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Unlocking the Door: Making Elder Care “Dementia-Friendly”

Presented by:
G. Allen Power, MD
Schlegel Chair in Aging and Dementia Innovation
Schlegel – University of Waterloo Research Institute for Aging, Ontario, Canada

Dr. Power will present several compelling arguments against segregated living for people diagnosed with dementia. He will reflect upon the attributes of the living environment that can support or erode well-being, and offer a multi-step, practical pathway to creating a more inclusive living environment.

The Soul of Care: Addressing the Crisis in Caregiving

Presented by:
Arthur Kleinman, MD, MA
Professor, Medical Anthropology and Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School

This presentation will review the contents of Arthur Kleinman’s recent book The Soul of Care with specific regard to obstacles to effective caregiving by health professionals and families and the ways they can be overcome. The presentation outlines the elements of quality care and what it takes to achieve them in practice. Drawing upon his own experience as a physician with long-term interest in doctor-patient relationships and on his more recent experience of being the primary caregiver for his late wife Joan who died of early onset Alzheimer’s disease.

Defining Quality Care in Long Term Care: Dementia Care Practice Recommendations

Presented by:
Erica Salamida, BS
Director of Education & Outreach, Alzheimer’s Association Northeastern New York

The newly released Alzheimer’s Association Dementia Care Practice Recommendations outline quality care practices based on a comprehensive review of current evidence, best practice and expert opinions. This presentation will provide an overview of the recommendations and describe how care providers can use these recommendations to impact person-centered care in their care settings.

The 3Ds: Delirium, Dementia, and Depression

Presented by:
Thomas V. Caprio, MD, MPH, MS, CMD, HMD, FACP, AGSF, FAAHPM
Professor, Medicine/Geriatrics, Psychiatry, Dentistry, Clinical Nursing, & Public Health Sciences, and Director, Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center, University of Rochester Medical Center

Alzheimer’s Disease and related dementias are becoming increasingly prevalent, especially with the demographic of an aging population. This presentation reviews current evidence for screening patients for cognitive changes, recognizing delirium in patients with acute confusional states, and conducting screening for the present of depression which can also impact function, cognition, and may overlap with a variety of medical and psychiatric conditions.
ABOUT THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

The Alzheimer's Association leads the way to end Alzheimer's and all other dementia — by accelerating global research, driving risk reduction and early detection, and maximizing quality care and support. Visit alz.org to learn more about our programs and services.

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Differential Diagnosis of Dementia

Presented by:
David J. Gill, MD
Clinical Assistant Professor, Neurology, University of Rochester Medical Center and Rochester Regional Health

Using representative cases, this presentation will demonstrate how to employ available clinical criteria and diagnostic procedures when making diagnoses of Alzheimer’s disease, dementia with Lewy bodies, and frontotemporal dementia.

What Physicians Say, What Families Hear: How to Present Dementia Diagnoses to Patients and Families

Presented by:
Carol A. Podgorski, PhD, MPH, LMFT
Associate Professor, Psychiatry, University of Rochester Medical Center

Dr. Podgorski will describe the range of emotions that patients and family members often have during a dementia evaluation. She will also address how health literacy regarding dementia affects how patients and families interpret diagnostic information. Finally, she will review best practices associated with effective disclosure of dementia diagnosis and treatment approaches.

Pharmacotherapy Considerations in the Treatment of Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias

Presented by:
Kobi Nathan, PharmD, MEd
Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice, Wegmans School of Pharmacy, St. John Fisher College

Dr. Nathan will provide an overview of common medications used in the treatment of Alzheimer’s Disease and related dementias. The benefits and risks of these agents and their place in clinical practice will be discussed. Potential drug interactions and drug warnings will also be addressed.

During this unprecedented time, no one should face dementia alone. The Alzheimer’s Association is available around the clock, 365 days a year via our free, 24/7 Helpline. For more information call 1.800.272.3900 or visit alz.org.