Centers of Excellence in Geriatric Medicine and Geriatric Psychiatry Program

2010 - 2011 - 2012 Scholars
The John A. Hartford Foundation Centers of Excellence in Geriatric Medicine and Training Program was initiated in 1988 to address the critical shortage of geriatrics faculty at medical schools and to strengthen the academic geriatrics institutions across the country. Currently, 28 Centers of Excellence are training fellows and faculty in the special knowledge and skills needed to ensure quality healthcare for older adults. To date, over $53 million has been granted to create a cadre of academic leaders in geriatrics. As our nation ages, we need these leaders to teach optimal care of older adults and conduct the research necessary to improve that care.

The Centers of Excellence National Program Office, established at the American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR), oversees the John A. Hartford Foundation’s Centers of Excellence Program.

In 2009, The John A. Hartford Foundation awarded the American Federation for Aging Research a three-year award to take over the management of the Centers of Excellence Program and create a National Program Office to more effectively meet the nation’s urgent need for geriatrician faculty.

The program underwent several significant changes; most notably, a peer review process to identify the most promising fellows and junior faculty in geriatric medicine and geriatric psychiatry in the nation. The revised program, now in its third year, has supported more than 200 fellows and junior faculty.

We are extremely grateful to the members of the Program Advisory Committee, comprised primarily of CoE Directors, who, each year have given an incredibly generous allocation of time to the review. And we are especially grateful for the leadership of William Hall, MD, chair, and Richard Besdine, MD, vice chair of the committee, who so deftly navigated the program transitions. With this publication we congratulate the 2010, 2011, and 2012 Hartford Scholars. To be a Hartford Scholar is to join a prestigious group of some of the nation’s best physician-researchers and clinician-educators who are improving the care of older adults. Their commitment to the health and well-being of older adults is changing the landscape of how we treat their medical and social needs. And they will strengthen the training in geriatrics of medical students, residents, and practicing physicians.

Hartford Scholars do not work in a vacuum. They are collaborating with their peers across multiple disciplines and educating and mentoring the next generation of leaders in geriatric medicine. Despite enormous challenges affecting the field and the healthcare system overall, we applaud their resilience and commitment and we are honored and pleased to introduce them in the following pages.

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Executive Director and Treasurer
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I completed my internal medicine residency at Hospital La Concepcion in Puerto Rico. I am currently completing my geriatrics fellowship and I am specializing in long-term outcomes of older adults who undergo mechanical ventilation. I am working on a project aimed at improving recognition of delirium in the Intensive Care Unit.

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I am a cardiology fellow interested in improving systems of care for older persons, and I am studying treatment complexity and acute multimorbidity in patients hospitalized with heart failure.

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I am a geriatrician psychiatrist with clinical expertise in psychiatry inpatient care services and research expertise with family caregivers and the development of psychosocial treatments for dementia. My work has focused on developing palliative care interventions to increase rates of transitional care for patients with advanced dementia, and enhancing support services for family caregivers, to prevent unnecessary rehospitalization.

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I am developing a conversation framework that will act both as a decision support and documentation tool to help primary care physicians frame their conversations with older adults on colorectal cancer screening (CRCs) with colorectal cancer. This framework will incorporate the latest guidelines and evidence reports on CRC, time to benefit from screening, benefits, harms, burdens, and prognosis.

My research and teaching focus on using quality improvement to teach geriatrics and improve quality of care for older adults. Current projects include a quality improvement learning collaborative for rural and underserved nursing homes, to disseminate practical knowledge necessary to care for the complicated older patient. I will provide outstanding care for the elderly and will train other clinicians who will be able to meet the medical needs of the growing elderly population and who will be willing to educate future generations in geriatric care.

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My primary research interest is to better understand the way diagnosis and treatment for male osteoporosis are conducted within the VA, in order to assure quality care is being provided to VA patients and to minimize the risk of fractures and the considerable disability and health care costs they incur. My long-term goal is to be a successful, independent academic physician-scientist, and leader in improving care of older adults.

