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Project Title

The interactions of sensory, cognitive, and social factors and their influence on the health and quality of life of older Canadians

Project Summary

Hearing loss (HL), vision loss (VL) and dual sensory loss (a combination of both HL and VL [DL]), together with cognitive decline, are among the most common chronic health conditions in older adults. Epidemiological studies have demonstrated associations between sensory loss and many aspects of cognitive, mental, physical and social health. How these factors interact to influence the disability associated with HL, VL and DL will be the focus of our analyses of data collected through the Canadian Longitudinal Study on Aging (CLSA). In turn, the results will inform public health interventions aimed at equitably preventing and reducing the disability associated with sensory impairment among older adults (aged 65+) in Canada.

Keywords

Dementia, hearing loss, vision loss, social isolation, public health