

AMERICAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY 2026 VIRTUAL ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026

PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

10:00 AM – 1:30 PM EASTERN

FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORS PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

Additional fee session

CME/CE Credit: 3 Track: Education

Sponsored by the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs (ADGAP)

The role of the geriatrics fellowship director is complex and involves a variety of activities and responsibilities. This session will present topics of interest and practical instruction for both new and seasoned fellowship directors.

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM EASTERN

CANNABIS AND THE OLDER ADULT PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

Additional fee session

CME/CE Credit: 4 Track: Clinical Practice

Sponsored by the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use Among Older Adults Special Interest Group and the Achieving Health Equity Among Diverse Older Adults (AHEAD) Special Interest Group

Moderator: Alison A. Moore, MD, MPH, FACP, AGSF

This is an interactive, interprofessional pre-conference session aiming to provide health professionals with the knowledge and skills to be able to discuss cannabis with their older adult patients and/or care partners, as well as assess for risky use and apply harm reduction strategies. Learning Objectives: (1) list different formulations of cannabis, including their pharmacology, and appreciate the history of cannabis use and how its legal status affects the availability of research data and use stigma; (2) provide education to patients and caregivers regarding the use of cannabis, including its potential benefits and harms based on the literature available; (3) screen for and diagnose risky cannabis use, cannabis use disorder, and list the next steps in management; and (4) organize a cannabis-related clinical assessment they can apply to their clinical practice.

The History of Cannabis Use and Its Epidemiology of Use Among Older Adults

Benjamin H. Han, MD, MPH

Pharmacology and Formulations of Cannabis

Kimberly J. Beiting, MD

Evidence Behind the Benefits of Cannabis

Vassiliki Pravodelov, MD, FACP

Harms of Cannabis

Deepika E. Slawek, MD, MPH, MS

Cannabis Use Disorder: Diagnosis, Next Steps in Management, Treatment, and Harm Reduction

Andrea J. Landi, MD, MPH

Cannabis for Medical Use Part 1: Outpatient Clinical Assessment

Justina L. Groeger, MD, MPH

Cannabis for Medical Use Part 2: Special Geriatric Considerations

Zachary J. Palace, MD, CMD, FACP

Cannabis for Medical Use Part 3: Management of Common Clinical Scenarios

Justina L. Groeger, MD, MPH & Alison A. Moore, MD, MPH, FACP, AGSF

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM EASTERN

WHAT EVERY GERIATRICIAN NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT DEMENTIA DIAGNOSTICS AND TREATMENT

Additional fee session

CME/CE Credit: 4 Track: Clinical Practice

Co-Moderators: Jason Karlawish, MD & Esther S. Oh, MD, PhD

This pre-conference session provides practical, up-to-date guidance on the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of dementia, with a focus on emerging Alzheimer's disease therapeutics, biomarker use in primary care, and evolving care models. Expert faculty will explore the integration of AI and technology in dementia care and examine the diverse roles geriatricians play as primary care providers, dementia specialists, and interdisciplinary leaders. Learning Objectives: (1) summarize current and emerging pharmacologic therapies for Alzheimer's disease, including indications, risks, and monitoring considerations; (2) describe key findings from dementia prevention research, including implications of the U.S. POINTER study for clinical practice; (3) evaluate the appropriate use, benefits, and limitations of dementia biomarkers in primary care settings; (4) compare models of dementia care delivery and identify strategies to improve care coordination and outcomes; (5) discuss the applications and ethical considerations of AI and technology in dementia diagnosis and management; and (6) define the evolving role of geriatricians in dementia care across the spectrum of practice, from primary care to subspecialty consultation.

