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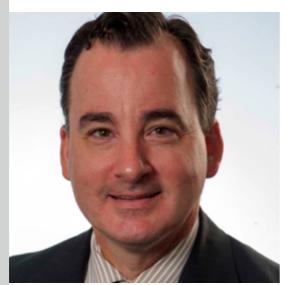
February 14th 2025











This week we are excited to welcome **Dr. Pete Curran** to the UCSF Division of Geriatrics faculty starting on February 10, 2025.

Dr. Curran will be joining our clinician educator faculty and will serve as Medical Director of the San Francisco VA Health Care System's Home Based Primary Care program, which cares for veterans living in San Francisco, Oakland, and multiple Northern California communities.

Learn more about Dr. Curran



Alexander Smith, MD, MPH, MS received the Award for Excellence in Scientific Research in Palliative Care at the Annual Assembly of Hospice and Palliative Medicine in Denver, on Saturday February 8th. Naturally, Dr. Smith made the audience sing along during his acceptance speech, which you can view online here.









Alexandra Lee, PhD, MSPH, James
Deardorff, MD, and Sei Lee, MD,
MAS were recently selected as the
inaugural recipients of the SFCJL
Research Scholars program. As part of
this program, they will be working to
enhance research opportunities at the San
Francisco Campus for Jewish
Living (formerly known as "The Jewish
Home"), and Dr. Lee will become interim
director for research at the SFCJL.
Congratulations to all three!



Janice Schwartz, MD, along with UCLA colleagues Mimi Tarn and Ruey-Ying Liu (now back in Taiwan) and PCORI partner T. Pun, published the results of their focus group study on attitudes toward clinical trials among older Asian Americans of Chinese descent. Their paper, titled Navigating the Path to Inclusion: Understanding Barriers and Facilitators to Clinical Trial Participation Among Older Asian-Chinese Adults with Multimorbidity, was published in the Journal of General Internal Medicine.



Our colleague Paula (Vercudia) Sison is featured in Cuckoo Edible Magic, a new SFBATCO production celebrating Chamorro cuisine and culture! Learn more about the show and its delicious inspiration in this SF Chronicle article.

Purchase your show tickets here.



Thank you to all those who attended the Division's screening of DO INEED THIS? on Thursday, 2/13. Special thank you to Drs. Rebecca Conant, Elena Portacolone, and Susan Schneider for serving as panelists for a lively discussion following the screening!



Thank you to the 15 Division volunteers who signed up to deliver roses to nearly 40 home-bound Care at Home patients across San Francisco in celebration of Valentine's Day! Special thanks to: Abi Ayong, Becki Conant, James Darby, Deepa Dharmarajan, Landon Haller, Mike Harper, Julia Harris, Crystal Kang, Candace Kim, Lisa Li, Niousha Moini, Jaime Rosenthal, Susan Schneider, Danielle Taylor, and Louise Walter. Thank you to Melody Luo for her help passing out roses to patients at the Acute Care for Elders Unit as well.

SAVE the DATE

California Academic Geriatrics Institutions Conference

MAY 30, 2025

University of California, Irvine



ABSTRACTS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR POSTERS AND SELECTED ORAL PRESENTATIONS AT THE MEETING THROUGH APRIL 1ST. MORE DETAILS COMING SOON.

This event is organized and sponsored by:























Todd James, MD and Susan Schneider, MD, MSPH are helping to coordinate the 2025 California Academic Geriatrics Institutions (CAGI) Conference, taking place on May 30, 2025, at the University of California, Irvine. This one-day event offers a valuable opportunity for geriatrics healthcare professionals across California to connect, collaborate, and share their work in a supportive, in-person setting. Save the date—we look forward to seeing you there!

GERIPAL BLOG





Plenary Abstracts at AAHPM/HPNA: Yael Schenker, Na Ouyang, Marie **Bakitas**

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GERIATRIC & PALLIATIVE MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS



Ken Covinsky, MD, MPH Professor of Medicine, Division of Geriatrics, University of California, San Francisco

Ageism in Health Care: Under Treatment, Over Treatment, or All of the Above?

> Wednesday, February 26th, 2025 4:00 - 5:00 PM Location: HSW-300 and via Zoom

> > Register here

View Past Grand Rounds Recordings

GRATITUDE

This Gratitude section is an opportunity for us to post thank-you/gratitude messages to each other. Please email your gratitude posts to Caroline. Ziesmer@ucsf.edu to include in future newsletters.



Todd,

Thank you so much for your help this past week/weekend for our patient on Med Team F! Your time, patience, inviting our medical student to see the patient with you and supporting their learning, teaching for our team, and support for our patient were so helpful and appreciated!

- Anoop Muniyappa



Robbie,

Thank you for being patient and a team player in our Caring Wisely team. You've been an awesome person to work with so far. We've accomplished a lot, and I can't wait to see the impact of our work. I couldn't have manage this project without your expertise and knowledge!

- Melody Luo

GERI BLUESKY POST OF THE WEEK

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New publication by Sarah Nouri explores disparities in virtual vs. in-person outpatient palliative care, focusing on language and race. Read the <u>full study</u> <u>here</u>.

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- Rebecca Sudore @prepareforcare.bsky.social

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Nominate staff for STAR Achievement Award!

Recognize and celebrate the exceptional contributions of UCSF School of Medicine staff by submitting a STAR Achievement Award nomination by April 1, 2025!

This award honors outstanding service and significant achievements—submit your nomination today to show your appreciation.

STAR Nomination portal (VPN required offsite)

GERI COMMUNITY RESOURCE





This week's Geri Community Resource is: Felton Institute.

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Felton Institute offers a wide range of aging services. Felton Institute's Senior Division specializes in workforce development, mental health, and community engagement. Felton Institute's Senior Division helps older adults to thrive and live high-quality, safe, and dignified lives in their communities. Felton Institute's Senior Division runs programs in six Bay Area counties: City and County of San Francisco, San Benito, Marin, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and San Mateo Counties. For more information, visit their website or call (415) 474-7310 x 435.

> Find Geriatrics Community Resources here

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 19: Geriatrics Works in Progress 8:30 - 9:40 AM Speaker: TBD Zoom Link

February 26: Geriatrics Works in Progress 8:30 - 9:40 AM Speaker: TBD Zoom Link

February 26: Geriatric & Palliative Medicine Grand Rounds
4:00 - 5:00 PM
Speaker: Ken Covinsky,
MD

Register

Location: HSW-300 and

via Zoom

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

UCSF Division of Geriatrics is Recruiting!

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Current Career Opportunities:

- Clinician Educator (JPF05152)
- Research Scientist (JPF04741)
- Harris Fishbon Distinguished Professor for Clinical Translational Research in Aging (JPF05153)
- Research Associate (82976BR)
- Clinical Research Coordinator (83592BR)

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