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the 1990s, the number of people in the United States who are 65 years of age or older has increased by 50% (U.S. Census Bureau, 2000). The number of people aged 65 and older is projected to increase to 20% of the total population by the year 2020 (U.S. Census Bureau, 2000). The increase in the number of older people in the United States has led to a growing interest in the health care needs of older people. The purpose of this review is to provide a comprehensive overview of the health care needs of older people, with a focus on the needs of older people in the United States.

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