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Guidance for clinicians caring for ageing adults with developmental disabilities. Covering assessment and care planning, it considers dementia in detail and looks in depth at ageing for those with Down syndrome and cerebral palsy, as well as covering other syndromes. Drug treatment and psychosocial issues are presented.