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Congratulations to [Evie Kalmar, MD, MS](#) who recently graduated from the 2024-2025 [Teaching Scholars Program](#).



Mike Steinman, MD was quoted and some of his recent work on recommended alternatives to AGS Beers Criteria Medications was featured in an article in the [New York Times](#).



Join **Anna Chodos, MD, MPH** on **Tuesday, Sept. 16 (12–1 PM via Zoom)** as she shares the latest strategies in dementia prevention, early diagnosis, and models of care to support patients and caregivers for SFVA/ZSFG Medical Grand Rounds.

Join via zoom:

tiny.ucsf.edu/DOMGrandRounds

Recording available via MyAccess (no CME credits).

Coalition for
Social Connection



University of California
San Francisco

SOCIAL CONNECTION WEEK

OCT. 6TH – 10TH 2025

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OCT, 2025

BUILDING COALITIONS FOR SOCIAL CONNECTION

Hear from coalition leaders on how to mobilize community impact.

Zoom Webinar | 12-1pm

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OCT, 2025

RESOURCE FAIR & PANEL

Learn about social connection resources available in your community!

San Francisco Main Public Library | 100 Larkin St. SF | 1-4pm

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OCT, 2025

BRIDGING NEIGHBORS AND GENERATIONS

Learn how to improve your intergenerational efforts with experts and networking time! **Zoom Workshop | 10-11:15am**

09

OCT, 2025

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION!

Join us for an evening of social connection and fun! Open to all

community members. **Ruth's Table | 3160 21st St. SF | 5:30-7:30pm**

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OCT, 2025

SPREAD THE WORD!

Help launch the Meet 6 Neighbors campaign and share your social

connection stories. **Materials available on our website**

VISIT [SOCIALCONNECTIONSANDAGING.UCSF.EDU](https://socialconnectionsandaging.ucsf.edu) TO REGISTER AND LEARN MORE



**COMMUNITY
LIVING CAMPAIGN**



**Neighbor
to Neighbor**



**Foundation for
Social Connection**



Join the [Division's Northern CA Coalition for Social Connection](#), led by [Carla Perissinotto, MD, MHS](#) and [Ashwin Kotwal, MD, MS](#), for their first **Social Connection Week**! This vibrant campaign is dedicated to celebrating the power of human connection and sparking meaningful action to reduce loneliness and social isolation in our communities. The week offers individuals, organizations, and communities a platform to celebrate the ties that bind us while encouraging new opportunities for inclusion and engagement. [Visit their website to register for events and learn more!](#)



We played a fantastic game of **Geriatrics Jeopardy**, created by our very own **Mary Tran**, with five teams competing for bragging rights and an Amazon gift card at this week's Geriatrics Division-wide meeting. Topics included Geriatrics in the World, Division History & Achievements, Geriatrics

in Pop Culture, Division Programs and UCSF. In the end, Team Stephanie just edged out Team Stacy but a good time was had by all.

Congratulations to Stephanie, Noah, Brittany, Rebecca, Maryanne, Ellen and Pei. Thanks Mary for putting the jeopardy game together!

[Here's a link to the jeopardy game](#) if you'd like to play with your colleagues and friends.

GERIPAL BLOG



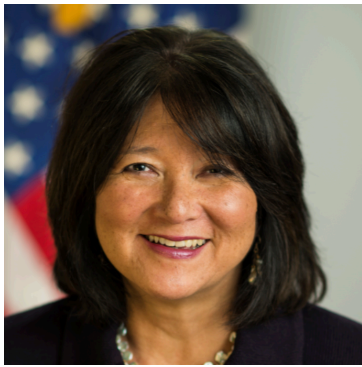
THE IMPORTANCE OF MEDICAL BILLING & CODING



[Medical Billing and Coding with the “Billing Boys” – Chris Jones and Phil Rodgers](#)

[Visit the GeriPal Blog](#)

GERIATRIC & PALLIATIVE MEDICINE GRAND ROUNDS



[Shari Ling, MD,](#) Deputy Chief Medical Officer,
Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Evolving towards High Value Care

[View Recording](#)



[John Newman, MD, PhD,](#) Associate Professor of
Medicine, Assistant Professor (Buck Institute),
Geriatrician, SFVAHCS

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Location: Parnassus TBD

[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.



Thank you to **Mitchel Erickson, DNP, MS, BSN, BSc** for hosting the **annual AFED Team Summer Social** in his lovely home in Sonoma! The weather couldn't have been more perfect, the food was delicious, and it was really nice to unwind and relax with our amazing Age-Friendly ED colleagues. Thank you to all who attended and made the event so memorable.

P.S. and I must say, we are a good-looking group! □

- Karen Yuan

GERI SOCIAL MEDIA POST OF THE WEEK

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Moving essay! "Entering patient rooms on crutches, my clumsiness trumpeted my disability, and my facial grimace communicated how intimately I shared their pain. I was in the trenches with them, navigating the same rugged terrain of disability+vulnerability" jamanetwork.com/journals/jam...

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- Ken Covinsky @kencovinsky.bsky.social

LEARNING & DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES



New Drupal 10 Site Builder Now Available

The new **Drupal 10 Site Builder** is now available to the UCSF community for DIY website builds. This free platform includes UCSF branding, accessibility support, and improved functionality refined through the Lift & Shift migration project. Site requests can be made through the Website Request Form and will be provisioned within two weeks. Weekly support sessions and Drupal 10 training are also available—visit the Site Builder Website Template page to learn more.

[Learn more](#)



New Elder Care Resource and Referral Program

Caring for an older loved one can be rewarding, but it can also feel overwhelming. To support faculty, staff, and learners balancing caregiving with work and study, UCSF Campus Life Services Family Services launched the **Elder Care Resource and Referral Program** on September 1. This program connects you with personalized guidance, support groups, an online bulletin board, and educational webinars—resources designed to help ease the caregiving journey and strengthen our community of support.

Visit the [UCSF Adult and Elder Care website](#) for more information and additional resources, such as Sittercity, a service to find local childcare, senior care, and pet care.

Find Geriatrics
Community
Resources here

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 24:

Geriatrics Works in Progress

8:30 - 9:40 AM

Speaker: Lingsheng Li, MD

Location: GPEC
Conference Room SFVA

[Zoom Link](#)

October 1: Geriatrics

Works in Progress

8:30 - 9:40 AM

Speaker: Ignacia Arteaga

Location: GPEC

Conference Room SFVA

[Zoom Link](#)

October 8: Geriatrics

Works in Progress

8:30 - 9:40 AM

Speaker: Free for sign-up

[Zoom Link](#)

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**UCSF Division of
Geriatrics is
Recruiting!**

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

Current Career Opportunities:

- [Clinician Educator \(JPF05568\)](#)
- [Research Scientist \(JPF05507\)](#)
- [Harris Fishbon Distinguished Professor for
Clinical Translational Research in Aging
\(JPF05557\)](#)

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