



the 1990s, the number of publications on the topic of the present review has increased steadily. The number of publications in this field has increased from 10 in 1990 to 100 in 2000, and is expected to reach 150 in 2005.

The present review is organized as follows. Section 2 describes the epidemiology of the disease.

Section 3 describes the pathogenesis of the disease. Section 4 describes the clinical presentation of the disease. Section 5 describes the laboratory diagnosis of the disease. Section 6 describes the treatment of the disease. Section 7 describes the prevention of the disease. Section 8 describes the future of the disease.

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the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 13.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office for National Statistics, 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people, and the UK Government has set out a strategy for the 21st century (Department of Health, 1999). The strategy is based on the principle of 'active ageing', which is defined as 'the process of optimising the health, participation and security of older people' (Department of Health, 1999, p. 10).

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