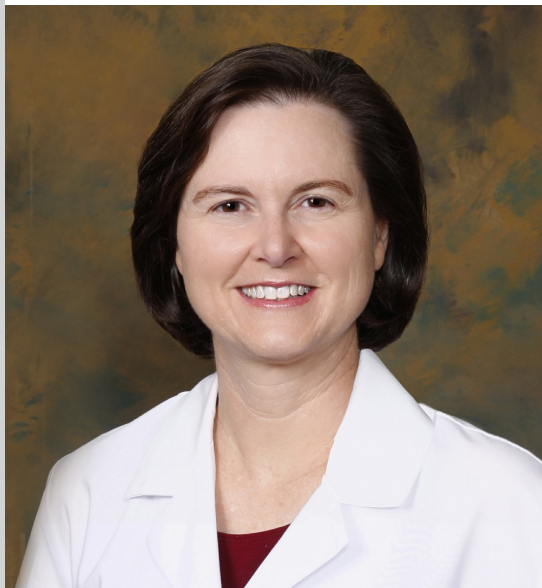


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Our very own, **Louise Walter, MD**, is on the ballot for one of two open seats on the **American Geriatrics Society (AGS) Board of Directors**, so we are encouraging everyone who is an AGS member to **please vote in this year's AGS Leadership Election**.

On February 1st, all AGS members received an email with the subject line "**AGS Leadership Election Ballot Enclosed**" from info.amger@americangeriatrics.org.

Click on "Vote Now" logo (everyone's link is specific to them) to vote. It only takes a couple minutes. Voting ends February 28th.



We are thrilled to announce that [Clarissa Ferguson, MPH](#), PREPARE Contents Manager, has been awarded the NCIRE Special Contributions Award! Nominated by [Rebecca Sudore, MD](#), Clarissa demonstrated outstanding leadership and dedication, playing a pivotal role in the successful launch of the new [PREPARE for Your Care website](#). Congratulations on this well-deserved recognition!



[Francesca Nicosia, PhD](#), [Rebecca Brown, MD, MPH](#), [Kara A. Zamora, PhD](#) and colleagues published a "study protocol for a type II hybrid effectiveness-implementation study of routine functional status screening in VA primary care" in *Implementation Science Communications*.



[Mike Harper, MD](#) and [Leah Witt, MD](#) are giving Department of Medicine Grand Rounds on **Tuesday, February 11, 12 pm - 1 pm** about "**The Case for Geriatricizing Subspecialty Care.**" You can attend in person at S-214, Medical Sciences Building, or over Zoom. See link below:

<https://ucsf.zoom.us/j/97645766587?pwd=OpxbkAwpMENJgLN8xpPHofjwzHD8JH.1>

Webinar ID: 976 4576 6587

Passcode: 364678



Krista Harrison, PhD and Alex Smith, MD, MPH, MS published "*By the Time We Knew ...*": Poetic Analysis of End-of-Life Caregiving Experiences for Rapidly Progressive and Slower-Duration Dementia Syndromes in JAGS. This secondary qualitative analysis compares end-of-life experiences for caregivers of decedents with different dementia subtypes. It includes 10 poems whittled from interview transcripts and a new conceptual model of dementia end-of-life experience. The interdisciplinary team includes former MSTAR students, postdocs, GBHI Atlantic Fellows fellows, and faculty colleagues across UCSF and the US.



Rebecca Sudore, MD, Jasmine Santoyo-Olsson, DrPH, MSc, and Sarah Nouri, MD, MPH are collaborating with the San Francisco Palliative Care Work Group on a 2024-2025 PCORI Dissemination Award.



[Read more](#)



Our fellows --
Drs. [Stephanie Cordonnier](#), [Kristie Hsu](#), [Cat Gordon](#), [Kathleen Lo](#), and [Natalie Tjota](#) -- along with the fellowship team, celebrated the young members of our growing division family by making adorable onesies during a recent fellowship check-in meeting!



Anna Chodos, MD, MPH
UCSF Geriatric Medicine Expert

COGNITIVE HEALTH ASSESSMENT TRAINING



Wed., March 12, 2025

12 - 1 PM PST



Zoom

Free CE/CME



Register Here! 



