impact in 15 years. It has grown the geriatrics faculty to ensure the nursing workforce is prepared in aging, produced students competent in the care of older adults, developed new knowledge that enhances the health of older adults, and enhanced practice to support the care of older adults."

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