I will be teaching emergency medicine residents “Emergency Department Care of the Older Adult Patient” based on the Geriatric Competencies for Emergency Medicine Residents. I will be PI in a project developing optimal emergency department pain management for older adults. This project involves education of all emergency department staff as well as ongoing performance improvement in this area.

I am a geriatric medicine fellow with an interest in preferences for end-of-life care in older adults and patient-physician communication. I am currently studying older persons’ experiences of inpatient advance care planning.

I am a geriatric medicine fellow as part of the University of Washington Geriatric Medicine and Rehabilitation Fellowship. I am studying the relationship between obesity and frailty and how physical activity plays a role in preventing frailty progression.

I am a geriatric medicine fellow specializing in the treatment of bereavement and late-life depression. Additionally I research ways in which to inspire trainees to pursue careers in geriatric medicine and geriatric psychiatry.

I am a junior faculty member in geriatrics who is interested in developing and evaluating geriatric models of care. I am currently conducting projects to evaluate a novel inpatient model for care for older adults and to implement a care transitions model.

I am a geriatric psychiatrist research fellow specializing in the relationship between frailty and dementia in Japanese-American men in Honolulu, and recently received a small grant from the National Parkinson Foundation to conduct analyses on these data.

I am an academic geriatrician interested in clinical research in dementia and Parkinson’s disease, specifically in the interdisciplinary care of these patients in long-term care, and have developed curricula on this subject for medical students, residents, fellows and allied health professionals. I am also a co-investigator in the Honolulu Asia Aging Study, a 20-year longitudinal cohort study of dementia in Japanese-American men in Honolulu, and currently supervise a research assistant in conducting research skill enhancement; the development, implementation, and evaluation of my curriculum for medical residents on transitions from skilled nursing facilities to the community, and additional study of risk factors for early readmission among low income community dwelling seniors.

I am a geriatrician who specializes in teaching geriatric clinical reasoning to geriatrics fellows. I have developed the Harvard Geriatric Clinical Reasoning Curriculum for the Harvard Geriatric Medicine Fellowship and am currently teaching the course. On the clinical side, I am developing collaborative services between geriatrics and surgical specialists at Brigham and Women’s Hospital.
Palliative Medicine Fellowship

I am a junior faculty member in the clinician-educator track specializing in the provision of high quality palliative care service to geriatric and pediatric patients. I am also the associate program director for the Hospice and Palliative Medicine fellowship program at Brown.

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I am an internist and geriatrician and currently a first-year health services research fellow. My research program focuses on ways to improve multidisciplinary care for older adults with HIV. My proposed Hartford project is to conduct a pilot study examining the feasibility of implementing a program to identify and address geriatric syndromes in HIV-infected adults 50 years of age and older in an HIV care setting.

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I am a geriatrician and palliative care physician, specializing in health services research. I am currently working with the Health and Retirement Study and Medicare claims data to investigate the patient and regional factors as associated with treatment intensity among older adults with serious illness.

Noel S.C. Javier, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor of Medicine and Pediatrics
I am a family physician and geriatrician interested in healthy aging and in developing media to improve the health and quality-of-life of older adults. Working through a community-partnered collaborative, I am producing a theoretically-grounded television series promoting the adoption and maintenance of exercise and physical activity. “On The Move” follows the lives of twelve individuals as they take strides towards health to become and stay active. The series will air on Los Angeles CityView 35 and will be presented through a series of community-based viewing events.

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I am currently the Clerkship Director of Internal Medicine for third-year medical students at Eastern Virginia Medical School. While I was a fellow at Johns Hopkins, I developed and implemented a curriculum, Application of Clinical Reasoning to the Physical Exam, for all third-year medical students at the start of their Internal Medicine clerkship. In addition, I created, implemented, and evaluated a formal outpatient geriatric curriculum for Internal Medicine residents.