Primary Care Teams: Join us on March 12, from 12-1 PM PT, via Zoom for the [Dementia Care Aware](#) virtual training session with [Anna Chodos, MD, MPH](#) on cognitive health assessment. Free CME/CEU!

[Register here.](#)

The training covers the following subjects:

- An Overview of Dementia
- A Review of Screening Tools in the Cognitive Health Assessment
- Conducting a Cognitive Health Assessment
- Team-based Implementation Strategies



[How to Make an Alzheimer's Diagnosis in Primary Care: A Podcast with Nathaniel Chin](#)

[Visit the GeriPal Blog](#)

GERIATRICS SPOTLIGHT

The Geriatrics Spotlight initiative fosters community building within the Division, especially during this age of hybrid/remote work where it can be challenging to find ways to interact with colleagues outside of your immediate teams. This is a way for Division members to learn more about all the wonderful work we're doing!

This week, we get to know our division members, **Siqi Gan** and **Irena Cenzer**.



Siqi Gan

Title: Statistician

Joined Division: 2015

Work site(s): From home in SF, CA

Email: Siqi.Gan@ncire.org

What are you happiest doing in your free time?

Siqi is happiest making herself pour-over coffee and watching anime.

What else would you like us to know about you?

If Siqi could have a special skill, she would love to have an 'Anywhere Door.' Also, Siqi's most used emojis in her work messages are 😊

[Learn more about Siqi](#)



Irena Cenzer

Title: Statistician

Joined Division: 2008

Work site(s): Remote from home

Email: Irena.Cenzer@ucsf.edu

What is your guilty pleasure?

Irena enjoys listening to True Crime podcasts.

What else would you like us to know about you?

If Irena could swap jobs with anyone in the Division for a day, she would swap jobs with Karen Yuan because Karen gets to know and connect with all Division members, as Division Manager. Irena's most-used emoji in her work messages is 😊.

[Learn more about Irena](#)



[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.



We thank the inspirational clinician educators who were invited this year by interprofessional UCSF students to speak with the Geriatrics and Palliative Care Elective and Interest Group. This included several faculty members in the UCSF Division of Geriatrics: Sandra Moody, Ashwin Kotwal, Lingsheng Li, Anna Chang, and Eric Widera; as well as several of our amazing colleagues outside the Division. Thank you!

GERI BLUESKY POST OF THE WEEK

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Calling all medical students - aging research needs you! Apply now for UCSF 2025 MSTAR summer research program. Learn from all-star mentors how to solve the most meaningful and complex problems facing society. Apps open now, due Feb 14. [#Geriatrics #Aging geriatrics.ucsf.edu/education/me...](#)

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- John Newman, MD, PhD [@geriscidoc.bsky.social](#)

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



New Division Templates Now Available!

We're excited to share our updated templates for PowerPoint, poster presentations, and letterhead!

These resources are now conveniently accessible in Teams to help streamline your work and maintain a cohesive division identity.

To access the templates, simply navigate to Teams [here](#). All division members should have access. If you encounter any issues, please contact Caroline.Ziesmer@ucsf.edu.

Happy presenting and creating!

[Access templates here](#)

GERI COMMUNITY RESOURCE



This week's Geri Community Resource is: The [Institute of Aging](#).

The [Institute of Aging](#) provides a variety of support and services to help older adults to maintain their independence as they provide services such as home care and case management. They offer a 24-hour suicide prevention "warm" line for older adults, the San Francisco Elder Abuse Prevention Program, adult day care for those who have dementia and Alzheimer's, and a friendship line and offer (PACE) program where (PACE) provides physical activity, medical care, activities that enhance older adults, and a free community referral service known as CONNNECT. For more information visit their website.



[Find Geriatrics
Community
Resources here](#)

Grief Support Resource: Living with the Loss of a Loved Adult



Grief Support Group: Living with the Loss of a Loved Adult

Spiritual Care at UCSF Health is offering a support group for individuals who have experienced the death of an adult loved one. Group meetings are focused on receiving and offering support through personal sharing, listening, discussion, reflection, meditation, and art work.

This is an 8-session support group facilitated by UCSF Health Chaplains via Zoom; it is offered FREE of charge, and open to the public. The next group begins March 6, and pre-registration is required. More info can be found at this link for [UCSF Grief Group Resources](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 12: Geriatrics

Works in Progress

8:30 - 9:40 AM

Speaker: TBD

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