

Life Factors, Ageing, and **Transitions: A Developmental Journey**

This presentation explores how genetic factors, socioeconomic status, and major life events shape human development. We'll examine physical and psychological changes of ageing, and how significant life transitions impact wellbeing.



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Genetic Inheritance: The Blueprint



Physical Traits

Determines appearance and disease risks.



Developmental Limits

Sets maximum potential for growth.



Psychological Traits

Influences intellectual and emotional development.



Socioeconomic Status: Resource Pathways



Lower SES backgrounds often face developmental delays and chronic health issues. Persistent stress from poverty can lead to mental health conditions.

Major Life Events: Disrupting the Path





Physical Changes of Ageing: Musculoskeletal System

Sarcopenia

Muscle mass and strength decline. Leads to poor mobility and higher fracture risk.

Osteoporosis

Bone density loss, especially in postmenopausal women.
Increases fracture susceptibility.

Osteoarthritis

Joint cartilage degeneration. Causes movement restrictions and pain, affecting daily routines.



Respiratory System Changes in Ageing

Decreased Lung Compliance

Reduced elasticity affects breathing efficiency



Structural alterations worsen function

Thoracic Cage Changes



Reduced Vital Capacity

Lower maximum air volume exchange

Oxygen Exchange Decline

Less efficient gas transfer in lungs



Psychological Changes in Ageing

Cognitive Function

- Processing speed slows down
- Executive abilities decrease
- Multitasking becomes challenging

Crystallized Intelligence

- Accumulated knowledge remains stable
- May continue to improve with age
- Helps compensate for other declines

Self-Esteem

- Affected by social role changes
- Positive social experiences help maintain it
- Family dynamics play crucial role

Lifestyle Interventions for Healthy Ageing



Regular Exercise

Improves physical self-awareness and maintains muscle mass. Enhances mobility and reduces fall risk.



Mental Activities

Reading and puzzles protect cognitive function. Helps maintain neural connections and processing speed.



Social Interaction

Regular social engagement boosts mood and cognition. Prevents isolation and maintains self-esteem.



Key Life Transitions

Education Start

Children entering structured educational settings begin academic and social growth. Shapes future learning patterns and social skills.

Career Changes

Employment transitions impact personal identity and financial independence. Include new jobs, promotions, and unemployment risks.

Retirement

Major life change involving transformation of routine activities and personal identity. Requires significant psychological adjustment.



Person-Centered Support Through Transitions



Educational Support

School counselors aid transitions with tailored learning plans.



Career Guidance

Advisors assist with job changes through counseling and skill development.



Retirement Planning

Geriatric specialists help seniors adapt with personalized plans.

Effective support recognizes individual needs, preferences, and values. This empowers people through transitions and improves outcomes.

