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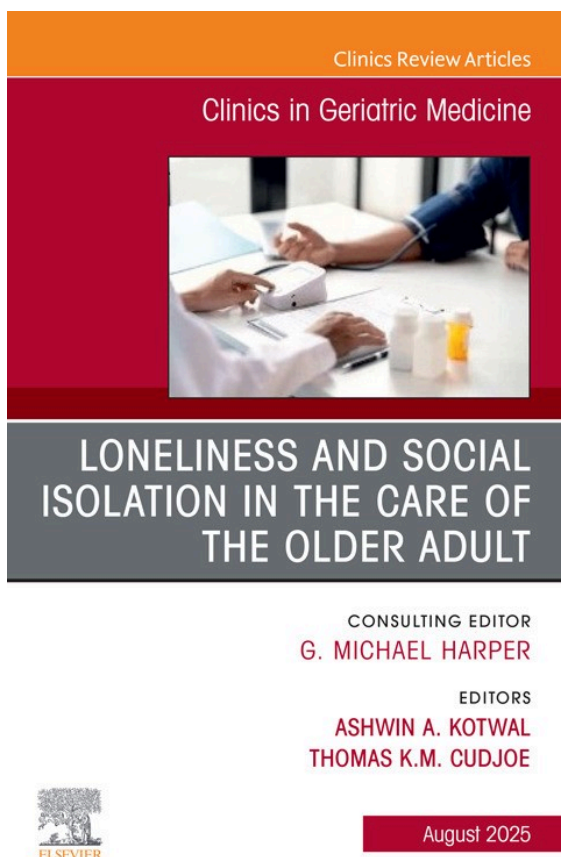
August 15th, 2025



Ashwin Kotwal, MD, MS was a plenary speaker and panelist at the [ALS Nexus 2025 Conference](#) in Dallas on the topic "**Focusing on Increasing Social Connection and Quality of Life**" where he described recent research in ALS and opportunities to improve quality of life through addressing loneliness and social isolation.



Kenneth Lam, MD, MAS, Irena Cenzer, PhD, Alex Smith, MD, MPH, MS, Ken Covinsky, MD, MPH, and Ashwin Kotwal, MD, MS published an article entitled "Social Participation Among Older Adults Before and After Long-Term Care Facility Entry" in JAMA Internal Medicine.



Ashwin Kotwal, MD, MS and Thomas Cudjoe, MD, MPH from Johns Hopkins were guest editors and Mike Harper, MD consulting editor for an issue in Clinics in Geriatric Medicine entitled "Loneliness and Social Isolation in the Care of the Older Adult." The issue includes 11 clinical review articles to guide clinical practice in addressing these needs in older adults.

Your resource to
improving dementia care

Dementia Care
California

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- ✓ **Detection**
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Discover **Dementia Care California** — a new website and resource designed to empower patients, caregivers, and professionals with practical support for dementia detection, diagnosis, and care. Created by the Alzheimer's Disease Program in partnership with the University of California, San Francisco, and leading dementia experts from across the state, this site is your hub for up-to-date clinical tools, caregiver tips, and California-focused resources.

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ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION COMMUNITY SEMINAR

IN COLLABORATION WITH UCSF MEMORY AND AGING CENTER
(presented in Spanish)



Presentations by professionals on Alzheimer's disease risks, treatment advances, support and services for you as a caregiver.



Dr. Stefanie Piña Escudero, Geriatrician,
Specialist in Dementia



Dr. Sergio Lanata,
Neurologist, Director of
the Community Outreach
Program

UCSF Weill Institute for
Neurosciences
Memory and
Aging Center

Date: Saturday September 20, 2025

Time: 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

**Place: UCSF Mission Bay - Genentech Hall
600 16th Street,
San Francisco, CA 94158**

Free event!

Light breakfast will be offered.
UCSF will be doing Visa GiftCard
Raffles! If you are in need of
respite assistance to attend our
conference, please call our helpline
for more information.



**Call 415.604.1751 to register
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ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION®

The Alzheimer's Association and UCSF Memory and Aging Center will host a **free Spanish-language community seminar on Alzheimer's disease and related dementias** on **Saturday, September 20, 2025**, from **9 a.m. to 12 p.m.** at **UCSF Mission Bay**. The event will cover dementia education, caregiving strategies, and community resources, with presentations conducted entirely in Spanish.

This event is being shared on behalf of Sandra Green, Family Care Specialist at the Alzheimer's Association and Community Advisory Board member for the [HEARD \(Hospice & End-of-life Care for people impacted by Alzheimer's and Related Dementias\) Study](#), led by [Krista Harrison, PhD](#), who is actively involved with this effort.

Please see flyers for more details in [English](#) and [Spanish](#).



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ALTERNATIVES TO AGS BEERS CRITERIA



[What instead? Alternatives to Beers: Todd Semla and Mike Steinman](#)

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GERIATRIC & PALLIATIVE MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS



[Shari Ling, MD](#), Deputy Chief Medical Officer,
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Wednesday, September 10, 2025

4:00 - 5:00 PM

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GERI SOCIAL MEDIA POST OF THE WEEK

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Palliative care clinicians and [#ALS](#) specialists have slightly different views of the unmet palliative needs of patients living with [#ALS](#), great paper by Kara Bischoff <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/mus.28458>

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- Alex Smith, MD [@alexsmithmd.bsky.social](#)

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GERI COMMUNITY RESOURCE



This week's Geri Community
Resource is: **AT HOME SUPPORT
SENIOR CARE, INC (AHSSC)**.



AT HOME SUPPORT SENIOR CARE, INC (AHSSC) is a family-owned and operated Home Care Organization. They are licensed, insured and bonded in the State of California. They provide hourly and 24-hour non-medical home care services to the more vulnerable members of our community, such as the elderly, the disabled, the sick, and those in hospice. They serve the Counties of Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Cruz, Santa Clara, Alameda, Contra Costa, Solano, and Napa. They provide services like Personal Care, Meal Preparation, Light Housekeeping, Laundry and Linen Change, Medication Reminders, Activities and Exercises, Errands and Driving, Ambulation and Transfer, Incontinence Management, Companionship and Safety, Dementia / Memory Care, Hospice Care. Their website is <https://www.hsseniorcare.com/>. Contact Information: Kathy Schwarz (650) 667-2206.

**Find Geriatrics
Community
Resources here**

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 20: Geriatrics
Works in Progress

8:30 - 9:40 AM

Fellows WIP

Location: GPEC

Conference Room SFVA

[Zoom Link](#)

August 27: Geriatrics
Works in Progress

8:30 - 9:40 AM

Speaker: Krista Harrison,
PhD

Location: GPEC

Conference Room SFVA

[Zoom Link](#)

September 3: Geriatrics
Works in Progress

8:30 - 9:40 AM

Speaker: Thiago Avelino
Silva, MD, PhD

Location: GPEC

Conference Room SFVA

[Zoom Link](#)

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UCSF Division of Geriatrics is Recruiting!

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- [Research Scientist \(JPF05507\)](#)
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