

# UCSF GeriNews

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Please join us in welcoming **Melody Luo, Age-Friendly Health System QI/Program Coordinator**, to the Division of Geriatrics!

Melody started this past Monday morning and will be supporting [Dr. Stephanie Rogers](#) and various [Age-Friendly Health System \(AFHS\)](#) programs and initiatives.

[Learn more about Melody](#)



[Sarah Ngo, MLIS, CCRP](#) presented as a panelist on AI@DOM Staff Symposium on Tuesday, 3/12/2024 on her use case on how to use AI to aggregate information and do list searches.



[Ashwin Kotwal, MD, MS](#) was quoted in an article entitled, "[These Skiers Are Still Chasing Powder in Their 80s and 90s](#)" published in the New York Times.



[Stephanie Rogers, MD](#) was selected as a recipient for the [UCSF Health Exceptional Physician Award](#) for the 2023-2024 academic year. UCSF Health Exceptional Physician Awards are given annually to a few UCSF Health physicians who have provided outstanding patient care, contributed to UCSF Health's mission, and exemplified UCSF Health's PRIDE Values of professionalism, respect, integrity, diversity, and excellence. Each year the number of nominations for this honor far exceeds the number of awardees.



[Louise Aronson, MD, MFA](#) is quoted in an article entitled, "[Finding a doctor who specializes in senior care is hard. Here's why.](#)" in the Washington Post.

[Louise Aronson, MD, MFA](#) was interviewed in an article entitled "[Ageism in health care is more common than you might think, and it can harm people](#)" published in NPR.

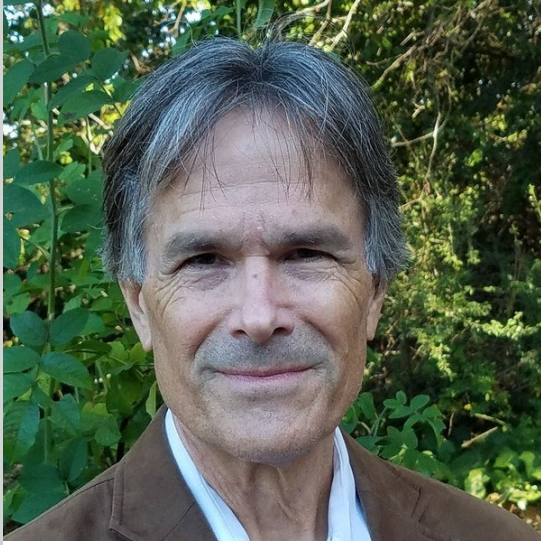
[Louise Aronson, MD, MFA](#) and Teva Brender published a political essay entitled, "[In Choosing Our Leaders, the Issue Isn't Age But Ability](#)" in the Wall Street Journal.



Drs. [Francesca Nicosia](#), [Rebecca Brown](#), [Edison Xu](#) (former MSTAR student), Jon Potter, [Leah Karliner](#), and colleagues, published a study on [primary care provider and geriatrician perspectives on caring for patients with functional impairment in middle age](#) in the Journal of General Internal Medicine.



[Courtney Gordon, DNP](#) was highlighted in the recent article titled "[Law Clinic Students Use Legal Skills to Support Seniors' Health](#)" from the UC Law San Francisco newsletter. Courtney and other UCSF Care at Home providers work alongside law students in the Medical Legal Partnership for Seniors (MLPS) which provides pro-bono legal advice and other services to homebound seniors in San Francisco.




[Terry Hill, MD](#), who rejoined our UCSF Division of Geriatrics volunteer faculty last year, has published a policy brief, [Leveraging the HCAI Healthcare Payments Database to Improve Nursing Home Value and Transparency in California](#). The database, which the WIP group has discussed twice, captures medical, pharmacy, and dental claims and encounters, including patient and provider information. The June 2023 release comprised 6,075,893,321 records from 2018 through 2021 for over 35,000,000 individuals.

**Dear Division and Friends,**

**You are invited to join our UCSF Care at Home Day of Remembering event on Thurs, 4/25 @4-6pm at the UCSF Faculty Alumni House. Please see event flyer below for more details and to RSVP.**






Please RSVP with the QR code below or by calling  
415-514-3577.

There will be an opportunity at the event to share a  
photo and/or a brief reflection of your loved one, or you  
can send us a story, memory or comment  
using the QR code below.



The UCSF Faculty-Alumni House is  
located at 745 Parnassus. Parking is  
available for \$5 per hour in  
the Millberry Union garage or in the  
Kirkham lot at 2217 4th Ave.



You are invited to attend the  
Dementia Care Aware Webinar Series

**"Cultural and Language Considerations  
for Cognitive Assessments: Special  
Focus on Filipino Americans"**

**Presenter:**

- Jessica De Leon, MD, Assistant Professor of Neurology at the UCSF Memory and Aging Center



Please join Dementia Care Aware at our next Zoom webinar, **"Cultural and Language Considerations for Cognitive Assessments: Special Focus on Filipino Americans"** on **March 27, from 12 to 1 p.m.**

Jessica De Leon, MD Assistant Professor of Neurology at the UCSF Memory and Aging Center will speak about language and cultural considerations for adapting the cognitive health assessments, with a special focus on Filipino Americans and the Tagalog language.

