



**The Australian & New Zealand
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Geriatric Medicine – Best care to the end

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Dr Roger Wong

1. How does attending events like the **ANZSGM ASM 2019** inform or relate to your current practice?

I am truly honoured to be invited as the international keynote speaker for the ANZSGM ASM 2019. This is a premier event, which showcases the newest developments in older people's care in the Australia and New Zealand region. The networking opportunity with international colleagues is unparalleled.

2. Which topics and sessions will you be addressing and participating in as part of the program?

For my two plenary sessions at the ASM 2019, I plan to address the audience on the following two topics: "Improving Acute Care for Older People - Lessons from Canada", and "Principles and Practice of Quality Improvement in the Care for Older People".

3. Why should these sessions not be missed?

I intend to present the state-of-the-art understanding on these very important areas in geriatric medicine, and I hope to inspire the audience to take actions in improving older people's care around the world.

4. What do you think are the most exciting recent developments in the field of geriatric medicine?

I am excited to witness the development of many innovations in technology, especially how they can improve the care for older people. Obviously, innovations must be deployed within the context of human compassion, something that I speak about during my recent TEDx talk (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CVI3pfDBNo>).

I believe that we are ready for some significant paradigm shifts in geriatric medicine, and I plan to highlight them at the ASM 2019.

5. What are the biggest challenges?

One big challenge in geriatric medicine involves the variable availability of effective health services for older people, at least from the global perspective. We need to translate and disseminate the scientific knowledge in a broad-based manner in order to benefit as many older people as possible.

6. If you could work in a different field of work, which would you choose?

I have always wanted to be a school teacher since my childhood years. In a way, I am an educator now in my role as the Executive Associate Dean (Education) and a Clinical Professor at the University of British Columbia.

7. What are you most looking forward to when you visit Adelaide, Australia?

I very much look forward to visiting Adelaide, my first time to the city. I have heard so much about the beautiful scenery and the warm-hearted people. I cannot wait to come visit!

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