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DIRECTOR’S NOTE

The past year (2019) included groundbreaking accomplishments for the Consortium on Aging as members expanded efforts to promote healthy and meaningful aging. Our mission to provide quality patient care to older adults and to educate healthcare professionals and the community along with our desire to conduct meaningful gerontological research led to many accomplishments and multiple successes in 2019.

Consortium on Aging leadership made a commitment to join the Institute for Healthcare Improvement’s Age-Friendly Movement, a nationwide initiative to improve healthcare for older adults. This resulted in five UTHealth practices being designated as Age-Friendly and awarded Committed to Care Excellence badges. Through ongoing support and collaboration from the Consortium on Aging, UTHealth became the first healthcare system in Texas to receive this designation.

Enhancing emergency care for older adults is a priority for the Consortium on Aging at UTHealth. Multidisciplinary collaboration between the Department of Emergency Medicine at Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center and the Consortium on Aging resulted in the designation of that unit to receive the first Level 3 Geriatric Accreditation in Houston. It is only the second emergency department in Texas to receive this designation.

In 2019 the Consortium on Aging continued to increase its membership and participation. There are currently more than 200 members that work in clinical practices, education, research, and different segments of the community related to healthy aging. Consortium on Aging events on topics related to promoting healthy aging through clinical practice, education, research and community outreach attracted more participants than in previous years. Members were able to accomplish many of the goals and objectives with the ongoing support of the university, grateful patients, families and the greater Houston community. We are excited and look forward to more success in the coming year.

Sincere thanks,

Carmel B. Dyer, MD
In September 2019, through the generous support of our donors, Rachel Jantea, MD, MS was recruited to serve as Director of Education for the Consortium on Aging.

Dr. Rachel Jantea is an Assistant Professor of the Division of Geriatric and Palliative Medicine at McGovern Medical School at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, TX. In 2013, she earned her medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX. She completed her internal medicine residency in 2016 and her geriatric medicine fellowship in 2017 at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. From 2017-2019, she completed a research fellowship at the University of Pittsburgh focused on development of high quality inter-professional geriatrics education programs. Concurrently she earned her Master of Science in Medical Education, completed in 2019.

A geriatrician with expertise in adult education, Dr. Jantea is poised to lead our educational mission forward. Her role includes collaboration with UTHealth and Consortium members to develop and enhance geriatrics educational programs across the UTHealth schools, our clinical partners, and the community.

New Educational Initiatives

INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE CURRICULUM FOR HEALTH PROFESSION STUDENTS

Recognizing the importance of interprofessional collaborative teamwork in caring for the needs of older adults, we partnered with the UTHealth Center for Interprofessional Collaboration to create a clinical interprofessional experience for students at UTHealth and partner institutions. Over the 2020-21 academic year, under the co-directorship of Drs. Rachel Jantea and Cristina Murdock, more than 400 students of dentistry, medicine, nursing, and pharmacy will collaborate as teams to learn from each other and perform comprehensive geriatric assessments for hospitalized older adults.

MEMORIAL HERMANN HOSPITAL GERIATRIC HOSPITALIST CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

To help meet the needs of older patients at Memorial Hermann Hospital- TMC, we collaborated with the Memorial Hermann Hospitalist Program to create a geriatrics certificate training program. Through this program, hospitalists will have the opportunity to earn a certificate for added skills in caring for hospitalized older adults. The goal of the program is to improve quality of care for older patients, with topics ranging from hazards of hospitalization and transitions of care to comprehensive geriatric assessments and goals of care.

