

# AMERICAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY 2026 VIRTUAL ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2026**

## PRE-CONFERENCE SESSIONS

**10:00 AM – 1:30 PM EASTERN**

### FELLOWSHIP DIRECTORS PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION

*Additional fee session*

CME/CE Credit: 3                      Track: Education

*Sponsored by the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs (ADGAP)*

The role of the geriatrics fellowship director is complex and involves a variety of activities and responsibilities. This session will present topics of interest and practical instruction for both new and seasoned fellowship directors. Learning Objectives: (1) explain updates in accreditation and program requirements for geriatric medicine fellowship programs; (2) describe at least one recruitment strategy for geriatrics; and (3) discuss physician workforce and future trends for recruiting International Medical Graduates.

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| 10:00 am | <b>Welcome</b><br>Katherine A. Bennett, MD   |
| 10:05 am | <b>ACGME Updates and Discussion</b><br><b>ACGME Update</b><br>Helen Fernandez, MD, MPH <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Challenges and Opportunities in Meeting ACGME Program Requirements</b><br/>Carrie Rubenstein, MD, AGSF; Roopali Gupta, MD; Mariu Duggan, MD, MPH &amp; Natalie Sanders, MD</li></ul> |
| 10:45 am | <b>ABIM Update and JAGS</b><br>Mandi Sehgal, MD  |
| 11:00 am | <b>Break</b>   |
| 11:10 am | <b>Mini-Fair for Curricular Innovations/Tool Swap</b><br>Fellowship Program Directors will present innovative educational materials and tools in virtual break out rooms. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear about how the tools are utilized and ask questions.  |
| 12:00 pm | <b>Updates from AGS-ACT</b><br>Brandon LaCour & Jill Freda, MSM-HSA  |
| 12:10 pm | <b>Recruitment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>ADGAP Recruitment Update</b><br/>Steve Barczy, MD</li><li>• <b>Mid-Career Pilot</b><br/>Vanessa Rodriguez, MD</li><li>• <b>International Graduate Medical Graduate Recruitment</b><br/>Eric Holmboe, MD, CEO Intealth</li></ul>                          |
| 12:50 pm | <b>Program Director Needs Discussion</b>   |

Elizabeth Chapman, MD; Ryan Chippendale, MD; Mariu Duggan, MD, MPH; Vanessa Rodriguez, MD & Jeremy Whyman, MD

1:20 pm

**Closing/Announcements**

Katherine A. Bennett, MD

**1:00 PM – 5:00 PM EASTERN**

**CANNABIS AND THE OLDER ADULT PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION**

*Additional fee session*

CME/CE Credit: 4 Track: Clinical Practice

*Sponsored by the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use Among Older Adults Special Interest Group and the Achieving Health Equity Among Diverse Older Adults (AHEAD) Special Interest Group*

Moderator: Alison A. Moore, MD, MPH, FACP, AGSF

This is an interactive, interprofessional pre-conference session aiming to provide health professionals with the knowledge and skills to be able to discuss cannabis with their older adult patients and/or care partners, as well as assess for risky use and apply harm reduction strategies. Learning Objectives: (1) list different formulations of cannabis, including their pharmacology, and appreciate the history of cannabis use and how its legal status affects the availability of research data and use stigma; (2) provide education to patients and caregivers regarding the use of cannabis, including its potential benefits and harms based on the literature available; (3) screen for and diagnose risky cannabis use, cannabis use disorder, and list the next steps in management; and (4) organize a cannabis-related clinical assessment they can apply to their clinical practice.