Updates on Alzheimer's Disease Therapeutics

Daniel C. Parker, MD

Prevention: US Pointer Study

MaryJo L. Cleveland, MD

Use of Biomarkers in Primary Care Clinics

Cynthia M. Carlsson, MD, MS

Models of Dementia Care

Mia Yang, MD

AI and Technology in Dementia Care

Peter M. Abadir, MD

Panel Discussion on Role of Geriatricians in Dementia Care - As Primary Care Physicians, As Dementia Specialists and Everything in Between

Alejandra Lopez, MD; Nathaniel A. Chin, MD; Lolita S. Nidadavolu, MD, PhD; Melissa Morgan-Gouveia, MD

2:30 PM – 5:30 PM EASTERN

ADGAP LEADERSHIP SESSION

Additional fee session

CME/CE: 3 Track: Professional Development

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SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EASTERN

ACUTE CARE

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Caitlin Jones, MD & Priscilla Yee, MD

The mission of the Acute Care SIG is to improve hospitalization outcomes for older adults through improvements in clinical care, dissemination of research findings, and promotion of health professional education.

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EASTERN

ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUG USE (ATOD) AMONG OLDER ADULTS

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Benjamin H. Han, MD, MPH; Kimberly J. Beiting, MD; Justina L. Groeger, MD, MPH

The mission of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use (ATOD) Among Older Adults Interest Group is to address the dramatic increase in older adults with unhealthy substance use and substance use disorders. This SIG brings together an interdisciplinary group of professionals with clinical, educational, and/or research interests in reducing the harms of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use in older adults. Our group also focuses on national collaboration to provide education and research in the care of older adults with substance use disorders.

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EASTERN

CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES AND AGING

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Ariela R. Orkaby, MD, MPH & Min Ji Kwak, MD, MS, DrPH

The mission of the Cardiovascular Diseases and Aging Special Interest Group is to provide an official forum for AGS members who are dedicated to providing high-quality and safe care for older adults with cardiovascular diseases. The members will engage in activities (1) disseminating the up-to-date evidence in geriatric cardiology; (2) collaborating on various research projects; (3) discussing the current challenges and solutions in care for older adults with cardiovascular diseases in real-world practice; and (4) networking nationally and internationally. The forum is open to AGS members from diverse backgrounds.

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EASTERN

ELDER MISTREATMENT

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Julia Hiner, MD & Carrie Rubenstein, MD, AGSF

The mission of this SIG is to improve the lives of older adults affected by elder mistreatment through clinical care and prevention, education, research, resource-sharing, and advocacy efforts. Our members include national leaders, health professionals, educators, researchers, and learners-in-training. We strive to spearhead elder mistreatment (including elder abuse, neglect, exploitation) initiatives in our communities, country, and globally, and raise awareness for issues surrounding elder mistreatment, while also serving as a networking group for colleagues.

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EASTERN

GERIATRIC EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (GER-ED)

Track: Networking

Chair: Saket Saxena, MD

The Geriatric Emergency Department (GER-ED) Special Interest Group brings together all health professionals interested in improving the care of older adults in Emergency Departments. We review the challenges older adults face in EDs and work on creating collaborative models of care to sustain the

development of Geriatric EDs and Age Friendly Initiatives in Emergency Departments. Please join us to explore growing opportunities to advance the care of older adults in Emergency Departments.

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EASTERN

NEEDS OF OLDER LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PERSONS

Track: Networking

Chair: Carl H. Burton, MD

The mission of this SIG is to increase awareness for considering the needs of older gay and lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons and to foster a more formal analysis and observation of these needs.

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EASTERN

PALLIATIVE CARE

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Mona Gupta, MD & Lauren Mazzurco, DO

This SIG promotes awareness of palliative care issues in the geriatrics community and hopes to identify and build on synergies that exist between geriatrics and palliative care.

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EASTERN

POLYPHARMACY

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Cara McDermott, PhD, PharmD, MSc

The Polypharmacy SIG is dedicated to issues related to medication use in older adults. Our goal is to facilitate education and discussion on this topic, both within the group and for a wider audience.

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EASTERN

TIDESWELL LEADERS IN AGING PROGRAM

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Megan Young, MD; Timothy W. Farrell, MD, AGSF; Liron Sinvani, MD; Maile Karris, MD; Suvi Neukam, DO

The mission of the SIG is to support Tideswell scholars and leaders in geriatrics through mentorship, networking, continued leadership training, and scholarship with the ultimate goal of a commitment to enhancing the care of older adults through clinical work, research, and education.

7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EASTERN

POSTER SESSION A

Track: Research

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