OLDER ADULT CAPACITY AND MISTREATMENT CERTIFICATE TRAINING PROGRAM

With the support of the Consortium on Aging, Dr. Julia Hiner, MD, created a first-of-its-kind certificate training program in assessment of older adult capacity and mistreatment. Dr. Hiner, assistant professor at McGovern Medical School at UTHealth and physician member of the Forensic Assessment Center Network (FACN), collaborated with Texas Elder Abuse and Mistreatment (TEAM) Institute FACN colleagues to create this innovative curriculum. The training will be implemented with the 2020-21 UTHealth geriatric medicine fellows. It covers a range of essential topics for healthcare providers and has the potential to be used in diverse training settings, such as health profession student training and health professional continuing education programs.
2019 EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

MEDICATION SAFETY SYMPOSIUM
April 26, 2019
Directed by Holly Holmes, MD, MS, the 3rd Annual Houston Medication Safety Symposium was a collaborative effort of UTHealth and the University of Houston College of Pharmacy, which featured four key speakers: Drs. Emily Reeve, Cara Tannenbaum, Michael Sprintz and Allison Vordenbaumen Benz. The event highlighted the challenges of medication-related problems in older adults and chronic pain management with opioids. The program focused on two critical areas in improving care: deprescribing and drug monitoring programs. Thanks to the generous support of the Phyllis Gough Huffington Endowed Lectureship, this event provided free continuing education to 131 individuals from a variety of backgrounds.

SECOND ANNUAL FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION
June 12, 2019
For the second year, the Wells Fargo Foundation funded the Consortium on Aging Financial Exploitation Intensive. The full-day training provided participants a dynamic view of elder financial exploitation and featured discussions on addressing the problem through community awareness and education, research and collaborative statewide services. Speakers engaged the audience of 150 participants on issues faced by older adults, caregivers and families such as financial decision-making capacity, working with the financial industry, social service challenges and solutions including partnering with forensic accounting experts. An extensive overview was also provided highlighting the ongoing efforts of the federal level government to protect older adults against the harms of financial exploitation.

MEMBER RETREAT
August 2, 2019
The Member Retreat is a celebration of the past year’s successes by Consortium members in the areas of interprofessional clinical care, research, education and community engagement. The event engages members from all six UTHealth schools and other universities and community organizations for a morning of networking and updates on groundbreaking projects in the field of aging. The morning included an informative lecture by Assistant Professor of Geriatric Dentistry, Maryam Tabrizi, RDH, DMD, MPH, CFMP on the topic of geriatric oral health status and the importance of oral health connection to the overall health of older individuals.

The 2019 Member Retreat also included a pitch competition for $10,000 in seed funding for clinicians, educators and researchers. Members submitted their projects to the Consortium on Aging Executive Committee for evaluation and three finalists were selected for in-person presentations to the Member Retreat audience. Consortium on Aging members cast final votes for the best project.

Catherine G. Ambrose, PhD, Associate Professor, McGovern Medical School, Department of Orthopedic Surgery, was voted the winner of the Consortium on Aging 2019 Project Pitch Competition for her proposal and presentation titled, “Improved Fracture Risk Prediction in Subjects with Osteoporosis”.

The Consortium on Aging is looking forward to the 2020 Member Retreat Project Pitch Competition.
WORLD ALZHEIMER’S DAY
September 18, 2019

The UTHealth Consortium on Aging hosted the 4th Annual World Alzheimer’s Day event to raise awareness about issues related to caring for individuals with dementia. The keynote address featured a presentation on financial preparedness by Author and Investment Advisor, Tom Stephens titled, “Planning for Tomorrow: Avoiding Last Minute High-Stress Surprises”. The audience participated in a question and answer session related to financial preparedness and advance directives that should be completed prior to a dementia diagnosis. The session garnered much discussion from a highly engaged audience of interested community members.

4TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM ON AGING RESEARCH
October 15, 2019

The 4th Annual Symposium on Aging Research was held at the Brown Foundation Institute of Molecular Medicine at UTHealth on October 15, 2019. A major goal of the symposium is to highlight the ongoing translational aging research at UTHealth and to help foster the development of emerging technologies.

Thanks to the generous support of the Phyllis Gough Huffington Endowed Lectureship, this event was free and open to the public. With a wide array of speakers from UTHealth and featured keynote speakers Dr. Holly Brown-Borg, University of North Dakota, and Elizabeth Parrish, CEO of BioViva Science, over 125 attendees from UTHealth and the medical community were able to hear lecture on a variety of topics.

