This is a “must read” for everyone interested in the societal impact of aging, particularly from an international perspective. Health policy planners and undergraduates in all health care professions should also delve into this eminently readable book. Considering the large number of distinguished international authors, the style is remarkably consistent and reflects the capable skills of the editors, Shah Ebrahim, a professor of primary care and population science, and Alex Kalache, director of aging and health programs at the World Health Organization. The central tenet of the book is to disturb the current complacency about aging. By helping those who allocate or control resources to understand risks and their magnitude, causal pathways and interventions, this book can help them set new and realistic objectives. The foreword states that “the view of aging as a crisis must be rejected: aging has a lead time of decades and provides society with the opportunity to prepare appropriate policies and programs.” At nearly $150 for CMA members, this book is not for everyone; but for those who are interested in the way that an aging population influences health care, it represents excellent value for money.

Major Incident Medical Management and Support: the Practical Approach


Overall rating: Very good
Strengths: Focus on prehospital setting, good organization
Weaknesses: Terms and references to health care system specific to the United Kingdom
Audience: Paramedical personnel, nurses, support staff, physicians and hospital administrators involved in management of major incidents

This book provides a basic overview of the approach to medical management and support in major incidents. It is very effective as an educational tool for paramedical per-