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**UCSF** Division of Geriatrics  
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Rebecca Conant, MD was selected as the **2025 Clinician of the Year by the American Geriatrics Society**. This annual award is given to one clinician across the U.S. who embodies the very best of geriatric medicine.



Louise Walter, MD, has been selected as the 2025 recipient of the **Harold S. Luft Award for Mentoring in Health Services and Health Policy Research**. This annual award recognizes one UCSF faculty member who is engaged in the multidisciplinary field of health services and/or health policy research and provides outstanding mentoring in this area, demonstrating the qualities exemplified by Dr. Luft. For more details, please see the latest newsletter from the **UCSF Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies**.



Donna Singer, a patient of [Leah Witt, MD](#), shares her powerful firsthand experience of ICU delirium in her poem *A Patient Speaks*, recently published in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society*. Written after surviving PRES and shaped by her dual perspective as a patient and longtime healthcare consultant, Donna's piece offers a rare and moving glimpse into the emotional and cognitive challenges of critical illness.

[Read the full poem here](#)



[Angela Suen, MD](#) published "[A Person-Centered Approach to Supplemental Oxygen Therapy in the Outpatient Setting](#)" in *JAMA Internal Medicine*. Please see associated [patient page here](#).



[Melisa Wong, MD, MAS](#) has been awarded the Arti Hurria Memorial Award for Emerging Investigators in Internal Medicine by the American Geriatrics Society. Her pioneering research focuses on enhancing cancer care for older adults through tools like the Best Case/Worst Case communication tool and developing risk prediction models for functional and cognitive decline in older cancer patients.

[Learn more](#)





[Anna Chodos, MD, MPH](#) recently joined the Curbsiders podcast to discuss key topics in dementia care, including cognitive domains, diagnostic criteria, resources for patients and caregivers, new antibody therapies, and brain health plans. Tune in to hear her insights in the full episode: [Curbsiders Podcast – Episode 478: Dementia 2.0 with Anna Chodos](#).



Congratulations to [Michael Harper, MD](#) for correctly prognosticating that Florida would win the NCAA championship, beating prognostication attempts from other division members, including several well-known prognosis researchers and statisticians.

You are invited to attend the Dementia Care Aware Webinar Series

## Living With a Diagnosis: A Discussion With Doctors Living With Dementia

Presenters:



**Retired Clinicians Living With Dementia**  
Dementia Minds



**Anna Chodos, MD, MPH**  
Dementia Care Aware  
University of California, San Francisco



Thursday, May, 22, 2025  
12 - 1 pm PDT via Zoom

[www.DementiaCareAware.org](http://www.DementiaCareAware.org)



Register Here!



Please join Dementia Care Aware at our next Zoom webinar, [Living With a Diagnosis: A Discussion With Doctors Living With Dementia](#).

During this webinar, retired clinicians living with dementia at the National Council of Dementia Minds will discuss their experience navigating receiving a dementia diagnosis from the perspective of a clinician.

You may also sign up to take the cognitive health assessment training (1.5 CE and CME credit) at [www.dementiacareaware.org](http://www.dementiacareaware.org).

GERIPAL BLOG





[RCT of PC in ED: Corita Grudzen, Fernanda Bellolio, & Tammie Quest](#)

[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)

Wednesday, April 23, 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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☐ Happy World Health Day! ☐ Prioritizing our well-being means having important talks about medical preferences with loved ones. Discover step-by-step planning at [buff.ly/3PztLqv](https://buff.ly/3PztLqv) let's make informed decisions together! ☐☐ #WorldHealthDay

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

## LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



### WINGS Staff Development Grants

The School of Medicine is committed to employee career growth and development and to supporting educational activities for our staff. If you are a staff employee in the School of Medicine, you are eligible to apply for a grant to support the cost of a course or other educational opportunity.

The next application deadline for the WINGS Staff Development Grant Program is **May 1, 2025, at 5pm**. Applications will cover classes starting on May 15, 2025, running through and including August 31, 2025. Grant amounts range between \$200-\$400, depending on the number of applications received for the grant cycle.

### WINGS Program Description Online Application



This week's Geri Community Resource is: The [senior program at Tel HI Neighborhood Center](#).



The [senior program at Tel HI Neighborhood Center](#) aims to develop older persons' social skills, physical activity levels, and cognitive abilities. The program provides activities and resources in North Beach, San Francisco. The program includes cooking and gardening activities, Tai Chi, group exercise, and nutritious hot meals. The programs provide technology assistance, workshops, and field trips. [Go to their website to learn more.](#)

Find Geriatrics  
Community  
Resources here

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**April 16:** Geriatrics Works in Progress  
8:30 - 9:40 AM  
Speaker: TBD  
[Zoom Link](#)

**April 23:** Geriatrics Works in Progress  
8:30 - 9:40 AM  
Speaker: TBD  
[Zoom Link](#)

**April 23:** Geriatrics Grand Rounds  
4:00 - 5:00 PM  
Speaker: [Alice Bonner, PhD, RN, FAAN](#)  
[Register here](#)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**UCSF Division of Geriatrics is Recruiting!**  
[Click here for more details>>](#)

### Current Career Opportunities:

- [Clinician Educator \(JPF05152\)](#)
- [Research Scientist \(JPF05507\)](#)
- [Harris Fishbon Distinguished Professor for Clinical Translational Research in Aging \(JPF05153\)](#)

## GIVING





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