

AMERICAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY 2026 VIRTUAL ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2026

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EASTERN

WOUND CARE UPDATES: RECLAIMING A LOST GERIATRIC SYNDROME

Track: Clinical Practice CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Clinical Practice and Models of Care Committee & the Dementia Care and Caregiver Support Special Interest Group

Moderator: Sarwat Jabeen, MD, CWS, FAAFP, AGSF

Significant deficiencies exist in wound care education for geriatric healthcare professionals. Numerous healthcare professionals express a deficiency in both knowledge and confidence when addressing these concerns, which includes a lack of familiarity with evidence-based wound care practices. Learning Objectives: (1) gain the skill set required to perform accurate wound assessment and staging; (2) recognize and manage skin failure implement palliative care of wound when appropriate; and (3) recognize existing health disparities in wound care and acquire skills to address social determinants of health issues particularly among minority populations.

Incorporating Wound Care Curriculum to Optimize Geriatric Fellowship Training

Elizabeth F. White-Chu, MD, AGSF, CWSP

Wound Assessment; Staging, Skin Failure and Palliative Care of Wounds

Jeffrey M. Levine, MD, AGSF

Health Care Disparities in Wound Care Among Geriatric Patients

Veronica C. Nwagwu, MD, CWSP, AGSF

Interprofessional Team, the Patient and Circle of Care

Barbara A. Delmore, PhD, RN, CWCN, MAPWCA, IIWCC-NYU, FAAN

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EASTERN

DYSPHAGIA IN HOSPITALIZED OLDER ADULTS: CLINICAL CHALLENGES, CULTURAL CONTEXTS, AND THE GERIATRICIAN'S ROLE IN SHAPING SOLUTIONS

Track: Clinical Practice CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Clinical Practice and Models of Care Committee

Moderator: Nimit Agarwal, MD, MBA, AGSF

Dysphagia is a common and often complex symptom in hospitalized older adults, particularly when compounded by delirium and dementia. Managing oropharyngeal dysphagia in this context presents unique challenges, as both dysphagia and aspiration risk can severely impact nutritional intake and contribute to malnutrition leading to further complications for the hospitalized older adult. Learning Objectives: (1) recognize the prevalence and unique challenges of oropharyngeal dysphagia in hospitalized older adults, particularly in the context of geriatric syndromes such as delirium and dementia; (2) review the cultural and ethnic considerations involved in navigating discussions around artificial nutrition and feeding preferences; and (3) develop practical skills for managing dysphagia through interdisciplinary collaboration and contribute to the creation or refinement of institutional clinical policies that support person-centered care for older adults.

Dysphagia in Hospitalized Older Adults with Delirium and Dementia: Prevalence, Practice Gaps, and System-Level Solutions

Nimit Agarwal, MD, MBA, AGSF

Feeding with Respect: Cultural and Ethnic Considerations in Hospital Nutrition Decisions for Older Adults

Ella H. Bowman, MD, PhD, AGSF, FAAHPM, FACP

The Role of the Geriatrics Consultant in Dysphagia Management: Leading Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Sandeep R. Pagali, MD, MPH, AGSF

Medications and Post-Discharge Management of Oropharyngeal Dysphagia: A Continuum of Care

Manisha Parulekar, MD

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EASTERN

MEASURING 4MS CARE IN THE INPATIENT SETTING: STRATEGIES AND INSIGHTS FROM THREE HEALTH SYSTEMS

Track: Models of Care CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Research Committee; Health Systems Innovations & Technology Committee; Quality and Performance Measurement Committee (QPMC); and the Clinical Practice and Models of Care (CPMC) Committee

Co-Moderators: Lauren J. Gleason, MD, MPH, AGSF & Teresa M. Halbert, MS, RN

This workshop will share insights from three diverse health systems that have implemented the 4Ms (What Matters, Medication, Mentation, and Mobility) in the inpatient setting and then worked as part of a collaborative to apply standardized, encounter-based measures of adherence to 4Ms care. Learning Objectives: (1) describe approaches to implementing measures of adherence to 4Ms care using real-world EHR data; (2) identify common challenges and solutions for integrating 4Ms measures into EHR workflows and documentation; (3) identify opportunities to assess and promote equitable care of older adults through standardized 4Ms measurement; and (4) demonstrate how interprofessional collaboration supports successful implementation of 4Ms measurement and assessment of impact on outcomes.

