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[Eric Widera, MD](#) has been selected as a 2024 [UCSF Department of Medicine Master Clinicians!](#) The Council of Master Clinicians was established to honor faculty in the Department of Medicine whose main professional focus is clinical care, and who provide such care with uncommon skill and grace. In essence, our Master Clinicians are “the doctor’s doctors.”

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This week, [Dementia Care Aware](#) launched a new informational video, “[A Brighter Future for Dementia Care, Early Detection Matters!](#)” This video discusses why early detection isn't just beneficial – it's absolutely imperative! Hear from advocates, experts, and caregivers of people living with dementia why early identification and intervention spells the difference between mere management and genuine transformation in the lives of those affected by dementia.



[Stephanie Rogers, MD](#) is the delirium researcher of the month for the 'Network for Investigation of Delirium: Unifying Scientists' (NIDUS) research group. See the announcement [here](#).



[Matthew Growdon, MD](#), [Bocheng Jing, MS](#), [Earl Morris, PharmD, PhD](#), [James Deardorff, MD](#), [John Boscardin, PhD](#), [Amy Byers, PhD, MPH](#), [Ken Boockvar, MD, MS](#), and [Mike Steinman, MD](#) published a paper entitled, "[Which older adults are at highest risk of prescribing cascades? A national study of the gabapentinoid-loop diuretic cascade](#)" in the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society.



Who Wore It Better? Looks like Geriatrics fellow [Kathryn Sellman, MD](#) and Attending [Stephanie Rogers, MD](#) have the same chic hopsital style. Rain boots and all, they've unintentionally formed the ultimate geriatric fashion duo while tackling the inpatient Geriatrics consult service on this rainy Thursday.



[Mitchel Erickson, DNP, MS, BSN, BSc, ACNP-C](#), our UCSF Geriatric Age-Friendly ED Consultant and Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, is featured in the UCSF School of Nursing Alumni Success Story. [Read his story here.](#)



[Qiao Yu Kuang, MPH](#) and [Brenda Fagan, MS](#) spread [Dementia Care Aware's](#) message for early detection with attendees of the American Society On Aging conference here in San Francisco last week. On Aging is the nation's largest multidisciplinary conference on aging gathering approximately 3,000 professionals working in aging and related fields.



On March 28, 2024, the Caregivers As Partners in Care Teams (CAP-CT) program hosted Robyn Golden, LCSW, Associate Vice President of Social Work and Community Health at Rush University Medical Center and Diane Mariani, LCSW, CADC, Program Manager of Social Work and Community Health at Rush University Medical Center, to talk about their Caring for Caregivers (C4C) model. The C4C model provides a structured and sustainable approach to support family/friend caregivers of older adults in a variety of settings. The slides and materials from their presentation can be found [here](#).



[Carla Perissinotto, MD, MHS](#), [Ashwin Kotwal, MD, MS](#), and their team showcased a [poster](#) about the promising potential of peer programs in tackling social isolation and loneliness among older adults at the American Society on Aging conference. They emphasized the importance of innovative approaches, such as flexible interaction and cross-sector collaboration.



[Ashwin Kotwal, MD, MS](#) is quoted in an article entitled, "[Why loneliness is bad for your health](#)" in the Nature Journal.



[Anna Chodos, MD, MPH](#), [Clara Park, MPA](#), and [Josette Rivera, MD](#), published an article titled "Dementia Care Aware: A California Statewide Effort to Support Primary Care Teams" in the April 2024 issue of [Society of General Internal Medicine \(SGIM\) Forum](#). The article describes California's Dementia Care Aware program including the benefits of California Senate Bill 48 which creates educational offerings for physicians to learn about and implement the Cognitive Health Assessment.

