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## **Anticipated Support From Neighbors and Physical Functioning During Later Life**

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This study has two main objectives:

- (1) to assess age variations in perceived support from neighbors among a nationally representative sample of adults aged 25 to 74 and
- (2) to examine the association between anticipated support from neighbors and physical functioning within a subsample of older adults.

The findings suggest that anticipated support from neighbors is stronger among older adults, primarily because of more frequent contact with neighbors and residential stability. Within the older subsample, an inverse association between perceived support from neighbors and functional limitations is evident.

Further analyses show that this association is strongest among those with infrequent contact with family members. No differences in this association were found with respect to marital status. Taken together, it appears that anticipated support from neighbors facilitates the maintenance of functional ability among some older adults.

Interventions aiming to promote successful aging by enhancing this source of support should be developed and evaluated.