

NeuroCares 2.0 Agenda

Date: Tuesday 9/9/25

Location: Barrow Neurological Institute 2910 N 3rd Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85013

| Time | Room | Topic | Speaker(s) |
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| 8-9 | | Breakfast on your own (included with conference hotel room rate) | |
| 9-9:30 | Marley Lobby | Gathering & Coffee | |
| 9:30-9:45 | Goldman Auditorium | Welcome & Accomplishments | Darin Zahuranec |
| 9:45-10:45 | Goldman Auditorium | Keynote: The Future of Palliative Care Research | <p>Jean Kutner</p> <p>Dr. Kutner is the inaugural UCHealth Chief Academic Officer and a tenured Distinguished Professor of Medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. Dr. Kutner previously served as the Head of the University of Colorado School of Medicine Division of General Internal Medicine and as the inaugural Chief Medical Officer, University of Colorado Hospital and Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, University of Colorado School of Medicine.</p> <p>Dr. Kutner received her MD and completed residency training at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She is Board Certified in internal medicine, geriatric medicine, and hospice and palliative medicine. Her research focuses on improving symptoms and quality of life for people with serious illness and their family caregivers and building capacity for palliative care research.</p> <p>Dr. Kutner is a multiple PI on the newly awarded U54 grant entitled Advancing the Science of Palliative Care Research Across the Lifespan (ASCENT) Consortium. She was Co-Chair of the NIH-funded Palliative Care Research Cooperative Group (PCRC) and a member of the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Transforming End of Life Care Committee. She is a Past-President of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine (AAHPM) and of the Society of General Internal Medicine (SGIM).</p> |
| 10:45-11 | Marley Lobby | Break & Poster viewing | |
| 11-12 | Goldman Auditorium | Workshop 1: Outcome measurements and proxy reporting: What are the current challenges? How can we do the best with what we have to further the field? What can we be doing better/paying attention to going forward? What are | <p>Facilitator: Ana-Maria Vranceanu</p> <p>Speakers/Panel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Diane Meier – 20 min “The Challenge of Meaningful Measures in Palliative Care Research” <p>Dr. Diane E. Meier is Director Emerita and Strategic Medical Advisor of the Center to Advance Palliative Care, a national organization devoted to increasing access to quality health care in the United States for people living with serious illness. Under her leadership the number of palliative care programs in</p> |

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| | | exciting opportunities in the future? | <p>U.S. hospitals has more than tripled in the last 15 years. She is co-director of the Patty and Jay Baker National Palliative Care Center; Professor of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine; Catherine Gaisman Professor of Medical Ethics; and was the founder and Director of the Hertzberg Palliative Care Institute at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York City.</p> <p>2) Talia Shear – 20 min Dr. Talia Shear is an Assistant Professor in the Divisions of Child Neurology and Division of Palliative Care in the Department of Pediatrics at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago/ Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. She has built a pediatric neuropalliative care clinic at this institution that uniquely addresses the needs of children with serious neurological conditions and their families. She has a lifelong passion for advocating for disability rights and disability justice and hopes to further this dedication through her work in neuropalliative care.</p> <p>Q&A</p> |
| 12-1 | Sonntag Pavilion | Lunch roundtables – informal discussion on focused topics, please join the leader listed | <p>Audrey Foster-Barber - pediatrics Darin Zahuranec – shared decision making David Hwang – neurocritical care Ana-Maria Vranceanu – behavioral intervention development, testing, and implementation</p> |
| 1:15-2:15 | Goldman Auditorium | Workshop 2: Grant funding panel: How are you currently approaching grant funding and counseling others? What challenges do you see ahead? What opportunities do you see in the future? How can we work together and/or in partnership with each other and/or with funders to strengthen research in the field? Journey to get funded, including unfunded grants | <p>Facilitator: Jori Bogetz Speakers/Panel:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ana-Maria Vranceanu – 10 min 2) Benzi Kruger – 10 min philanthropy 3) Christine Ritchie – 10 min 4) Jori Fleisher – 10 min <p>Jori Fleisher, MD MSCE is a neurologist and movement disorder specialist at Rush University Medical Center with a special interest in understanding the needs of individuals and families who are living with advanced movement disorders, including Parkinson's disease, Dementia with Lewy Bodies, Progressive Supranuclear Palsy, and related conditions. Supported by the NIH, foundations, and philanthropy, Dr. Fleisher's research focuses on designing and implementing novel models of care and support for people living with neurodegenerative disorders.</p> <p>Q&A</p> |
| 2:15-2:30 | Marley Lobby | Break & Poster viewing | |
| 2:30-3:30 | Goldman Auditorium | Abstract presentations | <p>Facilitator: Darin Zahuranec Speakers/Panel:</p> |

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| | | | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Abstract 1: Karla Aguilar Welches, “Symptoms experienced at end-of-life in patients with severe acute brain injury” – 10 min + 5 Q&A 2) Abstract 2: Joanna Paladino, “Characterizing clinician communication with patients about lecanemab: A qualitative study of clinicians across seven academic medical centers” – 10 min + 5 Q&A 3) Abstract 3: Mira Reichman, “Peer-delivered interventions for family caregivers of patients with severe acute brain injury” – 10 min + 5 Q&A 4) Abstract 4: Ana Maria Vranceanu, “Addressing stress among caregivers of people living with dementia (PLWD) with challenging behavioral symptoms” – 10 min + 5 Q&A |
| 3:30-3:45 | Goldman Auditorium | Closing remarks | David Hwang |
| 3:45-5 | Marley Lobby | Group Photo, Break & Poster viewing | |
| 5-7 | Sonntag Pavilion | Reception with INPCS | |