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# **PROFILE OF GERIATRIC WARDS AND ACCESSIBILITY OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS**

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# BACKGROUND



**Philippines: % of 60 years old and above?**





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Currently accounts for **8.2 %** of the population.

Commission on Population and Development, PopCom



which means that the Philippines is “**beginning to age.**”

When will the Philippines reach the “**aging population**”?

“Once a country reaches **14 percent (senior citizens)** of the population then it is an aging society and **we will hit 14 percent between 2030 and 2035.**”

As the country is moving toward an “*aging*” population, and to address the growing elderly population, there is a need to develop policies and to strengthen Geriatric Programs.

Republic Act No. 9994

**RA 9994**

**“Expanded Senior  
Citizens Act of 2010”**

**AN ACT GRANTING ADDITIONAL BENEFITS AND PRIVILEGES TO SENIOR CITIZENS, FURTHER AMENDING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 7432, AS AMENDED, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "AN ACT TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTION OF SENIOR CITIZENS TO NATION BUILDING, GRANT BENEFITS AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES"**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:*

**Section 1. Title.** - This Act Shall be known as the *"Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010."*

## Sec. 5C

**“Throughout the country, there shall be established a “senior citizens’ ward” in every government hospital. This geriatric ward shall be for the exclusive use of senior citizens who are in need of hospital confinement by reason of their health conditions.”**

# OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

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- To determine the availability of government geriatric wards in the country
- To determine the profile of senior citizen patients in the hospitals
- To assess the accessibility of the geriatric services of the government hospitals

# METHODOLOGY

## DATA COLLECTION



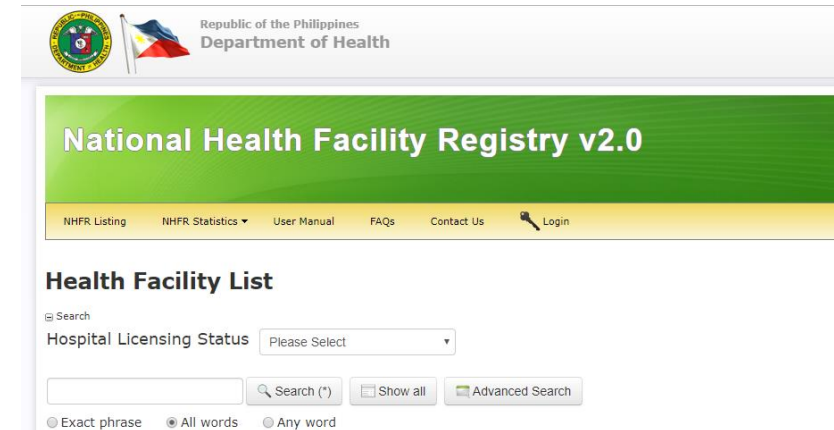
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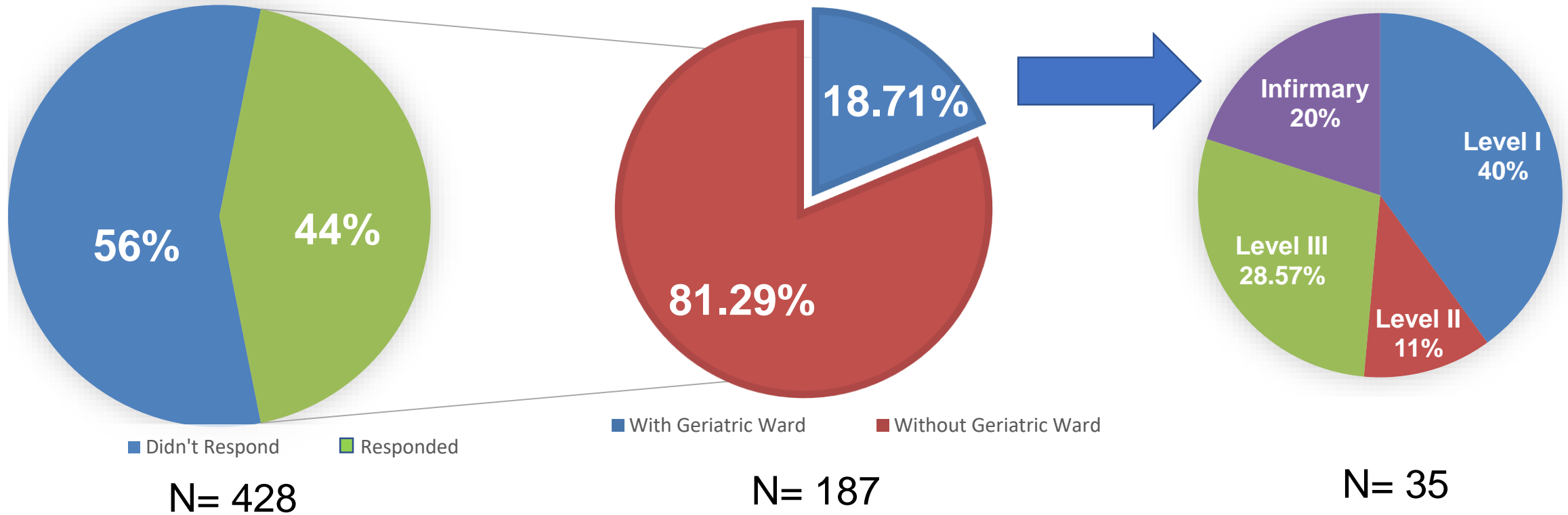
## DATA ANALYSIS



