

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10:00 – 11:00 AM Eastern

OPIOID USE DISORDER AND OLDER ADULTS: WHAT GERIATRICS HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS NEED TO KNOW

Track: Clinical Practice

CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Clinical Practice and Models of Care Committee; Public Education Committee; Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use (ATOD) Among Older Adults Special Interest Group

Moderator: Alison A. Moore, MD, MPH

This symposium will provide clinicians with the tools necessary to screen for, diagnose, and treat Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) in settings where older adults receive care. Learning Objectives: (1) describe the growing prevalence of OUD among older adults in the United States; (2) define the criteria for OUD and describe special considerations for applying these criteria in an older adult; (3) describe treatment options for OUD and describe special considerations for such treatment in an older adult; and (4) define models of integrating OUD treatment into settings where older adults receive primary care (outpatient clinics, home visits, SNFs), including across transitions of care.

The Epidemiology of OUD among Older Adults and How to Identify OUD in an Older Adult

Benjamin Han, MD, MPH

The Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder for Older Adults

Justina L. Groeger, MD, MPH

Integrating Opioid Use Disorder Treatment into Settings Where Older Patients Receive Care

Michael Fingerhood, MD

10:00 – 11:00 AM Eastern

SAFE MOBILITY FOR OLDER ADULTS ACROSS HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

Track: Clinical Practice

CME/CE: 1.0

Moderator: Jennifer D. Muniak, MD

This program will make the case for safe mobility to be a priority for older adult patients across healthcare settings and will empower participants to implement mobility programs in their home institutions. Learning Objectives: (1) analyze the evidence for detrimental effects of low hospital mobility for older adults and the evidence for positive impact with a coordinated mobility program; (2) evaluate the unique challenges to mobility in different settings (ED, hospital, post-acute rehab, community); (3) describe common barriers to implementation of a mobility program and develop strategies to overcoming them; and (4) develop the knowledge and skills to adopt best practices from high performing mobility programs.

Safe Mobility in the Emergency Department

Ellen Flaherty, PhD, ARNP, AGSF

Importance of Hospital Mobility for Older Adults

Cynthia J. Brown, MD, MSPH, AGSF

Mobility Programs after Acute Care- What Should We Aspire To?

Ellen F. Binder, MD

10:00 – 11:00 AM Eastern

DEPRESCRIBING CARDIOVASCULAR MEDICATIONS IN OLDER ADULTS: A PRACTICAL APPROACH

Track: Clinical Practice

CME/CE: 1.0

Moderator: Michael W. Rich, MD

Using the framework of patient centered care exemplified by the 5Ms (Mind, Mobility, Medications, Multimorbidity and Matters Most) or the domain management model recently highlighted in the cardiology literature, this session will address the rationale, evidence, and strategies for deprescribing cardiovascular medications (e.g. statins, anticoagulants, antihypertensive agents) through the lens of improving the coordination of care between medical team members and aligning therapy with patient-centered goals. Learning Objectives: (1) describe the epidemiology and clinical sequelae of cardiovascular medication overload along with the barriers to deprescribing; (2) review the evidence base for deprescribing CV medications in older adults, including the potential adverse consequences associated with deprescribing; and (3) discuss steps to deprescribe cardiovascular medications within a patient-centered framework.

Rationale, Triggers, Sequelae, and Clinical Trials of Deprescribing Cardiovascular Medications

Ashok Krishnaswami, MD, MAS

Patient-Centered Cardiovascular Medication Deprescribing

Parag Goyal, MD, MSc, FACC

Improving Cardiovascular Medication Deprescribing by the Utilization of Collaborative Practice Protocols

Andrew R. Zullo, PharmD, PhD

Deprescribing in the Nursing Home: A Potential Model for Success?

