

UCSF GeriNews

A multi-campus division

March 7th, 2025



Our Geriatrics fellows enjoyed a wonderful dinner with Dr. Louise Walter at Lavash. A perfect evening of great food and company to strengthen connections and celebrate shared dedication to the field!



Anu Madhavan, MD, PhD has been awarded a \$25,000 Innovations Funding for Education grant for her project “MedWiseGPT: A Generative AI Teaching Tool for Medication Management,” supported by the Academy of Medical Educators and donors John and Mindy Baum. This project aims to revolutionize medication management education using AI technology.



Benjamin Rosner, MD, PhD, Robert Thombley, Stephanie Rogers, MD, and Julia Adler-Milstein, PhD published an article in *Inquiry*: 4 Steps to 4Ms: A Navigation Guide for a Hospital-Based Composite Measure of 4Ms Care and the Implications for Outcomes Assessment.

You are invited to attend the
Dementia Care Aware Webinar Series

Understanding the New Diagnostics and Treatments in Alzheimer's Disease

Presenters:



Lawren Vandevrede, MD, PhD
University of California, San Francisco



Anna Chodos, MD, MPH
Dementia Care Aware



Tuesday, March, 25, 2025
1 - 2 pm PST via Zoom

www.DementiaCareAware.org



Register Here!



Earn up to 1 CE/CME credit, including
AMA, ANCC, AAPA, and ASWB credit.

Please join Dementia Care Aware at our next Zoom webinar, [Understanding the New Diagnostics and Treatments in Alzheimer's Disease](#).

During this webinar, Lawren Vandevrede, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Neurology at UCSF will discuss past and current diagnostic criteria for a clinicopathological diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease and clinically accessible biomarker techniques used to confirm Alzheimer's and related neuropathologies.

Participants of the live webinar are eligible to receive 1 CE/CME credit, including AMA, ANCC, AAPA, and ASWB credit.

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



Congratulations to **Mary Tran** (Administrative Coordinator) who has been nominated (and has accepted the nomination) to serve as our Division Staff Engagement Ambassador for the March 2025-February 2026, one-year term. Mary has done a fabulous job since her inauguration as Staff Engagement Ambassador in March 2023. She's worked tirelessly to ensure that our staff has a voice, advocated for fun and engaging events, as well as led successful and helpful huddles/training sessions covering various topics of interests selected by our staff. Mary is an amazing Staff Engagement Ambassador. We're lucky to have her continuing to serve the next term!

-Louise & Karen



GERIATRICS TEAM ATTENDS PAULA'S PLAY

Yet, some performers transcend. Paula Vercudia as Mai's tough mom has such ace comic timing and soul-deep understanding of character you find your eyes gravitating toward her in scene after scene just for the pleasure of seeing what she comes up with next — the silent rosary prayer in the car ride, the secret look of confusion and revulsion she sends her child. And Bru-



Our very own **Paula Sison** shines in [SFBATCO's *Cuckoo Edible Magic*](#), and our division had the privilege of attending on Thursday, 3/6, to cheer her on! Paula stole every scene she was in—she made us laugh, she made us cry, and we simply couldn't take our eyes off her performance.

Her talent hasn't gone unnoticed! The *San Francisco Chronicle* praised her in their review, "[S.F. play about 'dumbasses' saving the world is flawed, but playwright shows promise](#)".

There are only a few shows left—don't miss your chance to catch her in action!



[PC for People Experiencing Homelessness: Naheed Dosani](#)

[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, **Brookelle Li** and **Edie Espejo**.



Brookelle Li

Title: Research Program Coordinator,
PREPARE

Joined Division: 2014

Work site(s): From home

Email: Brookelle.Li@ucsf.edu

Who is someone you admire, and why?

Her grandmother. Though Brookelle's grandmother shouldered heavy burdens in life, her strength was full of grace.

What are some causes you care about? Bringing eastern traditions to modern medicine as well as mindfulness.

[Learn more about Brookelle](#)



Edie Espejo

Title: Senior Statistician

Joined Division: 2021

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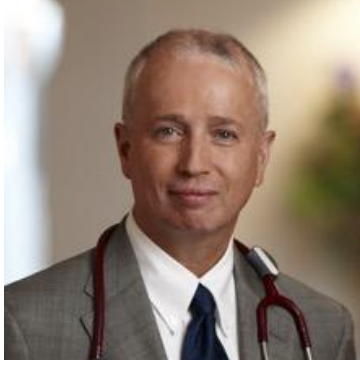
Who is someone you admire, and why?

Edie admires her mother for many reasons, especially her dedication as a nurse in a skilled nursing facility. She often works unpaid overtime to ensure her patients receive the care they need, always putting their well-being above her own.

What are some causes you care about?

Edie is passionate about promoting fairness for all, with a particular focus on supporting marginalized communities. She actively advocates for Filipino Americans through educational and health organizations.

[Learn more about Edie](#)



[Mike Malone, MD](#)

Medical Director of Aurora Health Care – Senior Services and the Aurora at Home; Clinical Adjunct Professor of Medicine, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

A Geriatrician as a Leader - Bringing "best practice" to an aging America

Wednesday, March 26, 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.



Lynn Flint received thanks for serving as a subspecialty fellowship application coach:

On behalf of our Internal Medicine Residency Program, I am writing to extend deep appreciation for your service as a subspecialty fellowship application coach. Your dedication and expertise have played an important role in guiding our residents through the fellowship application process. We are truly grateful for your commitment to the professional growth and success of our residents.

Warm regards,

Rebecca Berman

Director, Internal Medicine Program

Sarah Goglin

Associate Program Director of Subspecialty Education



We're kicking off an NIA-AGS symposium on the intersection of Alzheimer's disease and multiple chronic conditions - exactly the sort of interdisciplinary, un-siloed, patient-centered science that National Institute on Aging does so uniquely well!

www.americangeriatrics.org/r13conference

- John Newman, MD, PhD @geriscidoc.bsky.social

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



DOM Welcome and Orientation

Aaron Tabacco, DOM director of staff experience, will provide an overview of DOM's structure and resources to help you feel at home and successful.

Monday, 3/10, 12:10-1:00 pm, via Zoom

[Register Here](#)

GERI COMMUNITY RESOURCE



This week's Geri Community
Resource is: [Curry Senior Center](#).



[Curry Senior Center](#) offers to promote inclusivity and diversity, such as providing basic amenities like food, housing, and healthcare for older adults. The program offers a variety of programs, classes, and events. The Curry's programs offer resources and opportunities in areas of social engagement, wellness, art, and culture, and building community for older adults. The program offers programs for the disabled adult community in the Tenderloin. The program offers programs and seminars in Spanish, Mandarin, Tagalog, Russian, Cantonese, Thai, and Vietnamese and provides translation services.

[Find Geriatrics
Community
Resources here](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 12: Geriatrics
Works in Progress
8:30 - 9:40 AM
Speaker: TBD
[Zoom Link](#)

March 19: Geriatrics
Works in Progress
8:30 - 9:40 AM
Speaker: TBD
[Zoom Link](#)

March 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
\(JPF05153\)](#)

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