**The History of Cannabis Use and Its Epidemiology of Use Among Older Adults**

Benjamin H. Han, MD, MPH

**Pharmacology and Formulations of Cannabis**

Kimberly J. Beiting, MD

**Evidence Behind the Benefits of Cannabis**

Vassiliki Pravodelov, MD, FACP

**Harms of Cannabis**

Deepika E. Slawek, MD, MPH, MS

**Cannabis Use Disorder: Diagnosis, Next Steps in Management, Treatment, and Harm Reduction**

Andrea J. Landi, MD, MPH

**Cannabis for Medical Use Part 1: Outpatient Clinical Assessment**

Justina L. Groeger, MD, MPH

**Cannabis for Medical Use Part 2: Special Geriatric Considerations**

Zachary J. Palace, MD, CMD, FACP

**Cannabis for Medical Use Part 3: Management of Common Clinical Scenarios**

Justina L. Groeger, MD, MPH & Alison A. Moore, MD, MPH, FACP, AGSF

**1:00 PM – 5:00 PM EASTERN**

**WHAT EVERY GERIATRICIAN NEEDS TO KNOW ABOUT DEMENTIA DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT**

*Additional fee session*

CME/CE Credit: 4 Track: Clinical Practice

Co-Moderators: Jason Karlawish, MD & Esther S. Oh, MD, PhD

This pre-conference session provides practical, up-to-date guidance on the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of dementia, with a focus on emerging Alzheimer’s disease therapeutics, biomarker use in primary care, and evolving care models. Expert faculty will explore the integration of AI and technology in dementia care and examine the diverse roles geriatricians play as primary care providers, dementia specialists, and interdisciplinary leaders. Learning Objectives: (1) summarize current and emerging pharmacologic therapies for Alzheimer’s disease, including indications, risks, and monitoring considerations; (2) describe key findings from dementia prevention research, including implications of the U.S. POINTER study for clinical practice; (3) evaluate the appropriate use, benefits, and limitations of dementia biomarkers in primary care settings; (4) compare models of dementia care delivery and identify strategies to improve care coordination and outcomes; (5) discuss the applications and ethical considerations of AI and technology in dementia diagnosis and management; and (6) define the evolving role of geriatricians in dementia care across the spectrum of practice, from primary care to subspecialty consultation.

**Use of Biomarkers in Primary Care Clinics**

Cynthia M. Carlsson, MD, MS

**Prevention: US Pointer Study**

MaryJo L. Cleveland, MD

**Updates on Alzheimer’s Disease Therapeutics**

Daniel C. Parker, MD

**Models of Dementia Care**

Mia Yang, MD

**AI and Technology in Dementia Care**

Peter M. Abadir, MD

**Panel Discussion on Role of Geriatricians in Dementia Care - As Primary Care Physicians, As Dementia Specialists and Everything in Between**

Moderator: Zaldy Tan, MD, MPH, FACP

Panelists: Alejandra Lopez, MD; Nathaniel A. Chin, MD; Lolita S. Nidadavolu, MD, PhD; Melissa Morgan-Gouveia, MD

**2:30 PM – 5:30 PM EASTERN**

**ADGAP LEADERSHIP SESSION**

*Additional fee session*

CME/CE: 3 Track: Professional Development

*Sponsored by the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs (ADGAP)*

This session will share practical strategies for strengthening Geriatrics programs and teams. Learning Objectives: (1) apply at least one strategy to improve annual wellness visit performance; (2) describe current developments in geriatrics workforce trends; and (3) identify actionable approaches to at least one program challenge through facilitated discussion.

2:30pm	<b>Welcome</b> Steve Barczi, MD
2:35pm	<b>Motivating Leaders to Increase Medicare Annual Wellness Visits</b> Rebecca Masutani, MD, MHA
3:20 pm	<b>Quick Hits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Geriatrics Compensation &amp; Productivity Benchmarking Tool</b> Mark A. Supiano, MD &amp; Mark Kristiansen</li> <li>• <b>Potential Geriatrics Board Certification from ABIM for Emergency Medicine Physicians</b></li> </ul>

	<p>Mandi Sehgal, MD</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Match Update</b> Steve Barczi, MD</li> <li>• <b>AGS/ADGAP Leadership and Life Skills Curriculum (LLSC)</b> Caitlyn Kuwata, MD</li> </ul>
4:10 pm	<b>Breakout Groups</b>
4:55 pm	<b>Report Out</b>
5:20 pm	<b>Closing Remarks</b>

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS**

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EASTERN**

**ACUTE CARE**

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Caitlin Jones, MD & Priscilla Yee, MD

The mission of the Acute Care SIG is to improve hospitalization outcomes for older adults through improvements in clinical care, dissemination of research findings, and promotion of health professional education.