The 4th Annual Symposium on Aging Research included a project pitch competition for $10,000 in seed funding awarded for the best proposal. Each researcher submitted proposal projects to the Consortium on Aging Executive Committee for evaluation and three finalists were selected for in-person presentations to the audience. Audience members attending the symposium cast final votes for the best research project.

Cameron Jeter, PhD was voted the winner of the Pitch Proposal Competition for her proposal and presentation titled, “The Oral Microbiome in Patients with Dementia”.

HOT TOPICS IN AGING
November 1, 2019

This interprofessional continuing education course highlights new and interesting perspectives on aging research and health care from a variety of health professions. The 4th annual Program, co-directed by Drs. Jessica Lee and Rachel Jantea, was a full-day conference and featured speakers on transitions of care, capacity assessment, dementia case management, complementary medicine for pain management, and the healing arts. Rebecca Elon, MD, Chief Medical Officer for FutureCare Health in Baltimore, MD, delivered the keynote session on transitions of care from the nursing home perspective. In total, 169 attendees from 14 health professions and community organizations attended. Continuing education credits were awarded in dentistry, medicine, nursing, and social work.

For any upcoming aging-related events, be sure to reach out to the Consortium on Aging so we can help spread the word.

Dr. Cameron Jeter is an Associate Professor at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth) School of Dentistry.
THE CONSORTIUM ON AGING HAS 205 MEMBERS FROM FIVE UTHealth SCHOOLS, MD ANDERSON CANCER CENTER, TEXAS WOMEN’S UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF HOUSTON, SAM HOUSTON STATE UNIVERSITY, AND OTHER LOCAL AGING-RELATED ORGANIZATIONS.

The UTHealth Consortium on Aging continued to focus on member and community engagement in 2019. Our goal is to promote and maintain a high level of participation from faculty at all six UTHealth schools, and other Texas Medical Center, governmental agencies, non-profit organizations and higher education institutions throughout Texas. Consortium members use our resources, tools and networking opportunities to aid them in clinical practice, research and education projects. The Consortium offers community educational events and seed funding throughout the year for projects that encourage membership participation and support the vision to promote healthy and meaningful aging. These activities support the Consortium on Aging mission to provide excellent comprehensive patient care, educate patients, families, professionals and caregivers, and advance interdisciplinary gerontological research.
MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

GERIATRIC EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT ACCREDITATION

The Department of Emergency Medicine at UTHealth and the UTHealth Consortium on Aging collaborated with Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center (TMC) to become the first hospital in Houston to receive a Level 3 Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation. It is only the second hospital emergency department in the state of Texas to earn the designation from the American College of Emergency Physicians. To earn the accreditation UTHealth emergency medicine physicians and staff at Memorial Hermann TMC equipped the emergency department with geriatric Age Friendly equipment, some of which was donated by the Consortium on Aging, and staff specially trained in geriatric care to work with primary care physicians in the coordination of discharge plans. The ultimate goal is to determine what matters most to older patients and provide the very best care in the hospital and outpatient settings upon discharge.

This accomplishment was made possible under the leadership of: ♦ Bentley J. Bobrow, MD, Chief of Emergency Medicine at Memorial Hermann Texas Medical Center (TMC), ♦ Charles Maddow, MD, Director of Emergency Geriatrics and Wyatt Foundation Distinguished Professor in Geriatric and Palliative Medicine at McGovern Medical School, ♦ Carmel Dyer, MD, Professor of Geriatric and Palliative Medicine at McGovern Medical School and Executive Director of the UTHealth Consortium on Aging.