Nicole M. Orr, MD, FACC

10:00 – 11:00 AM Eastern

LIGHTNING SCIENCE: BRIEF PRESENTATIONS OF TOP-RATED ABSTRACTS

Track: Research

CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Research Committee

Co-Moderators: Heather E. Whitson, MD, MHS; Camille P. Vaughan, MD, MS; Peter M. Abadir, MD
Communications Coach: John P. Beilenson, MA (Strategic Communications & Planning)

This fast-paced, interactive session will showcase some of the meeting's best new research and innovation. Top-rated abstracts submitted to AGS are selected for inclusion. Presenters will give the highlights of their research findings in five minutes or less and the audience will have an opportunity to discuss and ask questions. Learning Objectives: (1) describe at least one emerging concept or new scientific focus in aging research; (2) summarize the key findings of at least three projects with relevance to care of older adults; and (3) identify at least three AGS-affiliated individuals conducting exciting research in aging.

Impact of Function Focused Care in Assisted Living Using the Evidence Integration Triangle (FFC-AL-EIT) Intervention on Residents and Facilities

Barbara Resnick, PhD, CRNP

Older Adults with Advanced Cancer are Selective in Sharing and Seeking Information with Social Networks

Lee A. Kehoe, PhD, MS, LMHC

Short-Term Ketogenic Feeding Rescues a Delirium Mouse Model in Young But Not Aged Mice

Wyatt L. Gray

Frailty and Risk of Heart Failure among Adults with Diabetes – Findings from the Look AHEAD Trial

Ambarish Pandey, MD, MSCS

The Impact of COVID-19 Related Social Restrictions on Older Adults' Psychosocial Status: A Qualitative Study

Jennifer Y. Tom, MD

Healthcare Costs of Older Adults After the Death of a Spouse, A Qualitative and Quantitative Analysis

Catherine J. Meyer

Risk Factors for Disenrollment from Hospice in Persons with Dementia: A National Cohort Study

Lauren Hunt, PhD, RN, FNP-BC

Design and Implementation of an Automated Fall-Risk Identification and Referral System in the ED

Gwen Costa Jacobsohn, PhD

10:00 – 11:00 AM Eastern

STEALTH GERIATRICS: AN INTERPROFESSIONAL APPROACH TO INCORPORATING GERIATRICS IN NON-TRADITIONAL VENUES

Track: Education

CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Teachers Section and Education Committee

Moderator: Rebecca Starr, MD, AGSF

This symposium is divided into four multi-media presentations, which will provide tools to help educators integrate geriatrics content into existing curricula without explicitly having a geriatric course or rotation. Learning Objectives: (1) compare and contrast IP models and a mapping process for integrating geriatrics content in traditional and non-traditional venues throughout a health profession curriculum; (2) identify advantages and disadvantages of using “unlabeled” geriatrics training materials; (3) develop at least one “take home” opportunity to apply concepts of integration at home institution; and (4) identify areas of partnership within your institution to develop your curriculum.

Longitudinal Integration of Geriatrics in Systems-Based Medical Student and Physician Assistant Curricula

Lisa J. Granville, MD, AGSF & Mandi Sehgal, MD

Hope from Futility - Lessons Learned from Integrating Geriatrics Content into New Pharmacy Curricula

Cheryl A. Sadowski, PharmD, BCGP, FCSHP

Geriplasty: Implanting Geriatrics Content into the Surgery Clerkship

Denise Zwahlen, MD

Bringing Geriatrics to a Pediatrics Clerkship!

Shelley B. Bhattacharya, DO, MPH, AGSF

Classroom in the Community: Teaching Acute Care Nurse Practitioner Students about Geriatrics

Elizabeth A. Palermo, DNP, RN, ANP-BC, ACNP-BC

10:00 – 11:00 AM Eastern

LEADERSHIP CURRICULUM: NEGOTIATING WITH THE C-SUITE

Track: Professional Development

CME/CE: 1.0

Speaker: Laurie G. Jacobs, MD, AGSF, FACP

Learning Objectives: (1) describe how negotiation is conducted with the C-suite; and (2) improve skills and confidence in negotiation.

10:00 – 11:00 AM Eastern

HEALTH SERVICES & POLICY RESEARCH PAPER SESSION

Track: Research

CME/CE: 1.0

Developed by the Research Committee

Moderators: Joshua Chodosh, MD, MSHS, FACP & Daniel R. Berlowitz, MD

This session will present the latest peer-reviewed geriatrics research with questions and answers to follow. Learning Objectives: (1) discuss new and original research in geriatrics; (2) describe an emerging concept or new scientific focus in aging research; and (3) summarize the key findings of projects with relevance to care of older adults.