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EASTERN**

**ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND OTHER DRUG USE (ATOD) AMONG OLDER ADULTS**

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Kimberly J. Beiting, MD; Justina L. Groeger, MD, MPH

The mission of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Other Drug Use (ATOD) Among Older Adults Interest Group is to address the dramatic increase in older adults with unhealthy substance use and substance use disorders. This SIG brings together an interdisciplinary group of professionals with clinical, educational, and/or research interests in reducing the harms of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use in older adults. Our group also focuses on national collaboration to provide education and research in the care of older adults with substance use disorders.

**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EASTERN**

**CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASES AND AGING**

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Ariela R. Orkaby, MD, MPH & Min Ji Kwak, MD, MS, DrPH

The mission of the Cardiovascular Diseases and Aging Special Interest Group is to provide an official forum for AGS members who are dedicated to providing high-quality and safe care for older adults with cardiovascular diseases. The members will engage in activities (1) disseminating the up-to-date evidence in geriatric cardiology; (2) collaborating on various research projects; (3) discussing the current challenges and solutions in care for older adults with cardiovascular diseases in real-world practice; and (4) networking nationally and internationally. The forum is open to AGS members from diverse backgrounds.

**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EASTERN**

**ELDER MISTREATMENT**

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Julia Hiner, MD & Carrie Rubenstein, MD, AGSF

The mission of this SIG is to improve the lives of older adults affected by elder mistreatment through clinical care and prevention, education, research, resource-sharing, and advocacy efforts. Our members include national leaders, health professionals, educators, researchers, and learners-in-training. We strive to spearhead elder mistreatment (including elder abuse, neglect, exploitation) initiatives in our communities, country, and globally, and raise awareness for issues surrounding elder mistreatment, while also serving as a networking group for colleagues.

**6:00 PM - 7:00 PM EASTERN  
GERIATRIC EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT (GER-ED)**

Track: Networking

Chair: Saket Saxena, MD

The Geriatric Emergency Department (GER-ED) Special Interest Group brings together all health professionals interested in improving the care of older adults in Emergency Departments. We review the challenges older adults face in EDs and work on creating collaborative models of care to sustain the development of Geriatric EDs and Age Friendly Initiatives in Emergency Departments. Please join us to explore growing opportunities to advance the care of older adults in Emergency Departments.

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EASTERN  
NEEDS OF OLDER LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PERSONS**

Track: Networking

Chair: Carl H. Burton, MD

The mission of this SIG is to increase awareness for considering the needs of older gay and lesbian, bisexual, and transgender persons and to foster a more formal analysis and observation of these needs.

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EASTERN  
PALLIATIVE CARE**

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Mona Gupta, MD & Lauren Mazzurco, DO

This SIG promotes awareness of palliative care issues in the geriatrics community and hopes to identify and build on synergies that exist between geriatrics and palliative care.

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EASTERN  
POLYPHARMACY**

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Cara McDermott, PhD, PharmD, MSc & Joshua Niznik, PhD; PharmD; AGSF

The Polypharmacy SIG is dedicated to issues related to medication use in older adults. Our goal is to facilitate education and discussion on this topic, both within the group and for a wider audience.

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM EASTERN  
TIDESWELL LEADERS IN AGING PROGRAM**

Track: Networking

Co-Chairs: Megan Young, MD; Timothy W. Farrell, MD, AGSF; Liron Sinvani, MD; Maile Karris, MD; Suvi Neukam, DO

The mission of the SIG is to support Tideswell scholars and leaders in geriatrics through mentorship, networking, continued leadership training, and scholarship with the ultimate goal of a commitment to enhancing the care of older adults through clinical work, research, and education.

**7:00 PM – 8:00 PM EASTERN  
POSTER SESSION A**

Track: Research

View the most current research in geriatrics. Authors will be available to discuss the presented findings in the chat and answer questions.