

# Thematic Analysis of Chronic Diseases Among Geriatric Populations in the U.S.

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### CASC Influence

- This thematic analysis was influenced through an internship with Charleston Area Senior Citizens.
- CASC is a non-profit agency that services Berkeley, Charleston, and Dorchester Counties.
- Mission:**  
"Enhancing the Lives of Older Adults in the Community"
- **Services provided:**
  1. Ansonborough House
  2. Community Support Services
    - a. College of Charleston Center for Civic Engagement
  3. Senior Companion Program
    - a. Senior Corps
    - b. Volunteers 55 +
      - i. Matches volunteers with older adults that need assistance
  4. Emergency Services
    - c. Emergency Food Pantry
    - d. Transportation
  4. Foster Grandparent Program
  5. In-Home and Support Services
    - a. In-Home Help
    - b. Respite Care
    - c. Alzheimer's Resources
  6. Meals on Wheels of Charleston
    - a. 161,500 meals served in 2016
  7. RSVP Program
    - a. Volunteers 55 +
      - i. Matches acquired skills to organizations that need assistance



It is hypothesized that older populations are more vulnerable than any other demographic of the population, therefore it is more common for them to have one or more chronic diseases due to a number of factors, such as: biological factors and lifestyle factors.

### Chronic Diseases

For the purpose of this present paper, older populations consisted of individuals 55 years of age or older.

#### Chronic Diseases:

1. Diabetes
2. Heart Disease
3. Kidney Disease
4. Alzheimer's Disease

#### Topics within each Chronic Disease:

1. Incidence and Prevalence Rates
2. Morbidity and Mortality
3. Costs to Society
4. Causes and Risks
5. Treatments and Cures
6. Preventative Measures