Online survey on the Availability of Geriatric Wards and Health Services for Senior Citizens



# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

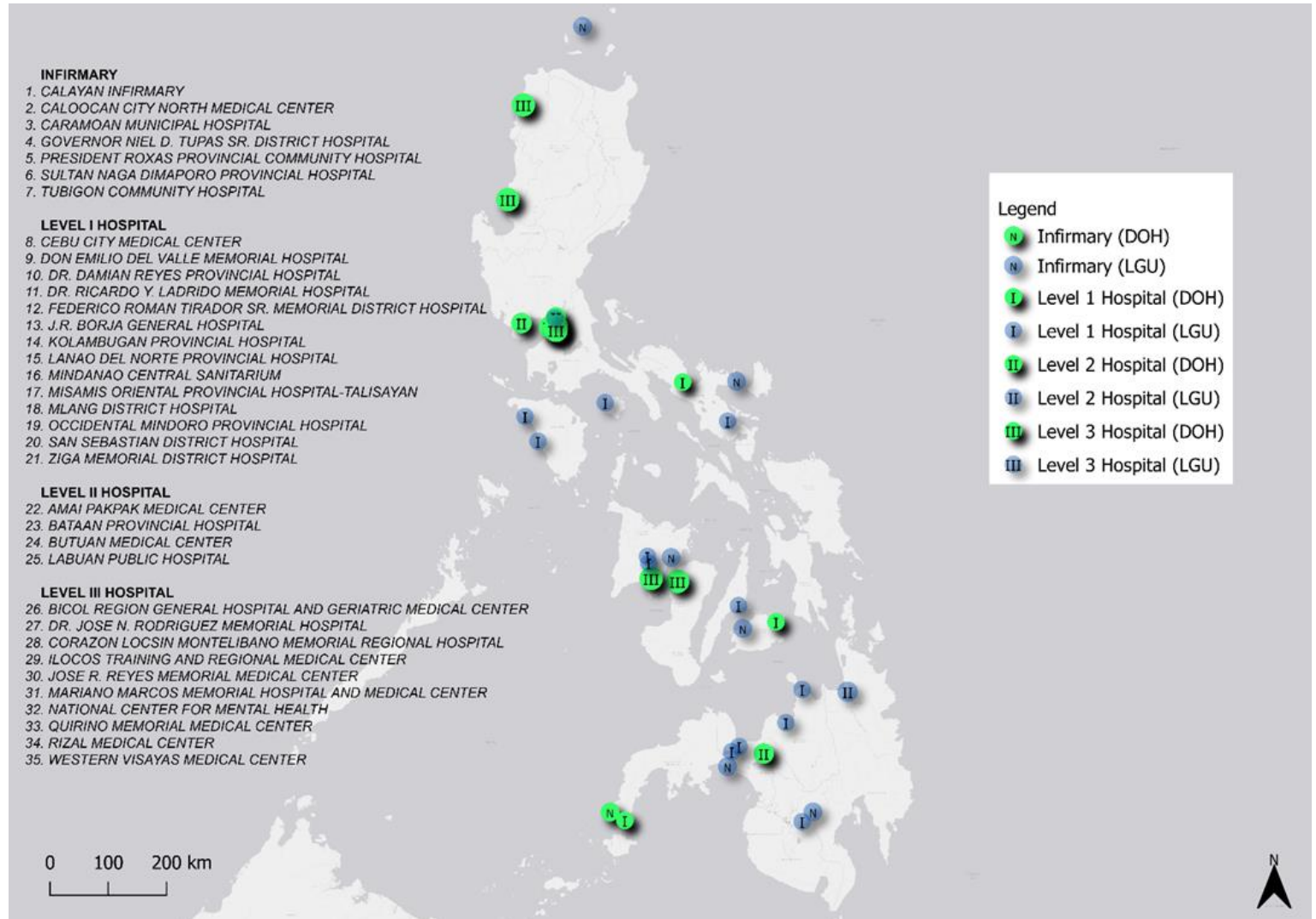


Out of 187 hospitals, **35 (18.71%) hospitals has a geriatric ward**, of which **15 (42.86%) are DOH hospital** and **20 (57.14%) are LGU Hospitals.**

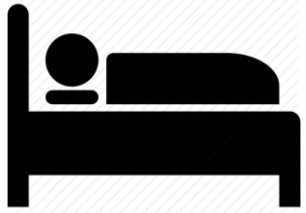


# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Region	Number of Hospital with Geriatric Ward
NCR	6
X	5
VI	5
IV-B	3
V	3
VII	3
I	2
III	2
IX	2
XII	2
XIII	1
BARM	1
M	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>



# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION



% of recommended Authorized Bed Capacity of the hospitals to be allocated for the geriatric ward