Designing and Adapting Inpatient 4Ms Measures Using EHR Data

Julia Adler-Milstein, PhD

Implementing 4Ms in the VA: Lessons from the Cincinnati VA

Shivani K. Jindal, MD, MPH

Scaling Inpatient 4Ms Across a Hospital System: Houston Methodist's Approach

Kathryn S. Agarwal, MD

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EASTERN

BRAIN HEALTH IN CONTEXT: BIOLOGY, DIAGNOSIS, AND CARE DELIVERY PAPER SESSION

Track: Research CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Research Committee

Moderator: Camille P. Vaughan, MD, MS, AGSF

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.

Whose Job Is It Anyway? Adding a Dementia Diagnosis in the Electronic Medical Record

Karla M. Garcia Ortiz, MD

Building Cognitive Reserve in Older Adults with Hearing Loss - COCHLEA Study 72-Month Outcomes

Julia Z. Sarant, PhD, Dip Aud, BSc

Age-Friendly Health Systems Recognition and Days Spent at Home Among Hospitalized Older Adults with Dementia

Hiroshi Gotanda, MD, PhD

Blood Markers of the Renin-Angiotensin System and Brain Volumes in a Longitudinal Study

Yeonjae Lee, BS

PLENARY SESSION

11:15 AM - 12:45 PM EASTERN

GERIATRICS LITERATURE UPDATE: 2026

Track: Clinical Practice CME/CE: 1.5

Speakers: Rachelle E. Bernacki, MD, MS, AGSF; Ashwin A. Kotwal, MD, MS; Mandi Sehgal, MD; Andrea N.W. Schwartz, MD, MPH

The Geriatrics Literature Update is always one of the most popular sessions at the annual meeting. The session will focus on the year's most important published papers in Geriatrics and focus on the significance of findings and application to patient care. Learning Objectives: (1) identify areas in clinical medicine where new strong evidence has been uncovered that should affect the care of older adults; (2) describe the results of a critical appraisal of this evidence; and (3) discuss clinical advances in caring for older adults from a review of high impact papers during the past year.

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

1:00 - 2:00 PM EASTERN

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN GERIATRIC PRIMARY CARE: PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR DIAGNOSIS AND CLINICAL EFFICIENCY

Track: Clinical Practice CME/CE: 1.0

Moderator: Alyson R. Michener, MD

This symposium demonstrates how primary care geriatricians can integrate artificial intelligence (AI) into daily practice to improve diagnostic accuracy and clinical efficiency. Through practical demonstrations and real-world examples, participants will learn actionable strategies for using AI tools to support differential diagnosis, streamline documentation, and reduce administrative burden while maintaining patient-centered care. Learning Objectives: (1) apply AI tools to expand differential diagnoses in complex geriatric presentations; (2) implement AI to streamline clinical documentation and administrative tasks in primary care; and (3) evaluate ethical considerations and limitations of AI use in geriatric practice.

Think Broadly, Narrow Wisely: Using AI to Enhance Diagnostic Reasoning

David Hurwitz, MD, MBA

AI as a Clinical Ally: More Time for What Matters Most in Geriatric Primary Care

Leah V. Schechter, MD

1:00 - 2:00 PM EASTERN

AGE FRIENDLY HEALTH SYSTEMS: HOW TO TURN YOUR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT WORK INTO SCHOLARSHIP AND ADVANCE THE SCIENCE OF AGE FRIENDLY

Track: Research CME/CE: 1.0

Moderator: Elizabeth Eckstrom, MD, MPH

Sponsored by the Research Committee and the Junior Faculty Special Interest Group

This symposium will focus on sharing strategies and tools to assist AFHS implementers to train interprofessional teams to practice Age Friendly Care, suggest EHR and workflow tools to facilitate age-friendly adoption, and provide practical strategies to evaluate AFHS work, so that the evidence behind AFHS can be strengthened. Learning Objectives: (1) review the current state of the evidence for how Age Friendly Health Systems improve the health of older adults, including those from under-represented communities, and gain increased familiarity with the Age Friendly Research Network and how to utilize the Network to assist with implementation and evaluation of Age Friendly work; (2) apply tips for using the EHR to improve and sustain your Age Friendly work; (3) build expertise in teaching Age Friendly to interprofessional learners, faculty and staff; and (4) enhance ability to use QI and improvement science methodology to make your Age Friendly efforts more impactful.

