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Salem Press Announces the Second Edition of *Salem Health: Aging*

As the “graying of America” continues to shift demographics, increasing attention has been focused on what it means to grow older in the United States, both for society and for individuals. What is the impact on politics and the workforce? What is the effect on families, health-care decisions, and housing options? This new edition of *Salem Health: Aging* answers these questions and more from multiple perspectives. *Salem Health: Aging* covers this broad subject in two comprehensive volumes, addressing the gap of content and scholarship that has been created in the nearly 20 years since the first edition. This volume provides coverage of sociocultural issues, physical changes, health concerns, medical procedures, family dynamics, financial and employment issues, legislation and court cases, organizations and programs, the media, and prominent people.

This new edition includes 314 articles in two volumes on all aspects of health that are of primary concern to older Americans and their families. Essays vary in length from 300 to 4,000 words and are presented in alphabetical order for ease of access. Essays cover a wide range of topics, such as:

- Age Discrimination
- Beauty
- Cultural Views of Aging
- *Darling v. Douglas*
- Grandparenthood
- Health Care
- Life Insurance
- Midlife Crisis
- Pensions
- Social Security
- Vaccines
- and More!

All essays are written by experts in their fields. Each article begins with easily accessible read-reference listings of important information such as authors, directors, cast members, and dates, where appropriate. Every article identifies the issues relevant to the topic and then defines the significance of the entry to aging in general. Some articles include Key Terms, which define

certain words or phrases that might not be common knowledge for the layperson. Every entry carries an author byline, and each article lists cross-references to other articles in the set. Finally, articles of 1,500 words or more conclude with an annotated bibliography. Photographs, tables and diagrams are included to better illustrate anatomy, diseases, treatments and procedures.

In addition, the following appendixes appear at the end of volume 2:

- Bibliography: Nonfiction
- Mediagraphy: Film, Fiction, Television & Music
- Organizational Resources
- Notable People in the Study or Image of Aging
- Glossary
- Index

New to the second edition are the “Senior Talk” and “How to Talk to Seniors” sections included in some articles. “Senior Talk” addresses the older reader directly, recognizing common concerns and attempting to alleviate any worry by giving direct advice on how to speak to your doctor about Antidepressants, Hip replacements, Medicare, Sexual health and more. These appear as small blurbs, easily found in boxes, within the entry they relate to. “How to Talk to Seniors” addresses the caregivers, family, and friends of seniors who are looking to start a conversation with them about some of the more difficult aspects of aging, like Accepting a diagnosis, Grief and loss, Living alone, Overdosing and more. These are more in-depth than “Senior Talk” and appear after the entries they relate to.

Designed for high school, undergraduate and public libraries, entries are written in clear, understandable language to provide students and researchers with accessible, updated information important to gain an understanding of the many areas of aging. Its interdisciplinary approach will attract wide interest among the general public and students or teachers in the fields of gerontology, biology, medicine, family studies, human development, sociology, and psychology.

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