P16-Association between Cancer Screening and All-Cause Mortality in Older Adults

Nancy L. Schoenborn, MD, MHS

P17-Most Common Advance Care Planning Barriers Reported by Older Adults Experiencing Systemic Patterns of Disadvantage

Linda H. Phung

P18-Preferred Clinician Communication About Deprescribing Among Older U.S. Adults

Ariel R. Green, MD, MPH, PhD

P19-Using the Electronic Health Record for Assessing Deficit Accumulation, to Pragmatically Identify Candidates for De-Prescribing in Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus

Kathryn E. Callahan, MD, MS

SECTIONS

10:00 – 11:00 AM Eastern

RESIDENTS SECTION

Track: Networking

Faculty Advisors: Maura Brennan, MD; Skotti Church, MD; Katie Denson, MD

All residents and 4th year medical students are encouraged to attend this section meeting. Come and meet others and discuss your own ideas about the field and ways to get more involved in AGS.

Geriatricians will be present to discuss geriatrics as a career and opportunities in the field.

10:00 – 11:00 AM Eastern

WOMEN IN GERIATRICS SECTION BREAKFAST MEETING

Track: Networking

Chair: Lee A. Jennings, MD, MSHS; Lisa Miura, MD; Rebecca Boxer, MD, MS

This Section is intended for AGS members of all disciplines working in geriatrics. The purpose is to provide a forum for women to discuss challenges and share ideas related to their personal and professional lives.

10:00 – 11:00 AM Eastern

TEACHERS NETWORKING SECTION MEETING

Track: Networking

Chair: Mandi Sehgal

Come and join your fellow geriatrics clinician educators to discuss potential collaborative projects as well as proposals for next year's annual meeting.

10:00 – 11:00 AM Eastern

STUDENT SECTION

Track: Networking

Join the Student Community for networking and learning about the latest student news. Open to all trainees interested in attending.

PLENARY SYMPOSIUM

11:15 AM – 12:00 PM Eastern

THOMAS AND CATHERINE YOSHIKAWA OUTSTANDING SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT FOR CLINICAL INVESTIGATION AWARD LECTURE

Track: Research

CME/CE: .75

Speaker: Alexander K. Smith, MD, MS, MPH

The central pedagogy of scientific research training is that researchers must be narrowly focused. So goes the saying, "An inch wide and a mile deep." Throughout his academic career, Dr. Smith has been drawn to holistic disciplines whose central principles run counter to this reductionist perspective: primary care, geriatrics, and palliative care. His academic success, such as it's been, has reflected this pull towards conceptual complexity, diversity of interests, and mentees with fresh ideas. Dr. Smith's academic work has ranged from standard scientific publications to developing ePrognosis to bioethics thought pieces to the GeriPal podcast to leading sing-alongs at the AGS Literature Update. In this talk, Dr. Smith will challenge the notion that a successful research career must be defined by a dominant dedicated research focus. Learning Objectives: (1) describe arguments for being narrowly focused and counter arguments for a maintaining a broader array of interests; (2) consider the pros and cons of nurturing mentees intellectual curiosity about a wide range of interests vs. squashing mentees interest in all domains outside of a narrowly focused band of scientific inquiry; and (3) review community-participatory learning techniques involving synchronous vibration of the vocal folds.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

12:15 – 1:15 PM Eastern

SLEEP IN OLDER ADULTS: PRACTICAL APPROACHES FOR COMMON PROBLEMS

Track: Clinical Practice

CME/CE: 1.0

Moderator: Cathy A. Alessi, MD

Sleep problems are common in older adults, significantly impact health and quality of life, and often present unique challenges for diagnosis and management across care settings. Using evidence from recent and ongoing clinical and translational research, this symposium provides an overview of practical approaches to address common sleep problems in older adults. Learning Objectives: (1) describe

practical approaches to address insomnia, sleep apnea and other common sleep problems among older adults in the outpatient setting; (2) identify factors that contribute to sleep loss and related complications in hospitalized older adults, and evidence-based interventions to address these problems; and (3) discuss the multifactorial nature of sleep disturbance among older adults in long-term care, and recent evidence to guide clinical practice in this setting.

