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We are thrilled to share that **Sarah Ngo, MLIS, CCRP**'s abstract on **AI, Metadata, and Data Preparation** has been accepted for the **Inaugural UCSF AI and Education Symposium**. Sarah is slated to present her work, which highlights the innovative **Vulnerable Aging Research Assistant (VARA)** project—a cutting-edge tool designed to support qualitative and mixed-methods research.



Jasmine Santoyo-Olsson, DrPH, MS and **Krista Harrison, PhD** presented a lecture on "End of Life and Palliative Care in Dementia" to the Sociedad Peruana de Neurología (e.g. Peruvian Society of Neurology), as part of their International and Interdisciplinary Course on Dementia.

Support Group for Caregivers of Older Loved Ones



Starting in January, 2025, you can **join a virtual support group for Caregivers of Older Loved Ones.**

Participation is free for all UCSF employees and learners.
Connect with a community of caregivers for mutual learning and support.



Get details:
bit.ly/UCSFsupport

UCSF Family Services
Campus Life Services

You're not alone in caring for elder loved ones.

Key benefits of joining the support group include:

- **Community Connection:** Foster acceptance and a sense of belonging among peers who understand the complexities of caregiving.
- **Resource Sharing:** Access valuable insights, strategies, and resources from fellow caregivers and UCSF.
- **Emotional Support:** Alleviate isolation by connecting in a supportive, understanding environment.

To sign up for the support group, please complete this [questionnaire](#), which lists meeting times and dates.

GERIATRIC & PALLIATIVE MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS



[Esther Oh, MD, PhD](#)

*Sarah Miller Coulson Human Aging Project Scholar;
Associate Professor, Division of Geriatric Medicine
and Gerontology, Johns Hopkins University School of
Medicine*

World Delirium Awareness Day - Translating Knowledge into Action

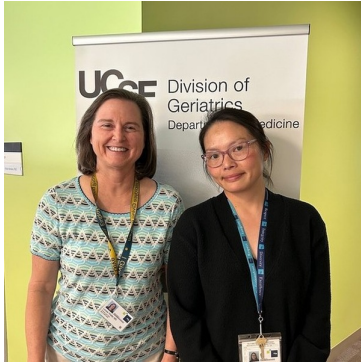
Wednesday, December 11th @4:00 - 5:00 PM

Health Sciences West Building, Room 300 (HSW-300)
(In-person)

[Zoom Registration](#) (remote)

[View Past Grand Rounds Recordings](#)

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.



Dear Division of Geriatrics,

Karen and I are immensely thankful that all of you are part of the UCSF Division of Geriatrics work family! In these trying times, we are grateful to be part of a group that is not only kind and fun to be around, but also doing important and meaningful work that is contributing good to the world. As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday, we want to thank you for all you bring to the Division and for everything you do to improve the health and well-being of older people. Karen and I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving that is filled with love, gratitude, and hope!

-Louise and Karen



Hi Helen!

...we are so grateful to you and the team at the UCSF Home Care program for the care and attention you have given our mom over the last 2+ years. You have guided us through times when we needed wise counsel and someone with a clear head.

