

# Community Acquired Pneumonia In The Elderly

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## **Abstract**

Pneumonia is the leading cause of death from infectious diseases in the geriatric age group and also the second most frequent illness requiring hospitalization in this age group.. The interaction between host-related risk factors and setting in which pneumonia develops leads to substantially higher morbidity and mortality in the elderly. Major differences occur in the presentation and management of pneumonia in the elderly as compared with young adults. Therefore an organized approach to assessing elderly patients and an awareness of common pitfalls in the diagnosis and management of pneumonia in this population are essential to improve outcomes in this setting.

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