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n. (used with a sing. verb)

The branch of medicine that deals with the diagnosis and treatment of diseases and problems specific to elderly people.

[Greek *gēras*, old age; see **gera-**¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + [-IATRICS](#).]

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