AGE FRIENDLY HEALTH SYSTEM DESIGNATION

Through interprofessional collaboration with the UTHealth Consortium on Aging, five Houston area UTHealth clinical practices and hospitals were recognized by the John A. Hartford Foundation Institute for Healthcare Improvement as Age Friendly Healthcare Systems.
- Harris Health House Call Program (Houston)
- Jessica Lee, MD, MS
- McGovern Medical School - UT Health Harris County Psychiatric Center
- Lokesh Shahani, M.D., M.P.H., FACP
- Memorial Hermann TMC ACE Unit
- Nahid J. Rianon, MBBS, DrPH
- Ezenwa Onyema, MD, MS
- Memorial Hermann TMC (CCU/CIMU/HVI)
- Matthew Jones, RN
- Min Ji Kwak, MD, MS, DrPH
- UT Physicians Center for Healthy Aging and the House Call Program
- Maureen Beck DNP, APRN, GNP-BC
- The Age Friendly movement is a nationwide initiative to improve healthcare for older adults in hospitals, clinics and other care settings.

UTHealth is the first healthcare system in Texas to be awarded the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) “Committed to Care Excellence” designation. A major focus of the Age Friendly initiative is to ensure the provision of quality geriatric care in healthcare settings nationwide that aligns with the wishes of older adult patients and families caring for them. The Age Friendly Health Systems Initiative was started in 2017 by the John A. Hartford Foundation and Institute for Healthcare Improvement and has made a commitment to establish Age Friendly settings in 20 percent of the hospitals and healthcare systems in the United States by 2020.

To achieve the Age Friendly designation, each of the UTHealth sites participating in the program were required to implement four evidence-based healthcare interventions into their practice.

1. What Matters: Knowing and aligning care with each older adult’s specific health outcome goals and care preferences.
2. Medication: If medication is necessary, use Age-Friendly medication that does not interfere with What Matters to the older adult, Mobility, or Mentation across settings of care.
4. Mobility: Ensure that older adults move safely every day in order to maintain function and do What Matters.

Positive results achieved from implementation of the 4Ms at UTHealth include fewer hospital admissions, better outcomes, greater patient satisfaction, and lower costs.

NATIONAL COLLABORATORY TO ADDRESS ELDER MISTREATMENT

We entered into the 3rd year (phase 2) of a multi-site collaborative grant sponsored by The John A. Hartford Foundation and The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation. The collaborative consists of national experts in elder mistreatment from 7 sites across the nation with the Education Development Center (EDC) as the Collaboratory coordinator. Our goal is to equip hospital systems and health care professionals with tools to detect and intervene in cases of elder mistreatment. The current phase focuses on implementation and feasibility evaluation of the Elder Mistreatment Emergency Department (EMED) care model. This follows successful completion of phase 1, which consisted of:

1) an institutional assessment profile to help emergency departments identify gaps in elder mistreatment screening and care and
2) staff training modules on the epidemiology of elder mistreatment, screening, and response. In alignment with the goals of the grant, we have begun screening seniors in the Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital Emergency Department for elder mistreatment and intervening in those screening positive. These data will be used to test the prototype and prepare it for national dissemination phase 3).

Carmel Dyer, MD, site Principal Investigator Jason Burnett, PhD, site Co-Investigator
TEAM-FORENSIC ASSESSMENT CENTER NETWORK

The Texas Elder Abuse and Mistreatment Institute (TEAM) Forensic Assessment Center Network (TEAM-FACN) completed its second year of providing statewide adult maltreatment forensic assessments for Adult Protective Services using innovative telehealth and web-based modalities. The TEAM-FACN has now completed over 1,000 service requests from all over Texas and remains the only program of its kind in the U.S. This program has garnered national interest from the U.S. Administration on Community Living and the Department of Justice, the National Center on Elder Abuse and the U.S. Elder Justice Coordinating Council. TEAM-FACN is currently working with the state of Minnesota and the city of Los Angeles, California to replicate our system to meet their elder mistreatment client needs.

TEAM-FACN serves the entire state of Texas, supported in part by the Consortium on Aging in Houston.

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SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Jason Burnett, Ph.D. was promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate professor.

Caroline Ha, M.D. was promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate professor.

Rachel Jantea, MD, MS, was recruited as Director of Education

Holly Holmes, M.D., AGSF (division director) received an Institutional Scholars award and a $1 million dollar grant from Blue Cross Blue shield to improve medication management in older patients.