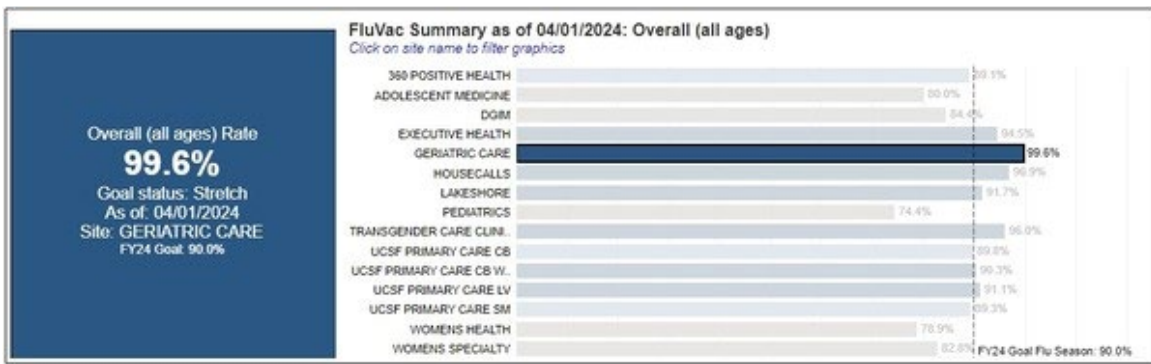


[Ashwin Kotwal, MD, MS](#) and [Carla Perissinotto, MD, MHS](#) presented at a big forum in Redwood City on Wednesday 4/3/24 which announced that the [County of San Mateo has committed substantial resources to address the public health crisis of loneliness and social isolation](#).



The **UCSF Center for Geriatric Care (UCGC)** gave flu shots to 99.6% of UCGC patients during this year's flu season. This year was better than in any previous year on record. This success was only possible due to the combined efforts of everyone in our UCGC practice. **Brenda, Julia** and **Liz** organized our staff to give flu shots during provider appointments, during nurse visits, and during our Saturday flu shot day. **Front desk staff** scheduled patients and mailed out reminder cards. **Nursing staff** (including our permanent and temporary staff) administered lots of injections (both in and out of costume) and contacted patients to get updates about immunizations they got other places or about refusal to get vaccines. Our **social worker** helped patients get transportation to their appointments. **Providers** remembered to recommend flu shots during office visits and home visits. **Ziyi** and **Christina** provided reports of patients who were overdue so we could do outreach. Of course we would never brag, but you can notice in the graph below how we did among the UCSF primary care practices. I am very proud of everything that you all contributed to make this possible and I am so glad that I get to work with each one of you. You make our work excellent and fun.

---Daniel Pound



GERIATRIC & PALLIATIVE MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS



Adrienne Green, MD,

President and Chief Executive Officer, San Francisco Campus for Jewish Living

A Physician Leader’s Journey: Aligning your clinical niche with the needs of the C-Suite

April Grand Rounds (Hybrid)

Wednesday, April 24; 4:00-5:00 pm PST

Nursing Building, Room 217, 2 Koret Way (in-person)