Common Sleep Problems Among Older Outpatients

Constance H. Fung, MD, MSHS

Sleep in Hospitalized Older Adults

Nancy H. Stewart, DO, MS

Sleep in Long-Term Care

Jennifer L. Martin, PhD

12:15 – 1:15 PM Eastern

TAKING FLIGHT: PREPARING FOR A GENERATION OF OLDER AIR TRAVELERS

Track: Clinical Practice

CME/CE: 1.0

Moderator: Leah J. Witt, MD

While older adults and their caregivers often seek pre-travel advice from physicians and other health professionals, most clinicians have received no formal training about preparing patients for travel. This program aims to address this knowledge gap, by describing how the physiology of aging impacts safe air travel, exploring the prevalence and management of in-flight medical emergencies, discussing barriers to travel, and proposing pre-travel preparation measures. Learning Objectives: (1) summarize how the physiologic changes of aging affect the older adult during air travel; (2) recognize the most frequent symptoms and diagnoses of in-flight medical emergencies and manage emergencies with limited resources; and (3) describe how to counsel patients about preparing for safe travel, in light of geriatric comorbidities, as well as pre-travel preparation tools available for this discussion.

The Physiologic Effects of Air Travel with Advancing Age

Megan E. Rau, MD, MPH, FACP

Medical Emergencies During Air Travel

Paulo M. Alves, MD, MSc, FAsMA

Pre-Travel Medical Consultation

Julia Loewenthal, MD

12:15 – 1:15 PM Eastern

THAT WAS THE YEAR THAT WILL BE

Track: Research

CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Research Committee

Moderator: George E. Taffet, MD

This symposium will focus on basic science and translational studies in the past year that will impact clinical care in the next five years. Learning Objective: (1) discuss the application of today's bench research to tomorrow's bedside care, focusing on the neurovascular system; (2) discuss the application of today's bench research to tomorrow's bedside care focusing on cellular senescence as a driver of aging; and (3) discuss the application of today's bench research to tomorrow's bedside care focusing on the cardiovascular system.

The Brain's Drain and Cognition: Revisiting Perivascular Channels

May J. Reed, MD

That Was the Year That Will Be: Cellular Senescence

Laura Niedernhofer, MD, PhD

That Was the Year That Will Be: Cardiovascular System

George E. Taffet, MD

12:15 – 1:15 PM Eastern

EXPANDING THE AGE-FRIENDLY MOVEMENT: TOOLS, TECHNIQUES AND RESOURCES

Track: Models of Care

CME/CE: 1.0

Moderator: Maura J. Brennan, MD

The overarching goal of the workshop is to overcome barriers and empower more attendees to formally join the "age-friendly" health system movement. Learning Objectives: (1) describe the steps needed to become an age-friendly health system; (2) list at least 3 ways geriatrics experts can access resources to advance the age-friendly health system movement; and (3) report at least 3 different approaches to age-friendly program design and resolution of challenges.

The Age Friendly Health System Movement: Current State and Future Prospects

Leslie J. Pelton, MPA

Resources to Support New Members of the AFHS Movement

Alice F. Bonner, RN, PhD, FAAN

Baystate Health's Journey

Rebecca M. Doherty, AS; Maryam Hasan, MD; Alina C. Sibley, MSN, APRN

The AFHS Experience at Rush

Erin Emery-Tiburcio, PhD, ABPP; Robyn L. Golden, LCSW

Maine Health's AFHS Program

Molly L. Anderson, BS

12:15 – 1:15 PM Eastern

UPDATING THE MEDICAL STUDENT COMPETENCIES IN GERIATRICS FOR 2021 USING THE GERIATRICS 5MS FRAMEWORK, AN AGS INITIATIVE

Track: Education

CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Teachers Section and the Education Committee

Moderator: Rosanne M. Leipzig, MD, PhD

This session will highlight the updates to the 2021 medical student competencies in geriatrics, and present several educational tools based on the Geriatrics 5Ms framework to aid in teaching and evaluating medical students in their ability to care for older adults. Learning Objectives: (1) describe the AGS 2021 updates to the AAMC/Hartford Minimum Geriatric Competencies for medical students using the Geriatrics 5Ms framework; (2) describe two innovative teaching tools to implement the teaching of the updated medical student competencies, including a Geriatrics 5Ms Pocketcard and Geriatrics 5Ms for Clerkships curriculum; and (3) describe two innovative assessment tools to evaluate the updated medical student competencies, including a Geriatrics OSCE and Geriatrics 5Ms rubric for assessing medical student geriatrics write-ups.

