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### Holistic Approaches for Optimizing Health and Energy Effectiveness in Buildings

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# **Need for Holistic Approach**

A dearth of coherent methods exists with which to credibly assure optimal environmental performance throughout the life-span of occupied facilities

<u>Basic causes are:</u>

- Different perspectives of expected outcomes by:
  - Facility users (e.g., customers, residents, care-givers, staff, management) and
  - Designers and operators of facilities
- Significant errors in:
  - <u>Predictive methods (i.e., modeling and simulation) during design,</u> and
  - <u>Measurements</u> and <u>interpretations</u> during operations
- Lack of procedures for error and uncertainty analyses in facility performance evaluations

## **Background: Eldercare Facilities**

- Control of environmental exposures <u>may</u> <u>differentially affect</u> the health and well-being of the aging population
- Accountability for health and well-being of occupants must be based on credible data
- No guidelines exist for evaluating the performance of occupied eldercare facilities





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