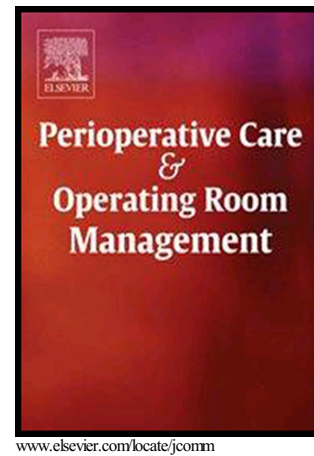


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ABSTRACT

The population of the United States is growing and aging. The U.S. Census Bureau projects the number of Americans age 65 years and older will more than double between 2010 and 2050. In recent years, the National Hospital Discharge Survey has demonstrated increasing hospital utilization by elderly persons. As this segment of the population continues to age, it will place greater demands on surgical services. It is imperative that strategies are developed to meet these growing requirements and to ensure higher-quality care for geriatric surgical patients. To support these efforts, several primary methods aimed at incorporating geriatric principles into mainstream surgical care have been attempted, including the development of quality indicators, physician competencies, and best practice guidelines. The American College of Surgeons

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