Age-Friendly Health Systems in Action: A Practical Guide to QI, the 4Ms, and Scholarly Dissemination

Shivani K. Jindal, MD, MPH

Developing Expertise in Education Research: Preparing Interprofessional Teams to Deliver Age Friendly Care

Andrea N.W. Schwartz, MD, MPH

How To Use Implementation Science and QI Evaluation Frameworks to Make Age-Friendly Work Scholarly

Robert E. Burke, MD, MS

1:00 - 2:00 PM EASTERN

2026 UPDATE ON VACCINATION STRATEGIES FOR OLDER ADULTS

Track: Clinical Practice CME/CE: 1.0

Moderator: Sharon A. Brangman, MD, AGSF

This session is intended to provide the latest information for healthcare professionals on vaccinations for older adults and to share how the AGS's Older Adults Vaccine Initiative has made strides to increase vaccinations. Learning Objectives: (1) review the latest recommendations and guidelines pertaining to vaccination indications and schedules for older patients (2) discuss strategies included in the Vaccine manuscript to actively promote the CDC's Standards of Adult Immunization Practices (SAIP); and (3) describe approaches to improve vaccination rates among older adults.

Welcome & Introductions

Sharon A. Brangman, MD, AGSF

Latest Vaccine Guidance from the CDC and Vaccine Policy

Kenneth Schmader, MD

Findings from the AGS Older Adults Vaccine Initiative Manuscript

Timothy W. Farrell, MD, AGSF

1:00 – 2:00 PM EASTERN

GERIATRIC EDUCATION MATERIALS AND METHODS SWAP III

Track: Education CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Teachers Section and the Education Committee

Moderator: Mariah Robertson, MD, MPH

This session presents a forum for teachers of geriatric education to share topics and materials of common

interest, such as program development, curriculum, educational process and research in teaching and evaluation. Learning Objective: (1) describe and exchange geriatric education and teaching materials.

Building an Age-Friendly Workforce: Geriatric 4M's Bootcamp

Natalie Barrett, DO

Geriatric Fellowship with Cardiology Focus: A Strategy for Fellowship Recruitment

Iva Neupane, MD

Geriatrics Escape Room in Internal Medicine Residency AM Curriculum Enhancement (GERI-IM.RACE)

Karthik J. Kota, MD, MPH

A Novel Fellowship Track to Meet the Needs of an Aging Population with Cognitive Impairment

Martina Krenzer, MD

AI-Powered Immersive Encounter with an Animated Avatar Improves IPE Readiness from Static Vignette to Authentic Patient Interaction

David V. Picella, PhD, NP, CNS, GS-C, CPG

1:00 - 2:00 PM EASTERN

WHO BENEFITS, WHO BREAKS? MEASURING SURGICAL OUTCOMES IN OLDER ADULTS

PAPER SESSION

Track: Research CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Research Committee

Moderator: Heidi Klepin, MD

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.

I CAN DO Surgical Advance Care Planning: Validation of Patient Nudges for a Multi-Site Randomized Controlled Trial

Samuel E. O'Brien, MS

The Impact of Obesity Severity on Short-Term Outcomes after Geriatric Hip Fracture Surgery: A NSQIP Database Analysis

Abdulganeey Olawin, BS

Association Between Frailty and Complications in Medicare Beneficiaries Receiving Cataract Surgery

Meiyi Yu, AB

Influence of Palliative Care Physician Participation in High-Risk Surgery Board on Goals-of-Care Discussions

Yuka Shichijo, MD

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

2:15 - 3:15 PM EASTERN

DEPRESCRIBING AT THE END OF LIFE

Track: Clinical Practice CME/CE: 1.0

Presenter: Mary Lynn McPherson, PharmD, PhD

This session will explore practical, patient-centered approaches to deprescribing in frail older adults with limited life expectancy. Learning Objectives: (1) describe the principles of deprescribing in the context of frailty and limited life expectancy at the end of life; (2) identify common medication classes (e.g., antihypertensives, antidepressants, anticoagulants, hypoglycemics) that may be appropriate for deprescribing in patients with limited life expectancy; and (3) apply a structured, individualized approach to evaluating risks and benefits of continuing medications in end-of-life care.