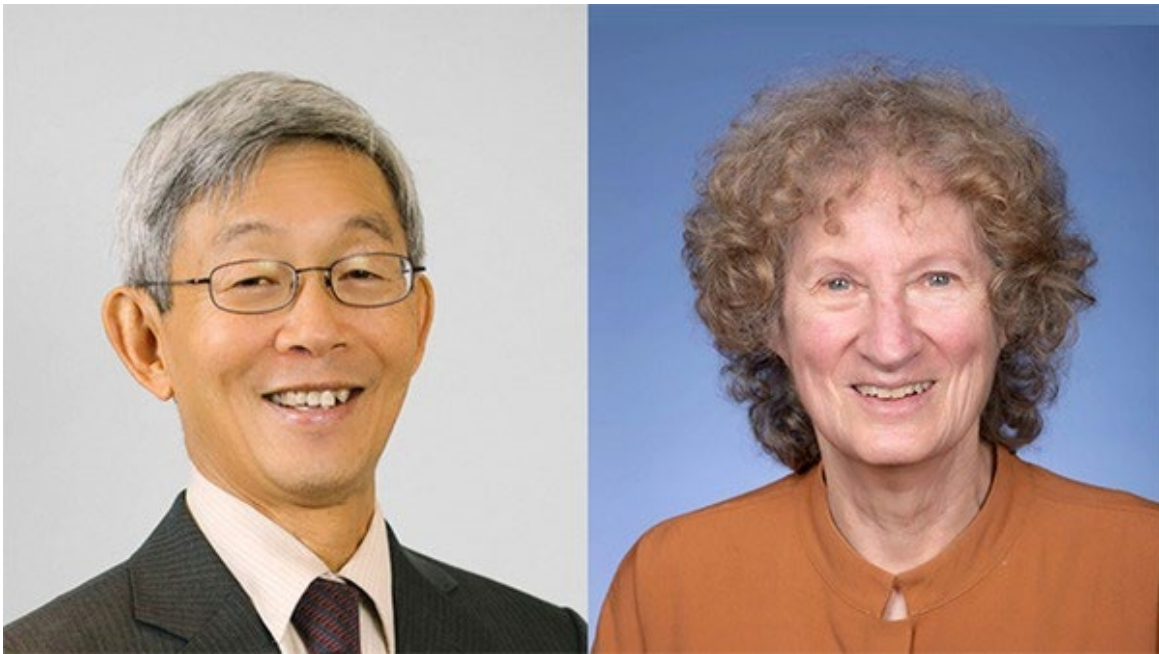
[Zoom Registration Link](#) (remote)

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GERIPAL BLOG



Geriatrics & Palliative Care for All Healthcare Professionals



Surrogate Decision Making: Bernie Lo and Laurie Dornbrand

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GERI TWEET OF THE WEEK

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The San Francisco VA is looking for a [#geriatrics](#) physician to work in the VA nursing home (CLC). Application here (DM me to talk about it)
<https://usajobs.gov/job/782152100>

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- [Eric Widera, MD @EWidera](#)

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Llama Day

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

7:00am - 7:00pm

Koret Quad

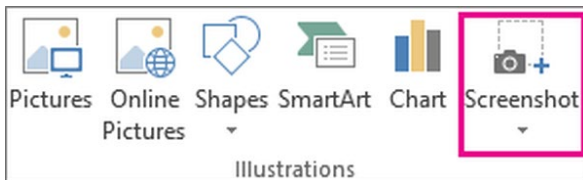
Mission Bay

Back by popular demand! Come to Koret Quad to de-stress from work, exams, research, and life in general by cuddling with a llama!! Must show email confirmation of waiver completion and UCSF ID when checking in.

*This event will be photographed. If you do not wish to be included please let the event organizer know at check-in.

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MICROSOFT OFFICE PEARL



Microsoft Outlook Screenshot Tool

The Microsoft Outlook screenshot tool enables you to capture any portion of your screen and seamlessly paste it directly into your email.

[Learn how](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10: Geriatrics Works in Progress

8:30-9:40AM

Speaker: Dr. Laura Plantinga

April 17: Geriatrics Works in Progress

8:30-9:40AM

Speaker: Erin Ferguson

April 24: Geriatrics Works in Progress

8:30-9:40AM

Speaker: Dr. Lisa Rotenstein

In-person: Geriatrics
Conference Room, Building
1 3rd Floor,

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**UCSF Division of Geriatrics
is Recruiting!**

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Current Career Opportunities:

- [Clinician Educator \(JPF04355\)](#)
- [Research Scientist \(JPF04741\)](#)
- [Harris Fishbon Distinguished Professor for Clinical Translational Research in Aging \(JPF04285\)](#)
- [Program Manager \(STAFF001433\)](#)
- [Associate Research Finance Analyst \(75135BR\)](#)
- [Operations Manager \(77000BR\)](#)

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