



Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Geriatrics and Palliative Care Newsletter. As changes in the geriatrics and palliative care service line accelerate, so does the need for communication. Our goal in this newsletter is to provide our partners with timely, relevant information about issues that are important to you.

In this next issue, you will discover news insights and learn about the latest clinical trials, research findings, manuscripts and more from the Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Care. One key feature of this newsletter is an awards and acknowledgements section. We use this section to highlight departmental accomplishments and achievements. We will also highlight our new faculty in each newsletter.

We hope you find this newsletter useful and informative. Our contact information is below if you have any questions, comments or patient referrals.



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Faculty Awards

- **Megan Huisingsh-Scheetz, MD** — American Geriatrics Society 2021 Arti Hurria Memorial Award for Emerging Investigators in the Subspecialties of Internal Medicine that are Focused on the Care of Older Adults
- **Stacie Levine, MD, FAAHPM** — American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine Gerald H. Holman Distinguished Service Award
- **Lauren Jan Gleason, MD, MPH** — Accepted into the Tideswell AGS Emerging Leaders in Aging Program
- **Shellie Williams, MD** — Named as a Fellow, American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (FAAHPM)
- **Monica Malec, MD, and Stacie Levine, MD, FAAHPM** — Named to *Chicago Magazine's* Top Doctors List

New Grants

- **Elbert Huang, MD, (PI)** — Five-year grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to establish a Center for Multiple Chronic Diseases Associated with Health Disparities; and **Megan Huisingsh-Scheetz, MD**, will conduct a randomized controlled trial using the Amazon Alexa-based voice assistant called EngAGE to deliver exercise programming to older adults in their home to reduce frailty
- **Katherine Thompson, MD** — Health Resources and Services Administration HRSA supplemental grant to address community engagement and medical education specific to the COVID-19 response
- **Katherine Thompson, MD** — Co-PI on "Improving Chicago Older Adult Opioid and Pain Management through Patient-Centered Clinical Decision Support and Project ECHO (iCOPE)"
- **Sandy Tun, MD** — Bucksbaum Institute award "Living Time Capsule: An Oral History Project for the South Side of Chicago"
- **Katherine Thompson, MD, (PI) and Jacob Walker, MD, (Project Lead)** — HRSA GWEP supplement to support continuing education and mentorship COVID-19 response in nursing homes
- **Stacie Levine, MD, FAAHPM** — Coleman Foundation and The Coleman Palliative Medicine Training Program – Phase IV
- **Shellie Williams, MD** — "Empowering Patient/Family Care Communication in the Setting of Serious Illness in Beijing and Wuhan" Funding: University of Chicago Center in Beijing

Publications

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Meet Our New Provider



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Specialty-Level Palliative Care Webinar Series

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News from UChicago Medicine Geriatrics

UChicago Medicine Geriatrics participates in National Age-Friendly Health System Movement

The SHARE Network continues to educate health care workers on the importance of care and quality of life for seniors living on the South Side of Chicago

Learn more about age-friendly care with these videos from the SHARE Network

UChicago Medicine Geriatrics South Side Resources

South Side seniors struggle to access health care. Here's one group trying to fix that

Hyde Parkers establish effort to care for Hyde Park residents with dementia

News from the Forefront for You and Your Patients

What to know about booster shots and third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine

Racism as a public health crisis

Doctors can see prostate cancer anywhere in the body with PSMA PET Imaging - UChicago Medicine

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