Holly Holmes, M.D., AGSF received an Institutional Scholars award “A Pharmacist-Led Individualized Deprescribing Intervention to Reduce the Risk of Adverse Drug Reactions in Older Patients” 7/1/2019-12/31/2022 | $200,000 - Role: PI

Holly Holmes, MD AGSF received grant support from Health Care Service Corporation Affordability Cures Research Consortium "Reducing Healthcare Costs in Older Adults by Deprescribing Unnecessary, Harmful and Costly Medications” Holly Holmes (PI); Funded 2/2019 | $1,000,000 total cost

Carmel Bitondo Dyer, M.D., FACP, AGSF is the Principal Investigator for the John A Hartford Foundation National Collaboratory on Elder Abuse. Funds from this endowment will continue to be used to provide funding for continuing education and professional development for faculty, clinical staff and fellows in the Division of Geriatric & Palliative Medicine in fiscal year 2020. The ability to invest in our clinical team helps ensure that we are able to attract and retain top quality clinicians.

Hyochol Ahn, PhD (Theodore J. and Mary E. Trumble Professor in Aging Research) received a $463,737 from the NIH/NINR to investigate home-based transcranial direct current stimulation for pain management in older adults with knee osteoarthritis.

Da Silva, Carolyn, PT, DSc, Professor, School of Physical Therapy, Texas Woman’s University, Houston, received a $3,343 grant from the Texas Physical Therapy Foundation to investigate falls and fear of falling in adults who use wheelchairs for locomotion.

PROGRAM SUPPORT

CONSORTIUM ON AGING SUPPORT
funded multiple clinical, education and research initiatives.

- Interprofessional Education 34%
- Delirium Project 30%
- Housecalls 10%
- Fellowship Support 8%
- Annual Events 8%
- Emergency Medicine Initiatives 3%
- Seed Grant Funding 5%
- Dementia Care Handbook 2%
- Annual Events

Will you engage with the Consortium on Aging on your next interprofessional clinical, education or research project?

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PRESENTATIONS CONTD’


Jeter C., Change is the Only Constant: MedEdPORTAL short-talks session American Dental Education Association Annual Session Chicago, Illinois (5 minutes), March 2019

Jeter C., ADEA Summer Program for Emerging Academic Leaders Symposium American Dental Education Association Annual Session Chicago, Illinois (15 minutes), March 2019

Jeter C., Teaching Innovations in the Biomedical Sciences American Dental Education Association Annual Session Chicago, Illinois (1 hour), March, 2019

Jeter C., Experiences in Submitting to MedEdPORTAL American Dental Education Association Annual Session Chicago, Illinois (5 minutes), March 2019

Jeter C., Collaborative Cheating: Detecting and Deterring Forbidden Teamwork American Dental Education Association Annual Session Chicago, Illinois (1.5 hours), March, 2019

Jeter C., Why We all Cheat, and What We Can Do About it Texas Section of the American College of Dentists Houston, Texas (30 minutes), February 2019

Jeter C., Insiders Guide to Summer Research Student Research Group – UTHealth School of Dentistry Houston, Texas (1 hour), March 2019

Holmes, Holly, Co-Chair, 3rd Annual Houston Medication Safety Symposium, Houston, Texas, April 26, 2019


Jeter C., Mind Your Manners PACE Power Hour – UTHealth School of Dentistry Houston, Texas (1 hour), April 2019

Jeter C., Multitasking: An Alluring MythUTHealth Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP) Houston, Texas (1 hour), May 2019


Jeter C., The (Honest) Truth About Dishonesty AND Creating a Culture of Integrity Academy for Academic Leadership (AAL) Institute for Teaching and Learning (ITL) – Ahn, H., Principles and Clinical Applications of Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation. Paper presented at the UTHealth Neuroscience Research Center Seminar, Houston, TX., October 2019

Ahn, H., Pain Management in Older Adults: Brain Stimulation approaches. Paper presented at the 4th UTHealth Annual Symposium on Aging Research, Houston, TX. (2019, October)