**22%**



Availability of Geriatricians

**25.71%**

Availability of Geriatric Nurses

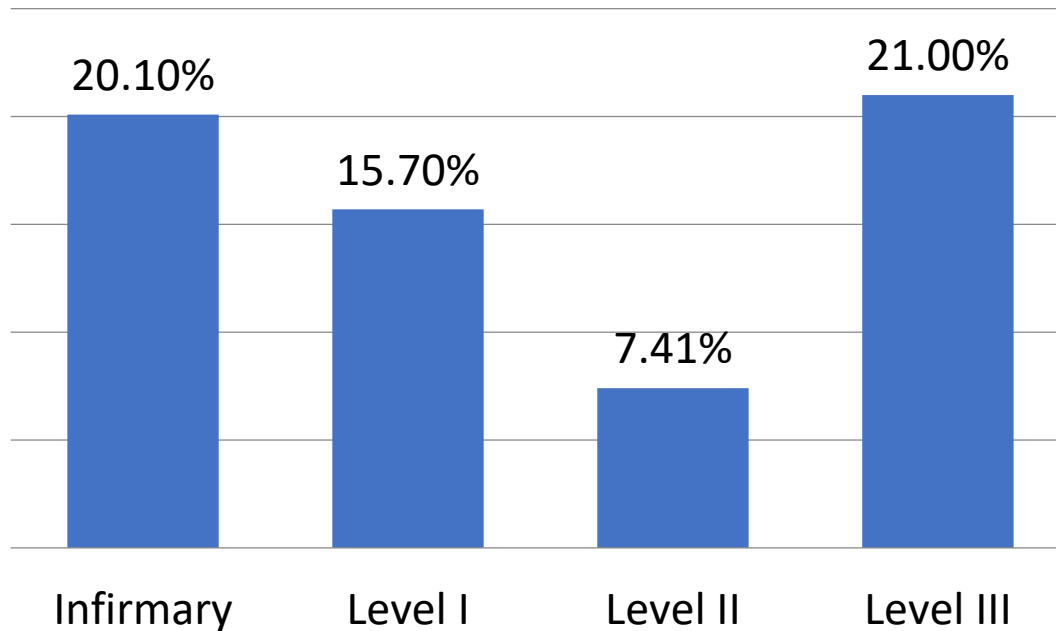
**34.14%**



Average hospital subsidies to senior citizens **4,964,346 pesos**

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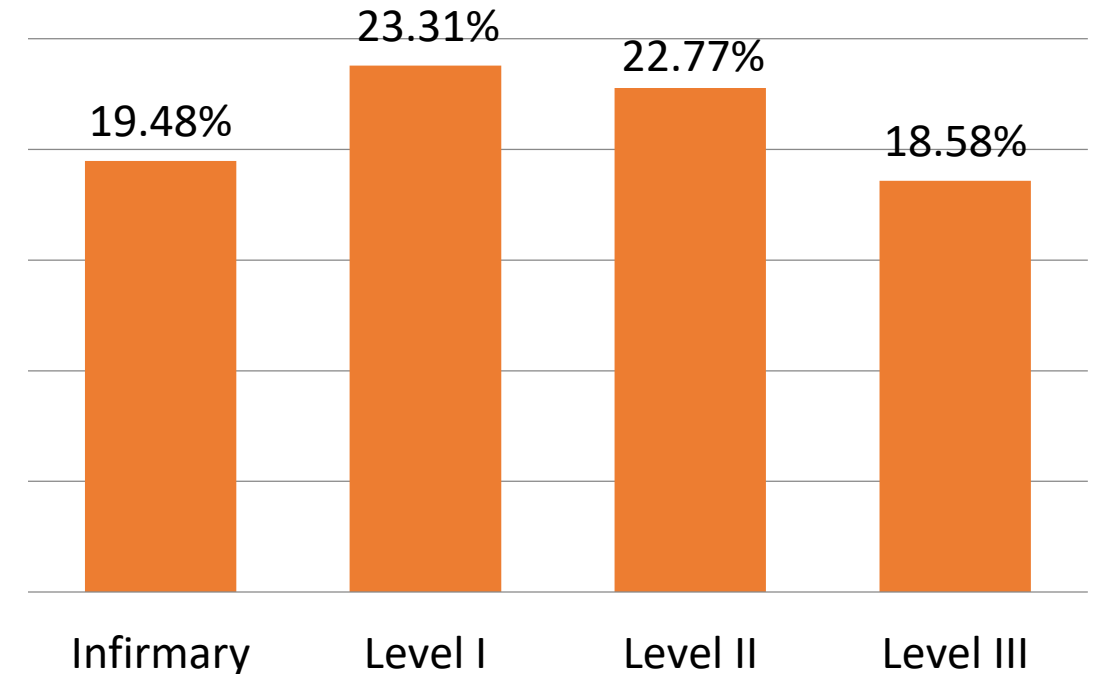
## % of Senior Citizens admitted



Total inpatient: 2,610,608  
Total Senior citizen inpatient: **453,128**

In 2017, **17.36%** of the total number of inpatients are 60 years old and above

## % of Senior Citizens visited the OPD



Total outpatient: 7,320,282  
Total Senior citizen outpatient: **1,464,242**

In 2017, **20%** of the total number of outpatients are 60 years old and above.

# RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

## Availability of geriatric services in the facilities

Services Offered	Number of Facilities with the service
Out-Patient Service	182
Nutritional Counseling Service	101
Cardiovascular Service	63
Ophthalmology Service	60
Rehabilitation Medicine Service	45
Senior Day Care Services and Wellness Program	29
Osteoporosis Clinic	10
Dementia Clinic	9
Memory Test Unit	6
Incontinence Unit	5
Movement Disorder Clinic	2
Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment	0

## Common reasons for unavailability of Geriatric Ward

- No available space for a geriatric ward
- Due to space constraint, senior citizens are admitted in general and private wards
- Limited beds, the geriatric patients are mixed with other IM patients
- Beyond the service capability of the hospital
- No available funds/resources
- No specialist/gerontologist in the hospital yet
- The facility think they are not required

# CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

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- **RA 9994 “Expanded Senior Citizens Act of 2010” is not fully implemented**
- **The findings of the study serve as basis for policy recommendations to improve the accessibility of senior citizens to health services and basis on the standard design development of geriatric ward.**
- **The government should advocate, focus on and develop further the geriatric services and facilities in the country to improve the availability and access for the senior citizens.**
- **Need to invest, produce and capacitate human resources for health in geriatric medicine and gerontology.**
- **Establish monitoring mechanism in the utilization of health facilities and services of the senior citizens, in coordination with Senior Citizen Commission.**



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