Abstract
The growth rate of the population of older persons in Spain and the projections for 2010 (8.000.000 persons over 65 years old, 23.1 % of the population over 65, and 2.5 millions over 85), represents an historical variation in the distribution of the population's pyramid. These quantitative variations in the population imply social and cultural changes generating new problems of functional, social and psychological characteristics in the older persons population. The role of the psychologists in this field is a fact. The policies of the three Spanish levels of Administration recognize the importance of the accomplishment of the psychologists working with older persons, but in general only the private sector engage them taking into account that their role directly influences the quality of the services, and to invest in quality is profitable. The limited implementation of the psychology in this field is determined to a great extent, due to a lack of conceptual and operative clarification of the psychologist's role. In this work, starting from the theory of the role proposed by Argyle, Furham and Graham (1981), an approach is made to the psychologists role in nursing centers for older persons belonging to the Autonomous Community of Madrid, considering the perspectives of the psychologists and of the managers of the centers.

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Role of the Psychologist expert in older persons, perceived role, executed role, psychologists, centers management, older persons centers, nursing homes, day care center, home care service.