Introducing the 2021 Updated Medical Student Competencies in Geriatrics Using the Geriatrics 5Ms Framework

Mandi Sehgal, MD; Andrea W. Schwartz, MD, MPH & Catherine Dawson, MD

Using an OSCE as Evaluation Tool to Assess Geriatric Competencies

Lisa Strano-Paul, MD

Assessment Rubric for Medical Student Geriatrics Write-Ups Using the RIME Format and the Geriatric 5Ms Framework

Shoshana Streiter, MD

Development of a Geriatric 5Ms Pocketcard for Medical Students

Alison M. Holliday, MD, MPH

Implementation of a Geriatrics 5Ms for the Clerkships Curriculum Linked to Aquifer Geriatrics Online Cases

Amit A. Shah, MD & Christina Chen, MD

12:15 – 1:15 PM Eastern

THE PANDEMIC THROUGH A GERIATRIC LENS PAPER SESSION

Track: Research

CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Research Committee

Moderator: Elizabeth K. Vig, MD, MPH

This session will present the latest peer-reviewed geriatrics research with questions and answers to follow. Learning Objectives: (1) discuss new and original geriatrics research; (2) describe an emerging concept or new scientific focus in aging research; and (3) summarize the key findings of projects with relevance to care of older adults.

P20-Long-Term Services and Support Staff Covid-19 Vaccine Hesitancy

Linda S. Edelman, PhD, RN

P21-“It isn’t the same”: Experiences of Informal Caregivers of Homebound Older Adults during COVID-19

Marika B. Humber, PhD

P22-Older Adults’ Access to Primary Care During the 1st Wave of the COVID-19 Pandemic: Gender and Ethnic Disparities in Telemedicine

Yi Zhou, BA, MD Candidate

P23-Geriatric Antibody Response to COVID-19

Joshua J. Moore, BS

12:15 – 1:15 PM Eastern

CPT CODING: BEYOND BASIC E/M

Track: Research

CME/CE: 1.0

Moderator: Peter Hollmann, MD

Learning Objective: (1) discuss care management, advance care planning, collaborative behavioral health and other services, including what is new in 2021.

PLENARY SYMPOSIUM

1:30 – 2:30 PM Eastern

ACHIEVING OUR FUTURE VISION FOR HEALTHCARE FREE OF DISCRIMINATION AND BIAS

Track: Public Policy

Hear from AGS leaders on how we are implementing a multi-year, multi-pronged initiative that is focused on achieving our future vision for healthcare that is free of discrimination and bias. Attendees will learn about intersectionality with a focus on structural racism and ageism, hear what AGS is doing to address this intersection, and understand potential strategies that they can use at home. Attendees at the live session will be encouraged to share their own experiences and ideas for strategies via the chat and during the live Q&A with panelists.

Introductions and Review of the AGS Vision for the Future

Sharon Brangman, MD, AGSF

Overview of the AGS Intersection of Structural Racism & Ageism in Healthcare Initiative

Annette Medina-Walpole, MD, AGSF

Understanding the Intersectionality of Racism & Ageism

Ramona Rhodes, MD, MPH, MSCS, AGSF

Traveling the AGS Strategic Highways: Principles and Strategies for Achieving our Future Vision

Lena Makaroun, MD, MS & Bronwyn Keefe, PhD, MSW, MPH

Q&A (live)

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2:45 – 3:45 PM Eastern

BONING UP ON OSTEOPOROSIS MANAGEMENT: THE CLINICIAN'S ROLE IN 2021

Track: Clinical Practice

CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Osteoporosis and Metabolic Bone Disease Special Interest Group

Moderator: Sarah D. Berry, MD, MPH

This session will improve knowledge of the current evidence and best practices for monitoring osteoporosis treatment. Learning Objectives: (1) describe factors to consider when considering osteoporosis treatment for older adults with multimorbidity and limited life expectancy; (2) identify alternative non-bisphosphonate osteoporosis medications and recognize appropriate clinical situations where these drugs may be considered; and (3) discuss the substantial increase in risk for future fractures after an initial fracture has occurred and understand when and how preventative medications can be given and monitored.