Participants of the live webinar are eligible to receive 7 Continuing Medical Education (CME)? California Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT)? American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)? and Maintenance of Certification (MOC) credit;

**Please register for the webinar**

at [https://ucsf.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_ifsn\\_n\\_NQtCltiGY7a2blw](https://ucsf.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ifsn_n_NQtCltiGY7a2blw)

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

## GERIATRIC & PALLIATIVE MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS



**Lillian Min, MD, MSHS**, Associate Professor, Geriatric and Palliative Medicine; Ambulatory Care Clinical Chief, Geriatrics, University of Michigan

***The Year That Was (to be): Dementia Life Expectancy Prediction in Older Adults: Independent, Mobility-, and Functional-limited Years***

**Wednesday, March 27 @ 4- 5PM**

**Location:** Parnassus, N-217 and Zoom

**Registration required** to attend via Zoom

[View Past Grand Rounds Recordings](#)

## 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, **Jada Smith** and **Kanan Patel**.



**Jada Smith**

**Role:** Data Analyst

**Joined Division:** 2023

**Work site:** Mission Bay and from home in San Francisco, CA

**Email:** [jada.smith@ucsf.edu](mailto:jada.smith@ucsf.edu)

***What's one "fun fact" about you that not many people know? (e.g., hidden talent)***

Jada is also a makeup artist. She started this as a side job during college, and it has continued to grow as a successful side business for her.

***What are some causes you care about?***

Jada is deeply passionate about women's reproductive health. Alongside her interest in geriatrics, she aims to transition into working in reproductive health in the near future.

[Learn more about Jada](#)



**Kanan Patel**

**Role:** Senior Statistician

**Joined Division:** 2013

**Work site:** Mission Bay and from home.

**Email:** [Kanan.Patel@ucsf.edu](mailto:Kanan.Patel@ucsf.edu)

***What are you happiest doing in your free time?***

Kanan finds joy in gardening, particularly in growing vegetables. Last year, she successfully cultivated strawberries and has now added a blueberry plant to her garden. She's hopeful that her grapevines will thrive too and is experimenting with growing certain Indian vegetables. Outside of gardening, Kanan cherishes spending time with her family, especially her son.



***What would your back-up career be?***

Kanan would be a chef because she likes to cook.

[Learn more about Kanan](#)

**GERIPAL BLOG**

**GeriPal**

Geriatrics & Palliative Care for  
All Healthcare Professionals



[Electronic Frailty Indexes: Kate Callahan, Ariela Orkaby, & Dae Kim](#)

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**GERI TWEET OF THE WEEK**

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[@AshwinKotwalMD](#) loneliness (shown) and depression (not shown) higher among spouses of people with dementia than spouses of those without dementia before death. Interesting, surprising lower loneliness after death. [#hapc24](#)

”

- [Alex Smith, MD @AlexSmithMD](#)

## LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Dear all,

You are invited to utilize the [Staff Appreciation and Recognition \(STAR\) Achievement Award Nomination tool](#) (via [MyAccess](#)) to nominate eligible School of Medicine (SOM) staff for a STAR Achievement Award - an opportunity to recognize and reward excellence in university service, significant achievements and contributions, and/or outstanding individual and team performance **by Monday, April 1, 2024**.

Click link below for further details about the award, nomination process, deadlines, and resources.

[Learn more](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 27:** Geriatrics Grand Rounds

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Speaker: [Lillian Min](#)

In-Person: Parnassus, N-217 and Zoom

[Registration required](#) to attend via Zoom

**April 3:** Geriatrics Works in Progress

8:30-9:40AM

Speaker: Dr. Alexandra Lee

In-person: Geriatrics Conference Room, Building 1 3rd Floor, SFVA

[Zoom](#)

**April 10:** Geriatrics Works in Progress

8:30-9:40AM

Speaker: Dr. Laura Plantinga

In-person: Geriatrics Conference Room, Building 1 3rd Floor,

[Zoom](#)

## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

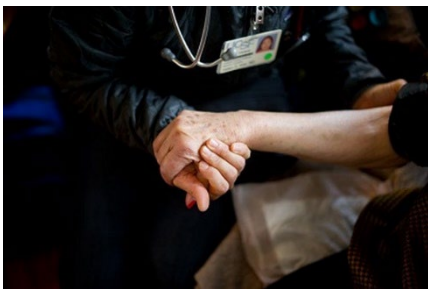
**UCSF Division of Geriatrics is Recruiting!**

[Click here for more details>>](#)

**Current Career Opportunities:**

- [Clinician Educator \(JPF04355\)](#)
- [Research Scientist \(JPF04741\)](#)
- [Harris Fishbon Distinguished Professor for Clinical Translational Research in Aging \(JPF04285\)](#)
- [Program Manager \(STAFF001433\)](#)
- [Associate Research Finance Analyst \(75135BR\)](#)
- [Operations Manager \(77000BR\)](#)

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