




DISABILITY AND AGING

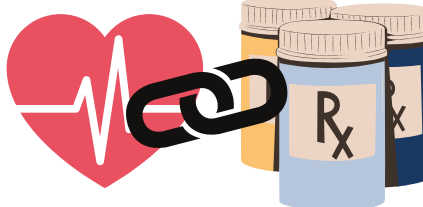
A FOCUS ON OLDER ADULTS



Global Level

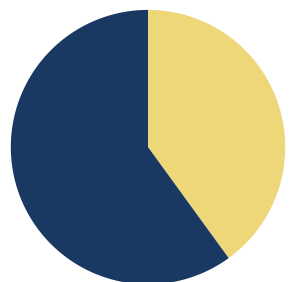


1 in 6, or 1.3 billion people worldwide have a disability



Disability increases the risk of other health conditions and early mortality

Across Canada



40.4% of Canadians aged 65+ have at least 1 disability

Pain-related disability	68%
Mobility disability	63%
Flexibility disability	58%
4+ disability types	42%

Source: Statistics Canada

British Columbia


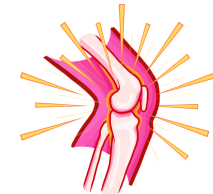

Population Change by Age Group in 2024

25-44	45-64	65+	80+
3.6%	0%	3.3%	4.4%

Source: Statistics Canada


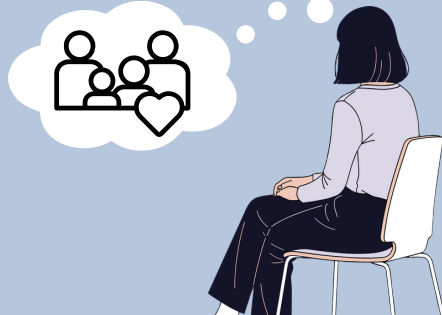


Older adults are the fastest growing age group

Common disabilities in BC older adults:



-  High blood pressure
-  Arthritis
-  Diabetes

Source: Fact Book on Aging in B.C., CCHS 2021

Disabilities in older adults can lead to:

- Lack of independence** 
- Risk of isolation** 
- Difficulties using transit** 
- Barriers to healthcare access** 

Planning for improved accessibility

- Assistive devices** 
- Home adaptations** 
- Community support** 