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**AGING IN
AMERICA**
SURVIVE OR THRIVE

UCSF's Age-Friendly Emergency Department is featured in the new PBS documentary *Aging in America: Survive or Thrive*, airing this May. Tune in around the 20-minute mark to see how UCSF is leading innovations in elder care. Streaming begins May 1 at [pbs.org](https://www.pbs.org), with a local KQED broadcast on May 18 at 6 PM. Don't miss it!



Janice Schwartz, MD, John Boscardin, PhD, and UCLA colleagues D.M. Tarn and Ruey-Ying published a study titled *Preferences Regarding Clinical Drug Trial Elements: A Nationally Representative Survey of Older Adults With Multimorbidity* in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*.

Key findings include: Nearly half of older adults with multimorbidity are open to participating in clinical trials for medications targeting conditions common in their age group, regardless of sex or race. Participants prefer to learn about clinical trials through their physicians, ideally in medical offices with written materials and opportunities for Q&A—not in senior centers, libraries, or pharmacies. They are also willing to travel for in-person exams and lab tests, as long as travel time is under 30 minutes each way. Additionally, they prefer to have contact with researchers at regular intervals, either monthly or every 3–4 months, throughout the trial.



Dorla Cantu was recognized for her 17.5 years as a volunteer at UCSF Hospital this week! She has been the lead volunteer for the [Parnassus ACE unit](#) since its inception 8 years ago! We are so appreciative of Dorla's service to the care of our older hospitalized patients.



Drs. [Shreya Kapoor](#), [Susan Schneider](#), [Helen Chen](#), and [Jaime Rosenthal](#) recently hosted a dinner with our Visiting Professor, [Dr. Alice Bonner](#). The evening provided a wonderful opportunity to engage in thoughtful conversation around aging, policy, and leadership in geriatrics. We are grateful to Dr. Bonner for sharing her insights and expertise with our team.



COGNITIVE HEALTH ASSESSMENT TRAINING



Monday, May 5, 2025

12 - 1 PM PDT

Josette Rivera, MD
UCSF Geriatric Medicine Expert



Zoom

Free CE/CME



Register Here! 



Primary Care Teams: Join us on May 5, from 12-1 PM PT, via Zoom for the Dementia Care Aware virtual training session on cognitive health assessment.

Free CE/CME! Register here: bit.ly/CognitiveHealthAssessment

The training covers: - An overview of dementia - A review of screening tools in the cognitive health assessment - Conducting a cognitive health assessment - Team-based implementation strategies

GERIPAL BLOG



[Potentially Unsafe Low-evidence Treatments: Adam Marks, Laura Taylor, & Jill Schneiderhan](#)

[Visit the GeriPal Blog](#)

GERIATRIC & PALLIATIVE MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS



[Alice Bonner, PhD, RN, FAAN](#), Adjunct Faculty and Director of Strategic Partnerships, CAPABLE Program, Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing; Senior Advisor for Aging Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)

Leadership in Aging: Taking Action Now!

[Watch recording](#)



[Heather Schickedanz, MD](#), Chair, Harbor-UCLA
Department of Family Medicine; Health Sciences
Assistant Clinical Professor, David Geffen School of
Medicine at UCLA; Chair, LA County Health Agency
Geriatrics Workgroup

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Location: HSW-303 and via Zoom

[Register here](#)

[View Past Grand Rounds Recordings](#)

GERI BLUESKY POST OF THE WEEK

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Check out "[A Person-Centered Approach to Supplemental Oxygen Therapy in the Outpatient Setting](#)" by my mentee, Angela Suen. This article explores strategies to enhance care for patients using supplemental oxygen, emphasizing personalized education and equipment selection to improve patient outcomes.

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- **Rebecca Sudore** @prepareforcare.bsky.social

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



MyTime Training for All Employees

Underway: The launch of MyTime – UCSF’s new integrated timekeeping and scheduling system – is coming. Self-paced eLearning for all employees must be completed before go-live on May 11 for biweekly employees and June 1 for monthly employees.

[Complete the required training now](#)

GERI COMMUNITY RESOURCE



This week's Geri Community
Resource is: [The Nursing Home
Abuse Center \(NHAC\)](#).



[The Nursing Home Abuse Center \(NHAC\)](#) is a national resource committed to safeguarding seniors from abuse and neglect in long-term care facilities. With over 10 million older adults affected by elder abuse annually, NHAC offers vital information on recognizing signs of mistreatment, reporting abuse, and pursuing legal action. Their comprehensive resources include guidance on various types of abuse, reporting procedures, and legal options for victims and their families. If you suspect a loved one is experiencing abuse or neglect in a nursing home, NHAC provides tools to help you take immediate action. Visit nursinghomeabusecenter.com to learn more and access support.

Find Geriatrics
Community
Resources here

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 30: Geriatrics
Works in Progress
8:30 - 9:40 AM
Speaker: TBD
[Zoom Link](#)

May 7: Geriatrics Works
in Progress
8:30 - 9:40 AM
Speaker: TBD
[Zoom Link](#)

May 14: Geriatrics
Works in Progress
8:30 - 9:40 AM
Speaker: TBD
[Zoom Link](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**UCSF Division of
Geriatrics is
Recruiting!**
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details>>](#)

Current Career Opportunities:

- [Clinician Educator \(JPF05152\)](#)
- [Research Scientist \(JPF05507\)](#)
- [Harris Fishbon Distinguished Professor for
Clinical Translational Research in Aging
\(JPF05557\)](#)



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