

## Care settings for Gerontological Nursing

Settings	Characteristics	Roles of Nursing
Home	For providing care, such as visiting patients recuperating at his/her own home. The patient receives home-visit nursing care from the home-visit nursing station and medical institution, and also home-visit nursing guidance from a nurse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attempt to stabilize/improve the clinical condition</li> <li>• Prevention of worsening of a clinical condition.</li> <li>• Response at the time of sudden deterioration</li> <li>• Continuous assistance for recuperation at home</li> <li>• Adjustment/assistance for family relationships and recuperation environment</li> </ul>
Acute Hospitals	Place where treatment and nursing care is provided for recovery from disease.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning/implementation of nursing care plan for recovery from a medical condition.</li> <li>• Assistance for hospital discharge.</li> </ul>
Rehabilitation Units/Hospitals	Hospital unit where rehabilitation is conducted for the purpose of prevention of a bedridden state and home rehabilitation by improving the ability of patients, such as those with cerebral vascular disease and femoral neck fracture, for ADL.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assistance for recovery from a medical condition</li> <li>• Rehabilitation nursing care</li> <li>• Assistance for life after hospital discharge</li> </ul>
Special Nursing Homes	Facility for those who do not need hospital treatment, but still require functional training, nursing care and care by a caregiver.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health management</li> <li>• Prevention of acute exacerbation and complication in the course of a chronic disease</li> <li>• Assistance for daily living</li> <li>• Assistance for nursing care</li> <li>• Contact/cooperation with other types of professions and other institutions</li> <li>• Consultation/advice for family</li> <li>• Consultation/advice for regional services (area services)</li> </ul>
Health Service Facilities	Facility that accepts those who require long-term caregiving due to his/her significant physical or mental disorder and cannot receive appropriate care at home. There are some facilities that also provide outpatient rehabilitation.	
Sanatorium-Type Medical Care Facilities	A proportion of hospital sickbeds that accept patients who require mainly long-term care.	
Group Homes for the Elderly with Dementia	A form of communal dwelling unit for a small group that offers a small living place for those suffering from dementia. Staff undertake meal preparation, cleaning, and laundry together with the users and the users live in a domestic and relaxed atmosphere.	
Community-Based One-Stop Home Care Service for Small User Groups	Facility that allows users to use it in combination with a home-visit nursing service, lodging service or outpatient service in accordance with the user's circumstance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Of the caregiving staff, one or more persons must be nursing personnel (nurse/practical nurse).</li> <li>• However, a full-time position is not required.</li> </ul>

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