

**AMERICAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY
2026 VIRTUAL ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING**

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

10:00 AM – 3:30 PM EASTERN

AGS COCARE®: HELP (HOSPITAL ELDER LIFE PROGRAM) PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

Additional fee session

CME/CE Credit: 5 Track: Clinical Practice

The AGS CoCare®: HELP program, formerly known as The Hospital Elder Life Program, originally created by Dr. Sharon Inouye, is a well-studied, effective, and innovative model of hospital care designed to prevent both delirium and functional decline. Learn about implementation strategies and how your hospital can adopt the program, as well as strategies for sustainability & longevity to ensure success of AGS CoCare: HELP in the hospital. Learning Objectives: (1) describe the impact of hospital-acquired delirium on patient outcomes, workforce burden, and organizational quality metrics; (2) identify innovative strategies that support reliable delirium prevention; (3) discuss practical methods for leveraging pre-professional and health science students as interns or volunteers to enhance delirium prevention efforts while supporting workforce development; (4) explain how electronic health record tools can be used to proactively identify patients at highest risk for delirium; and (5) identify strategies leaders can use to translate delirium risk reduction initiatives into measurable clinical and operational results.

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
10:00am	Welcome / Logistics	Deena Sandos, MSW Senior Manager, Special Projects <i>American Geriatrics Society</i>
10:10am	AGS CoCare®: HELP Overview	Lyn Weinberg, MD Director, Division of Geriatrics; HELP Medical Director <i>Allegheny Health Network</i>
10:40am	Playful Motion: Turning Exercise into Enjoyment	Angela G. Catic, MD, MEd Associate Chief of Staff for Education <i>Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center</i> Associate Professor <i>Baylor College of Medicine</i>
11:20am	Exchange & Engage – Breakout Rooms	
12:20pm	Break	

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12:35pm	From Risk to Results: Making Delirium Prevention a Leadership Priority	Regina S. Cunningham, PhD, RN, FAAN Chief Executive Officer <i>Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania</i> Professor of Nursing <i>University of Pennsylvania</i>
1:15pm	Panel: Innovation in AGS CoCare®: HELP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adherence Rate Tracking Database • Using Pre-Professional/Health Science Students as Program Interns/Volunteers • Epic Tool to Auto Screen Highest Risk Patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca L. Trotta, PhD, RN, NEA-BC <i>Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania</i> • Gina Cariveau, RN <i>UnityPoint Health - Des Moines</i> • Mosmi Surati, MD, MPH & Carline Guerrier, RN <i>Rush University Medical Center</i>
2:00pm	Delirium on Dementia: Everyday Clinical Challenges and Encounters	Tamara G. Fong, MD, PhD Associate Scientist Associate Professor of Neurology <i>Harvard Medical School & Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center</i>
2:40pm	The Value of Older Adult Volunteers	Robbin Moulds, AM Program Manager - Hospital Elder Life Program <i>Grampians Health</i>
3:20pm	Closing Remarks	Lyn Weinberg, MD Director, Division of Geriatrics; HELP Medical Director <i>Allegheny Health Network</i>

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EASTERN

CLINICAL CARE FOR HOMELESS ADULTS

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Diane L. Chau, MD & David V. Picella, NP, NP, CNS, GS-C, CPG

The mission of this SIG is to provide a forum where issues that impact homeless older adults are presented and discussed, and geriatrics healthcare professionals can interact to find and expand access to care for homeless older individuals; to address the growing homeless epidemic by educating, promoting awareness, and assuring quality healthcare evidence and data to support homeless geriatrics care. To accomplish our mission, we: (1) disseminate knowledge regarding homelessness and poor health; (2) develop relationships with a broad range of other groups (social welfare, financial, public, academic) to aid in our mission and collate solutions for assuring adequate healthcare for homeless older

adults; (3) promote clinical practices and address practice gaps that will improve the health status of older adults who live without homes or are at risk of homelessness.

**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EASTERN
CLINICAL RESEARCH IN DEMENTIA**

Track: Networking

Chair: Noll L. Campbell, PharmD, MS

The mission of this SIG is to bring together AGS members who are dedicated to advancing the health care of older adults living with dementia by advancing clinical research in geriatrics across disciplines and care settings; to disseminate interdisciplinary, evidence-based clinical knowledge about the management of dementia in older adults.

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EASTERN
FAITH, RELIGIOSITY, SPIRITUALITY AND AGING**

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Hawa Abu, MD, PhD, MPH & Douglas Lane, PhD

The Faith, Religiosity, Spirituality, and Aging Special Interest Group aims to create a collaborative space for geriatric and non-geriatric clinicians and researchers to explore the influence of faith, religiosity, and spirituality on the well-being and health outcomes of older adults. Our goal is to translate these insights into clinical practice while building meaningful partnerships with faith-based organizations to support older adults throughout their lives.

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EASTERN
GERIATRICS CONSULTATIVE SERVICE**

Track: Networking

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

This meeting is open to anyone interested in geriatric medicine consultative services across all care settings. Participants will collaborate with fellow attendees about how geriatrics consultative services are provided in various clinical settings. Our discussions focus on what services are in demand; the types of older adults we are asked to see; various collaborative efforts with other services; billing processes and concerns; efforts to incorporate geriatrics teaching within the consultative setting; and the types of problems we encounter as a group.

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EASTERN
INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Niharika Suchak, MBBS, MHS, FACP & Savitri Ramdial, MD, CMD

This SIG brings together AGS members who have an interest in the development of international initiatives in geriatrics care and education. As the older adult population continues to grow globally, there has been an increasing demand for health and social-service systems tailored to older adult needs. We promote awareness of global trends in aging and healthcare issues in older adults across continents and international borders. We emphasize optimizing care of older adults around the world by enhancing networking and establishing partnerships. This can translate into improved geriatrics care and education, greater use of technology to conduct didactic sessions with participants from multiple countries, long-term international collaborations for models of care and geriatrics education, and increased involvement and representation of AGS members in international geriatrics conferences and organizations.

**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EASTERN
INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND PRACTICE IN GERIATRICS**

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Josette Rivera, MD & Todd James, MD

The mission of this SIG is to explore how broad health professional interest in collaboration is changing health education and practice. While geriatrics has long recognized the importance of teams, this has not been a widely recognized focus of health education or practice until recently. Interprofessional education refers to "two or more professionals learn[ing] about, from and with each other to enable effective collaboration and improve health outcomes." All are welcome!