Managing Osteoporosis in Older Adults: Is It Too Late To Do More?

Meredith A. Gilliam, MD, MPH

Beyond Bisphosphonates: What Else Can We Use?

Kenneth W. Lyles, MD

Secondary Fracture Prevention in 2021

Douglas P. Kiel, MD, MPH

2:45pm - 3:45pm Eastern

COGNITIVE SCREENING IN PRIMARY CARE: MAKING THE CASE AND CHOOSING THE TOOLS

Track: Clinical Practice

CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Clinical Practice and Models of Care Committee

Moderator: Heidi K. White, MD

This session will provide practical guidance on cognitive screening in primary care with content specific to

the available screening tools, and how to encourage more cognitive screening in primary care. Learning Objectives: (1) describe the reasons for cognitive screening; (2) review the strength and weaknesses of three primary tests: Minicog, MOCA, SLUMS; (3) outline examples of cognitive screening in relationship to care plan development, optimal functional status, and overall quality of life; and (4) inventory the opportunities for intervention in specific practice sites.

Cognitive Screening Tools

Joshua Chodosh, MD, MSH

Encouraging More Cognitive Screening in Primary Care

Soo Borson, MD, FAPA, FGS

2:45pm - 3:45pm Eastern

INNOVATIVE AND CLINICALLY FEASIBLE TOOLS TO SCREEN FOR FRAILITY IN OLDER ADULTS WITH CANCER

Track: Clinical Practice

CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Cancer and Aging Special Interest Group

Moderators: Jane A. Driver, MD, MPH & Imran Y. Ali, MD, MS, MPH

The primary outcome of our program will be to equip geriatricians and other clinicians caring for older adults with knowledge and tools to adapt their expertise in aging to efficiently identify frailty in older adults with cancer. Learning Objectives: (1) describe current cancer-focused guidelines regarding the assessment of older patients with cancer; (2) identify the main tools studied in oncology to screen for vulnerability and frailty in older adults with cancer; (3) implement clinically feasible, evidence-based screening measures of frailty to identify vulnerable older patients with cancer at participants' local institutions; and (4) help geriatricians and other providers effectively collaborate with oncologists to optimize the care of older adults with cancer.

Gait Speed as a Functional Vital Sign in Older Adults with Cancer

Clark DuMontier, MD

Electronic Rapid Fitness Assessment (eRFA): Empowering Geriatricians to Improve Outcomes of Older Cancer Patients Through Digital Health Technology

Armin Shahrokni, MD, MPH

Screening Older Adults with Cancer in an Outpatient Oncology Clinic: Implementation of the Geriatric 8 (G8) Questionnaire into an Electronic Medical Record (EMR)

Sukeshi Patel Arora, MD

2:45pm - 3:45pm Eastern

FIREARMS & DEMENTIA

Track: Clinical Practice

CME/CE: 1.0

Moderator: Caroline A. Vitale, MD, AGSF

Learning Objectives: (1) screen patients with dementia for firearms access and give recommendations regarding firearms "retirement" based on stages of dementia; and (2) counsel patients with dementia and their caregivers regarding safe disposal of firearms.

Geriatric Assessment

Quratulain Syed, MD

Current State and Future Directions

Emmy Betz, MD, MPH

2:45pm - 3:45pm Eastern

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE: LEARN ABOUT AND GET INVOLVED IN AGS' EFFORTS TO ADVANCE PAYMENT FOR CARE OF COMPLEX PATIENTS