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My work is focused on building an academic-community partnership to cultivate interdisciplinary geriatrics education for learners at all levels.

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I am a geriatric oncologist with the following research themes: 1) developing improved assessment strategies to predict chemotheraphy toxicity among older cancer patients; 2) evaluating the impact of chemotherapy on physical and cognitive function; and 3) designing behavioral interventions to minimize disability among older cancer patients. I am currently performing a randomized pilot study examining behavioral interventions to minimize disability among older cancer patients.

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I am a geriatrician and a palliative care specialist in training in geriatric emergency medicine. I am currently performing a randomized pilot study examining behavioral interventions to minimize disability among older cancer patients.

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I am a palliative care fellow with training in geriatrics, and I plan to develop a curriculum for medical residents on the geriatrics rotation in order to improve palliative care education in the nursing home.

I am a geriatrician and clinical investigator who is investigating the role of subclinical vascular disease in age-related functional loss and disability. I am also interested in clinical prediction modeling and epidemiological methods.

Dae Hyun Kim, MD, MPH
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I am a clinician-scientist in geriatric medicine and I have been conducting research on the role of circulating osteogenic precursor cells in fracture healing and bone formation.

Jung-hoon Kim, MD
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I am working in the Geriatrics Section at Boston University and at the Uphams Comer Elder Service Plan (PACE) in Boston, Massachusetts. My project is to pilot a newly developed function and disability assessment tool in the PACE population.
At the start of the award, I will be an instructor of medicine working on a project to improve the competencies of second-year internal medicine residents at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in the areas of medication reconciliation and polypharmacy through innovative teaching methods.

I am a geriatrician and am currently investigating the care that vulnerable older adults with delirium receive in the emergency department.

I am a clinician-researcher focusing on the care of older patients with diabetes in the nursing home.

I am a geriatrics clinician-educator with a specific focus on improving the transition of care our patients face. Currently, I am implementing a longitudinal, systems-based practice geriatrics curriculum within the Pittsfield School of Medicine that addresses the AAAMC Geriatric Core Competencies.

I am a geriatrics junior faculty member specializing in the relationship between geriatric conditions, physical disabilities, physical activities, and chronic diseases (i.e., diabetes mellitus) in middle-aged and older adults. I am currently developing a study to better understand disabilities in older adults so that appropriate targeted interventions can be developed in the near future.

I am an assistant professor of psychiatry. My Hartford Foundation-funded research focuses on using Problem Solving Therapy to treat depression symptoms in older adults with schizophrenia.

I am a geriatrics and palliative care attending whose interests lie in complex medical decision making and medical prognostication. I am currently developing a curriculum for geriatric fellows and medicine housestaff about evidence-based medical prognostication.

I am a geriatric and palliative medicine physician specializing in geriatric palliative care for nursing home settings. I am developing a geriatric palliative care curriculum for nursing home interdisciplinary staff with a focus on communication and symptom management.

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I am a geriatric oncologist interested in improving outcomes of older patients with cancer. My current research focuses on the development and testing of interventions to reduce chemotherapy toxicity and improve quality of life in older patients with cancer.

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I am examining how medication interactions affect aging patients’ metabolism of metformin depending upon underlying genomic variation in hepatic cytochromes. This work is a model for demonstrating the variable effects of environmental factors depending upon the underlying individual patient genomic code.

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I am an endocrinologist specializing in metabolic bone disease and currently researching mechanisms by which deranged glucose metabolism adversely impacts bone quality and quantity in aging populations.

I am a leader in geriatric orthopedic trauma at Rhode Island Hospital and my target population is elderly frailty hip fracture patients. I am implementing geriatric-friendly order sets to prevent medical errors and reduce variability of care among different orthopedic providers and am actively involved in educational activities of the orthopedic residents. Through risk assessment and interventions have shown to reduce length of stay, medical complications, and peri- and one year post-operative mortality, which is the aim of this program.

