FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

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NEWS & UPDATES

New John A. Hartford Foundation Grant to Enhance Social Connections Among Older Adults

Thomas Cudjoe, PhD, was awarded a New John A. Hartford Foundation Grant to enhance social connections among older adults. The research, "Social Connections Enhance Recovery From Hospitalization: A Randomized Controlled Trial,“ characterizes the National Health and Aging Trends Study (NHATS) cohort through 8 annual rounds of data. Preparation is underway for subsequent demonstration at 3 care delivery organizations.

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Thomas Cudjoe Awarded R03 to Study Social Connections Among Older Adults

Thomas Cudjoe, PhD, was awarded an R03 from the National Institute on Aging (NIA) to study social connections among older adults. Study findings suggest persistent racial disparities in breast and colorectal cancer screening rates that are associated with lower ACP engagement, with varying levels of social isolation from NHATS respondents. The study offers an important opportunity to enhance patient engagement in ACP and壽命 planning.

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SUCCESSFUL ENROLLMENT IN THE MEDICAID PROGRAM IS ASSOCIATED WITH LOWER ADVANCE CARE PLANNING ENGAGEMENT FOR OLDER ADULTS

The National Health and Aging Trends Study (NHATS) cohort demonstrates that Medicaid beneficiaries at greater likelihood of enrolling in the Medicaid program significantly increase the odds of entry into Medicaid within one year of enrollment. Study findings suggest a favorable 5-year return on investment, with continued increases in Medicaid enrollment and a potential savings benefit of identifying the consequences of disability from aged 65 through to the end of life. Details are available at https://www.capeable.org.

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Designing Access to Patient-Generated Health Data for Care Coordination: A Longitudinal Case Study

This study evaluates the cost-effectiveness of care coordination for people with dementia at home. Researchers used data from the LifeScan study to examine ways to improve care coordination for people with dementia at home. The study findings suggest potential health and financial savings benefit of identifying the activities and perceived benefit in a trial of a behavioral intervention for older adults. LaFave SE, Granbom M, Cudjoe TKM, Gottsch A, Shorb G, Szanton SL. J Pain Symptom Manage. 2019 Dec;58(6):1033-1039.e1.

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Cost-Effective Care Coordination for People With Dementia at Home

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