Track: Professional Development

CME/CE: 1.0

Presenters: Audrey K. Chun, MD & Robert A. Zorowitz, MD, MBA, FACP, AGSF, CMD

For over 20 years, the AGS has advocated for changes in how physicians and other health professionals are paid for providing services to older adults. We have focused attention on this issue because implementing new billing codes, which are used in the annual Medicare Physician Fee Schedule, can have a significant impact on care quality for frail, older patients by providing adequate reimbursement for practitioners who provide this complex, time-intensive care. Workshop attendees will learn about the AGS internal process to advance and improve payment for services that reflect the care and coordination necessary for complex older patients. Attendees will also learn about opportunities to participate in this work. Learning Objectives: (1) discuss opportunities to align payment with the healthcare needs of older adults with multiple complex conditions, or co-morbidity; (2) review AGS' advocacy work to improve healthcare provider reimbursement for services unique to older adults with multiple chronic conditions; (3) outline ongoing efforts to develop, value, and ultimately implement new payment codes that support quality care for this population; and (4) describe the work of the American Medical Association's (AMA) Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Editorial Panel and Advisory Committee and Relative Value Scale Update Committee (RUC).

2:45 – 3:45 PM Eastern

CLIN_STAR PAPER SESSION

Track: Research

CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Research Committee

Moderator: Lona Mody, MD, MSc

This session will present the latest peer-reviewed geriatrics research with questions and answers to follow. Learning Objectives: (1) discuss new and original geriatrics research; (2) describe an emerging concept or new scientific focus in aging research; and (3) summarize the key findings of projects with relevance to care of older adults.

P24-Prolonged Use of Gabapentin after Surgery in Older Adults

Tasce Bongiovanni, MD, MPP

P25-High Risk of Complications after a "Low Risk" Procedure: Nursing Home Residents at Increased Risk of Complications and Mortality after Hemorrhoid Surgery

Alexis Colley, MD, MS

P26-Changes in Older Adults' Life-Space Mobility During Lung Cancer Treatment

Melisa L. Wong, MD, MAS

P27-Decisional Regret Among Older Adults Undergoing Corrective Surgery for Adult Spinal Deformity: A Single Institutional Study

Owoicho Adogwa, MD, MPH

POSTER SESSION

2:45pm - 3:45pm Eastern

POSTER SESSION D: STUDENTS & RESIDENTS

Track: Research

Sponsored by the AGS Health in Aging Foundation

View the most current research in geriatrics. Authors will be available to discuss the presented findings and answer questions.

PLENARY SYMPOSIUM

4:00 - 5:30 pm Eastern

IT'S NOT JUST DIALYSIS OR DEATH: CONSIDERATIONS WHEN STARTING, STOPPING, AND FORGOING DIALYSIS

Track: Clinical Practice

CME/CE: 1.5

Moderator: Elizabeth K. Vig, MD, MPH

This session will explore the challenges when deciding whether or not to initiate dialysis, ways to support those who forgo dialysis, when to consider stopping dialysis, and ways to enable patients on dialysis to receive hospice services. Learning Objectives: (1) identify dialysis outcomes for older patients, including patient characteristics that may affect those outcomes; (2) explain aspects of conservative care for those who elect not to initiate dialysis; (3) describe three indications to prompt a discussion of the option of discontinuing dialysis; and (4) discuss ways to promote concurrent dialysis and hospice services.

Words of Wisdom

Christine (Chris) K. Liu, MD, MS

Saying 'No' to Dialysis

Susan Wong, MD, MS

Hospice Plus Dialysis: Why is it so Hard?

Molly A. Feely, MD, FAAHPM, FACP

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

6:00 - 7:00 pm Eastern

CARE TRANSITIONS

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Timothy W. Farrell, MD, AGSF; Claire Davenport, MD, MS; Ugochi Ohuabunwa, MD

As the AGS' main forum for discussion, collaboration, and advocacy on care transitions issues, the Care Transitions SIG will convene during the AGS 2021 Virtual Annual Scientific Meeting. We will invite a guest speaker (TBD) to discuss a pressing care transitions issue, followed by a discussion of ideas for AGS symposia related to care transitions. The meeting will conclude with an open form for networking and discussion.

6:00 - 7:00 pm Eastern

CLINICIAN WELLNESS

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Magdalena Bednarczyk, MD & Jeensoo Chang, MD

Open to anyone with an interest in improving physician well-being in order to address growing concerns related to physician burnout. The goal is to provide information, tools and resources for decreasing burnout utilizing a holistic approach pertaining to professional, personal, financial and physical wellbeing, with the ultimate goal of helping physicians rediscover meaningful, mission driven work within their organizations, and if necessary, provide tools to redefine success.