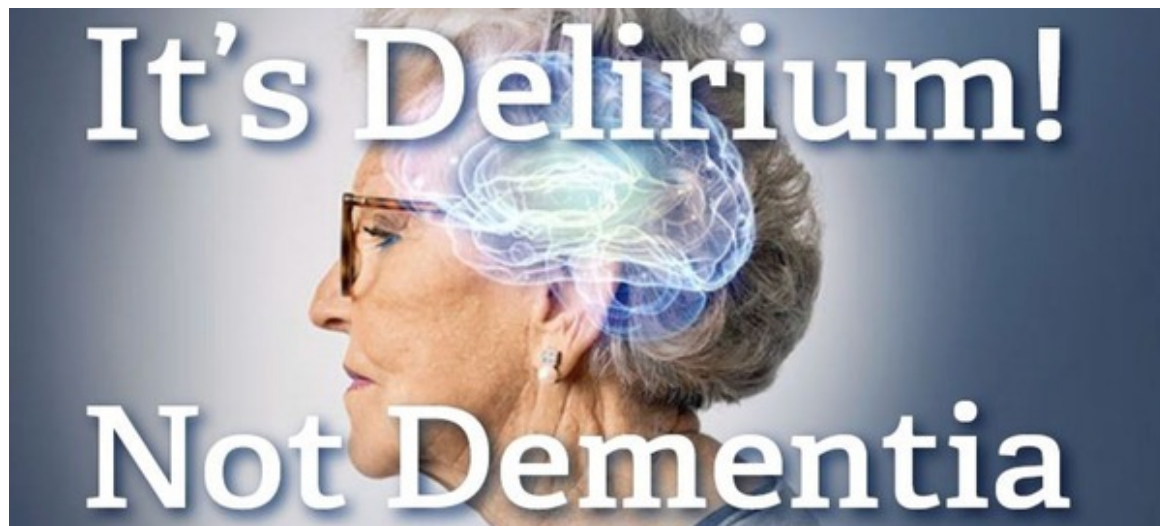
On behalf of my family, I want to thank you and all the team at UCSF Home Care for taking good care of all of us. I will miss seeing you in person for our meetings but please know that we sincerely appreciate all of your help especially during our mom's transition to memory care.

I have made a donation on behalf of our family to the UCSF Home Care program.

Stay safe and take care. The work provided by this program is so essential to the community.

Much thanks,
[Patient's daughter]

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It's delirium! Not dementia. Feel free to widely share the one-page flyer and web page linked below, created by the American Delirium Society. Post the flyer in resident work rooms. Build delirium awareness! americandeliriumsociety.org/wp-content/u... americandeliriumsociety.org/delirium-awa...

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

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Versa Chat Has Three New Assistants – AI Resources, SPOKE Knowledge Graph, and Data & Policy Assistants

- **AI Resources Assistant** The AI Resources Assistant provides information related to AI principles, tools, governance, UCSF-specific AI training, and events published on the ai.ucsf.edu site and the [Versa Wiki](#).
- **SPOKE Knowledge Graph Assistant** The Scalable Precision Medicine Open Knowledge Engine (SPOKE) Knowledge Graph (KG) Assistant is a specialized research tool that provides reliable, evidence-based responses to biomedical questions. This technology is designed to improve the likelihood that Versa users will receive scientifically accurate and well-supported answers to their disease-focused questions.
- **Data & Policy Assistant** The Data & Policy Assistant helps users get information about data access, data sharing, and data compliance at UCSF, including documentation on related requirements and processes.

[Learn more](#)



This week's Geri Community
Resource is: [Arc San Francisco](#).



The [Arc San Francisco](#) is dedicated to enhancing the lives of seniors with intellectual and developmental disabilities through tailored support and meaningful engagement.

Our **Senior Services**

Program focuses on fostering independence, connection, and joy as individuals transition into the later stages of life. The Arc offers on-site classes and activities where seniors participate at other culturally diverse senior centers and park/recreational facilities throughout San Francisco. Some activities for seniors include: Aging education, SPCA visits, dance and music classes, movie days, volunteering, healthy cooking class, self-advocacy education & activities, meditation & relaxation classes, and more. For more information about the Arc's Senior Services, contact Haley Bogosian (Associate Director of Senior

Services), hbogosian@thercsf.org/ 415-255-7200 x148.

Find Geriatrics
Community
Resources here

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 4: Geriatrics

Works in Progress

8:30 - 9:40 AM

Speaker: TBD

[Zoom Link](#)

December 11: Geriatrics

Grand Rounds

4:00-5:00PM

Speaker: Esther Oh MD,
PhD (Johns Hopkins)

Location: Parnassus,
HSW-303

[Zoom Registration Link](#)

January 22: Geriatrics

Grand Rounds

4:00-5:00PM

Speaker: Nate Chin MD
(U Wisconsin)

Location: Parnassus,
HSW-303

[Zoom Registration 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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