2:15 - 3:15 PM EASTERN

WHAT MATTERS MOST: INTERDISCIPLINARY IMPLEMENTATION PANEL

Track: Clinical Practice CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Home-Based Primary Care Special Interest Group

Moderator: Emma C. Williams, PharmD, BCGP, CPP

This session will feature interdisciplinary viewpoints (medicine, nursing, pharmacy and social work) on the implementation of one of the 5Ms of geriatric care: What Matters Most. Learning Objectives: (1) describe the “What Matters Most” domain within the 5Ms framework and its significance in delivering goal-concordant care to older adults; (2) identify the varied and complementary roles of physicians/APPs, pharmacists, nurses, and social workers in assessing patients’ goals, values, and priorities; (3) demonstrate strategies for effective interdisciplinary collaboration that support the integration of “What Matters Most” into routine care planning; and (4) apply practical approaches shared by panelists to overcome common barriers in implementing “What Matters Most” conversations in various care settings.

What Matters Most: Assessing What Matters Most at Physician-APP Primary Care Visit

Melissa Dattalo, MD, MPH

What Matters Most: Pharmacist-Led Assessment of Patient Priorities in a Home-Based Primary Care Setting

Emma C. Williams, PharmD, BCGP, CPP

What Matters Most: The Nursing Perspective

Annette L. Meares, DNP, RN

What Matters Most: The Social Work Perspective

Carissa Funk-Wojciechowski, MSW, LSW

2:15 - 3:15 PM EASTERN

LIGHTNING SCIENCE: BRIEF PRESENTATIONS OF TOP-RATED ABSTRACTS

Track: Research CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Research Committee

Co-Moderators: Peter M. Abadir, MD & Lee A. Jennings, MD, MSHS

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; (3) identify at least three AGS-affiliated individuals conducting exciting research in aging.

2:15 - 3:15 PM EASTERN

FROM LEARNER TO LEADER: ELEVATING GERIATRICS IN HEALTHCARE QUALITY

Track: Professional Development CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Quality and Performance Measurement Committee, Tideswell Special Interest Group, Health Systems Leadership in Geriatrics Special Interest Group, and the Fellows-in-Training Section
Co-Moderators: Hiroshi Gotanda, MD, PhD & Kathleen M. Breda, MSN, BBA, APN, AGACNP-BC, GRN, ONP-C

This symposium offers a practical and developmental roadmap for clinicians who want to become leaders in healthcare quality within geriatrics. Drawing from real-world examples at three distinct career stages; fellowship, health system leadership, and national strategy, the session will introduce the tools, skills, and partnerships that clinicians can cultivate to contribute meaningfully to quality improvement. Learning Objectives: (1) discuss what foundational knowledge and tools a novice geriatrician needs to enhance quality, especially during training and early career; (2) identify how to build on early quality improvement work to contribute to institutional initiatives and the broader health system; and (3) describe what it means to lead and influence at a national level to improve access, equity, and person-centered outcomes for older adults.

Finding Your Niche and Building a Career in Geriatric Medicine & Quality

Rebecca K. Masutani, MD, MHA

From Geriatrician to Health System Leadership

Jessica L. Kalender-Rich, MD, MHA, AGSF, CMD

The Role of Geriatric Leadership in National Policy and Measurement

Caroline S. Blaum, MD, MS

2:15 - 3:15 PM EASTERN

HEALTH SERVICE & POLICY RESEARCH PAPER SESSION

Track: Research CME/CE: 1.0

Sponsored by the Research Committee

Moderator: Cynthia M. Boyd, 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.