6:00 - 7:00 pm Eastern

ETHNOGERIATRICS

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Jeffrey D. Mariano, MD & Olga Olivares-Herrera, MD

The Ethnogeriatrics SIG is open to anyone with an interest in the relationship between aging, ethnicity, clinical practice and research. Participants will discover what projects are being developed by the SIG and Committee and offer suggestions for future AGS symposia and sessions. New ideas are welcome. The group's endeavors include recognizing challenges and developing practical solutions to providing appropriate care to different cultures and ethnicities in our diverse country. Members are encouraged to share and participate in the development of new educational materials focusing on key issues affecting ethnic minorities in the 21st century.

6:00 - 7:00 pm Eastern

GERIATRIC ACADEMIC CAREER AWARD (GACA)

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Mamata Yanamadala; Laura Byerly; Lauren Hersh

The GACA SIG seeks to promote the career development and longitudinal professional growth of GACA awardees.

6:00 - 7:00 pm Eastern

HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP (HSL) IN GERIATRICS

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Anna Chodos, MD & Kellie L. Flood, MD

The mission of the HSL SIG is to explore principles of leadership, management and systems transformation as it applies to the growing need for geriatrics in health systems and to present strategies to accomplish this. Our goals are to educate AGS members about these principles, highlight successful work in HSL, and present opportunities for training in HSL workshop leadership.

6:00 - 7:00 pm Eastern

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ISSUES

Track: Networking

Chair: Irene Hamrick, MD

The IT Issues Special Interest Group serves the AGS Membership by establishing a venue for members with an interest in Information Technology as it applies to Geriatrics. These members see Electronic Health Records (EHR) as a means for improving medical care by reducing error rates, improving efficiency, augmenting communication, facilitating optimal reimbursement and decreasing expenses. An important focus of this SIG is to provide information, support and an organized center for coordinating information and resources to optimize the use of EHR in a senior health care environment. This includes ambulatory and long-term care senior health care settings and the transitions of care from one setting to another. Beyond health information exchange, this SIG also encompasses telemedicine and computerized assessment/biotechnology advancements including vital signs, laboratory testing, and imaging from remote locations. The current politics of health care reform, reimbursement and research as applicable to information technology are also areas of intense interest for this Group, as are security, privacy, costs, expansion, educational opportunities and future development of IT as societal demands on its role in geriatric medicine increase.

6:00 - 7:00 pm Eastern

MAKE IT SAFE TO GROW OLD! THE POLICY NETWORKING GROUP

Track: Networking

Chair: Joanne Lynn, MD

Finally, policymakers and the press are beginning to take notice of the serious shortcomings in providing for older people in need of personal care and support, but we are far from public action. This session will share information among attendees as to the most important policy levers, how to take action, and what's happening in participants' localities. We'll deal with food and housing, and personal care -- as well as geriatric medicine and how we fit into the various Medicare/Medicaid "innovations."

6:00 - 7:00 pm Eastern

PATIENT PRIORITIES ALIGNED CARE FOR OLDER ADULTS WITH MULTIPLE CHRONIC CONDITIONS

Track: Networking

Chair: Mary E. Tinetti, MD

This Special Interest Group aims to identify alternatives to disease guideline-based care, specifically ways to implement patient priorities aligned decision making. Patient priorities aligned decision making calls upon patients and caregivers to articulate their health priorities; communicate those priorities to all team members; patients, caregivers and clinicians then together choose the healthcare best aligned with these health priorities.

6:00 - 7:00 pm Eastern

POST-ACUTE AND LONG-TERM CARE

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Verna R. Sellers, MD, MPH, CMD, AGSF; Laura Trice, MD, CMD, FACP, AGSF & Tsewang Ngodup, MD

This SIG focuses on issues related to Post- Acute and Long-Term Care Medicine. There is an on-going emphasis on staff education, quality measures and reducing avoidable re-admission in PALTC. Come prepared to share best practices and learn from your peers.