Ahn, H., Home-Based Transcranial Direct-Current Stimulation and Experimental Pain Sensitivity. Poster to be presented at the 71st Annual Scientific Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, Austin, TX. (2019, November)


Jeter C., Oral Health in Parkinson’s disease: A Call for Attention Parkinson’s Disease Research, Education, and Clinical Center Veterans Administration Medical Center, Houston, Texas (1 hour) October 2019


The Consortium on Aging is the presenting sponsor for the Doug Pike Fifty+ Radio Show. This radio show is broadcast Sundays at 11AM on AM950 KPRC and again at 4pm on News Radio 740 KTRH.

The following Consortium members gave radio interviews over the course of 2019.

- Senior Financial Exploitation - Jason Burnett, PhD
- Tooth brushing mistakes you make and how to fix them - Jana Johnsrud, DDS
- Being old doesn’t mean you lose the right to make bad decisions - Tammy Mermelstein, JD, MSW Director, Collaboratory for Aging Resources and Education (CARE)
- Age Friendly – James Booker, PhD
- Research on how Fat Tissue Health Pre-determines Aging, Mikhail Kolonin, PhD
- Geriatric Emergency Medicine – Charles Maddow, MD
- Blood Pressure Drop - Nahid J. Rianon, MBBS, DrPH
- Geriatric Oral Care for Dental Hygiene Month, Jana Johnsrud, DDS
- Pain Relief for Arthritis - Brian Ahn, PhD
- Elder Care Mediation, Carolyn DaSilva, PT, DSc, NCS
- Alzheimer’s Treatment (Medication) - Paul Schulz
- Insomnia and Healthy Sleep Habits - Rachel Jantea, MD, MS
- Aging and Bad Breath - Marian Taboriza, MD
- The Importance of Exercise - John Halpen, MD, JD
- Healthy Heart - Francisco Fuentes, MD
- Mindfulness-based meditation as a pain management strategy - Brian Ahn, PhD
- Managing our Meds - Rex Paulino, MD
- Getting a better night’s sleep - Rachel Jantea, MD, MS
- Religion and Spirit - Andy Achenbaum, PhD
- Sexuality, Intimacy, and Aging - Renee Flores, MD
- Delirium - Min Ji Kwak, MD, MS, DrPH

2019 was an exciting year for the Consortium on Aging. We are thrilled to see so many people from various backgrounds working to deliver age-appropriate care to older adults. We hope to stimulate this progress across fields through various research and education opportunities in 2020.

Please see below for some of our goals for the coming year.

Seek support and funding to launch and study the Center for Senior Medicine Pilot. The model includes development of an Outpatient Innovation Hub offering House Calls and a Hospital at Home Concept.

Develop a Geriatric Interprofessional Education Curriculum at UTHealth.

Develop a Hospitalist Certificate Program at UTHealth.

Develop and implement a Consortium on Aging Membership Engagement Plan to increase member participation.

Expand the Age Friendly Health System Action Community to additional UTHealth Clinics and other hospital units.
We look forward to continuing our involvement in these important geriatric events over the next year. Below is a selection of events currently planned. More information is available at our website.

**COA MEMBER RETREAT**
TBD - Members of the Consortium are invited to participate in this yearly event to showcase research and development in interdisciplinary aging fields.

**ELDER FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION INTENSIVE**
TBD - This free full-day intensive sponsored by Wells Fargo Bank will feature multiple experts in the field of elder abuse speaking on a variety of hard-hitting topics.

**AGING RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM**
TBD - The COA hosts this annual event to feature translational aging research and foster development of merging technologies.

**WORLD ALZHEIMER’S DAY**
September 21, 2020 - Join medical professionals, educators and community members for an event focused on raising awareness and sharing new information about Alzheimer’s.

**HOT TOPICS IN AGING**
November 9, 2020 This full-day interprofessional CE course highlights new and interesting takes on aging research from a variety of disciplines.