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My health services research focuses on determinants of effective delivery of adjunctive chemotherapies for colon cancer among veterans. It is hoped that knowledge gained can be used to guide the design of larger projects as well as to improve delivery of care to those at highest risk of suboptimal outcomes.

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I am currently a geriatrics clinical fellow, and I plan to help improve the geriatrics curriculum for family medicine residents and the curriculum for geriatrics fellows on how to be effective educators.

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I am a geriatrician and a palliative care physician specializing in health literacy, health communication, and medical decision making. I am currently developing and testing an interactive, multi-media, web-based educational guide to increase patient and surrogate engagement in advance care planning.

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I am currently an Instructor in Clinical Medicine at Columbia University Medical Center in the Department of Rehabilitation and Regenerative Medicine. My main area of interest is in Geriatric Rehabilitation in order to preserve, maximize and restore function, while maintaining quality of life in this patient population. I am working on a curriculum to educate medical students and residents to increase their understanding of rehabilitation issues encountered in the geriatric population including sarcopenia, osteoarthritis, falls, and polypharmacy.

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My long-term goal is to become a local and national leader in improving the care of hospitalized older adults, and in teaching these skills to learners across professional disciplines. In order to provide the best care possible to the complex, acutely ill elderly patient, it is imperative that trainees in other healthcare disciplines, such as nursing and pharmacy, are also sufficiently trained in geriatrics principles. I plan to work with educators in other disciplines to construct curricula in inter-professional care of the elderly patient.

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I am currently a junior faculty member in geriatric medicine with an NIH-funded career development (K23) project investigating the role of the brain and its age-related structural changes in bladder control and urinary incontinence in elderly. I use functional and structural brain imaging in my study and also serve on subjects with voiding problems in a continuum clinic. My mentor is Dr. Nils Rasinski, a nationally recognized expert on voiding dysfunction in the elderly.

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My research focus is to improve the management of urinary symptoms in older adults, specifically those living with Parkinson disease.

I am currently an Instructor in the Division of Geriatric Medicine and am interested in strategies to optimize bone health in older adults. My research focuses on the impact of weight loss and weight regain on bone mineral density in postmenopausal women using a new imaging technique called quantitative computed tomography (QCT).

I am a geriatrician and immunologist leading a research program focused on advancing understanding of the aging immune system, integrating basic molecular and cellular investigations with epidemiologic approaches, and translating this knowledge into useful clinical interventions for older adults.

I am a geriatrics fellow whose research focus is on finding ways to utilize mobile health technology to better diagnose and treat chronic pain in the geriatric population.

My research focuses on the medical education. My clinical and educational focuses are improving transitions of care and the development of a patient-centered medical home model for patients with dementia at a local adult day center.

I am a geriatrics fellow studying the role of mitochondrial DNA mutations in muscle aging. I am developing models of mitochondrial curriculums, mutation detection techniques, and single muscle fiber assays.

I am currently an Instructor at the University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine, and I teach medical students and residents, and medical directorship for geriatric medicine fellows, and started a new course on interdisciplinary geriatric care for all health faculty at a local community college.

I am the director of the required fourth-year medical student rotation in geriatric and palliative medicine, where I implemented an innovative curriculum to incorporate principles of interdisciplinary team care. I have also developed curricula in interdisciplinary team care for residents in internal medicine and family medicine who have required rotations in geriatrics. I have developed an innovative curriculum on nursing home medical directorship for geriatrics as a means to improve care for older adults.

My academic goal is to improve the care given to elderly patients with severe chronic and/or terminal conditions through educational innovations and program development. I am working on ways to increase recruitment of residents into the field of geriatrics, creating curricula for both geriatrics and palliative care fellows focused on the care of elderly patients with complex or life-threatening illnesses, and using social media to create a forum for discourse, recent news and research, and breaking news commentary on geriatric topics.

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