Using a Standardized EHR Note to Identify Characteristics of Patients Reported for Elder Abuse and Self-Neglect in a National Health System

Lena K. Makaroun, MD, MS

Real-World Use of Lecanemab Among US Adults with Alzheimer's Disease

Ravi Gupta, MD, MSHP

Practice Patterns among Primary Care Clinicians Caring for People Living with Dementia: Evidence from the National Dementia Workforce Study

Jilin Tian, MS

Health Care Contact Days among Older Adults After Emergency Department Visits: A Cross-Sectional Analysis

Cameron J. Gettel, MD, MHS

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

3:30 - 4:30 PM EASTERN

AGING AND ORAL HEALTH

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Christie M. Hogue, DDS & Nicole Rogus-Pulia, PhD, CCC-SLP

The purpose of this SIG is to provide a forum where issues that impact the oral health of older adults are presented, and where challenges requiring a team approach to coordinate needed treatments can be discussed.

3:30 - 4:30 PM EASTERN FAMILY PHYSICIANS IN GERIATRICS

Track: Networking

Chair: Erik J. Lindbloom, MD, MSPH

The mission of this SIG is to discuss and act on issues of concern to family physicians, family medicine fellows, and family medicine residents caring for older adults. We communicate with several of the other family medicine organizations, such as the American Academy of Family Physicians and the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine.

3:30 - 4:30 PM EASTERN GERIATRIC-SURGICAL CO-MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Nadia Mujahid, MD & Esteban Garcia Franco, MD

This SIG brings together clinicians and researchers interested in clinical and academic perspective on surgical co-management. We share ideas, promote our work, network, collaborate, and provide a safe environment for clinicians to discuss the complexities and intricacies of co-management from creating a business case to promoting team-based care.

3:30 - 4:30 PM EASTERN GROUP MEDICAL VISITS (GMV) FOR OLDER ADULTS

Track: Networking

Chair: Deborah S. Lee, MD

The mission of this SIG is provide a collaborative space for geriatrics clinicians who are conducting group medical visits (GMVs) to deliver effective counseling and care for older adults. Priorities include: effectively billing for GMVs for financial sustainability, engaging trainees in the design and implementation of GMVs, disseminating successful curricula for adaption by practices/providers lacking geriatrics expertise, using GMVs to reduce social isolation, and exploring the role of GMVs as a community engagement/service tool.

3:30 - 4:30 PM EASTERN HEALTH SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP (HSL) IN GERIATRICS

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Anna Chodos, MD & Ardeshir Hashmi, MD, FACP, AGSF

The mission of the HSL SIG is to explore principles of leadership, management, and systems transformation as they apply to the growing need for geriatrics in health systems and present strategies to accomplish this. Our goals are to educate AGS members about these principles, highlight successful work in HSL, present opportunities for training in HSL, develop workshop leadership challenges, and form a community to help develop new health systems leaders in geriatrics.

3:30 - 4:30 PM EASTERN HEALTHY AGING

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Kady Goldlist, MD & Emily Johnston, MPH, PhD

The mission of this SIG is to promote healthy aging initiatives at AGS; to develop presentations, symposia, and educational materials for AGS members; to encourage research in healthy aging; to act as liaisons with other organizations promoting healthy aging; and to identify and promote ways that AGS members can promote healthy aging among their patients and among populations of people.

3:30 - 4:30 PM EASTERN

PROGRAM OF ALL-INCLUSIVE CARE FOR THE ELDERLY (PACE)

Track: Networking

Chair: Venise Lewis

The Program for All-Inclusive Care of the Elderly (PACE) is a comprehensive, fully integrated model that provides community-based care for nursing home eligible frail elders. We provide information to people who are interested in working with or establishing a PACE organization.

3:30 - 4:30 PM EASTERN

SOCIETY FOR GENERAL INTERNAL MEDICINE GERIATRICS (SGIM)

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Judith Vick, MD, MPH and Eva Szymanski, MD

The mission of this SIG is to serve as a source of collaborative activity between AGS and the Society for General Internal Medicine (SGIM). We focus on ways to collaborate on developing workshops for the AGS & SGIM annual meetings, as well as fostering ongoing collaborative efforts and better communication between the two groups.

3:30 - 4:30 PM EASTERN

WOUND PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Veronica C. Nwagwu, MD, CWSP, AGSF & Sarwat Jabeen, MD, CWS, FAAFP, AGSF

This SIG is an interdisciplinary group of healthcare professionals who strive to improve outcomes in skin and wound health for vulnerable older adults by supporting education, research, and quality improvement initiatives. The SIG serves as a platform to discuss educational initiatives at AGS, policy objectives, and updates on budding research.