



ELDER CARE MEDICINE NETWORK

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May is Older Americans Month (OAM) and this year marks the 60th year of celebrating the diverse minds, experiences, and wisdom of the elder adult and caregiver population in our country. This month serves as an opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of providing quality care for older adults and this year's theme is Aging Unbound which aims to address the harmful stereotypes that ageism perpetuates. The Elder Care Medicine Network (ECMN) facilitates discussions surrounding caregiver and patient satisfaction with their current medication regimens, and how research can be better guided to address issues or concerns. As we promote understanding and compassion for older adults, we encourage you to share your wisdom with your communities, and to contemplate how you plan to celebrate Older Americans Month!

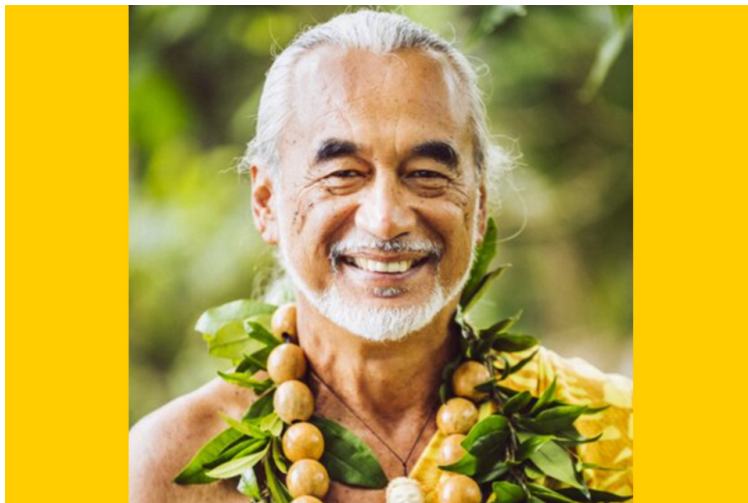
ELDER CARE MEDICINE NETWORK UPDATES

Aloha Elder Care Medicine Network team. We are so pleased to share with you this video produced by May Ann Vincente Hudgins - Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy P4 student - and hosted by our Hawaii Region Community Council member Judy Mikami. This short film features three Molokai community members who graciously share their wisdom to help us better understand what matters to patients about medications.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NTK1incMGQU>

Additionally, we want to pay respect to Kumu Dane Silva, a native Hawaiian practitioner and instructor of Hawaiian healing and martial arts. He was also an ECMN Community Council member who was deeply invested in improving the health and lives of others. Sadly, Kumu Dane passed away early this year, but his impact on people and his work in the ECMN, regarding his perspective within the Native Hawaiian community, cannot be understated and will remain a legacy. We at the ECMN will carry on Kumu Dane's legacy and work toward our collective goal to create a network for older adults to comfortably discuss their health.



Thank you all for your participation in the needs assessment survey! With your help, we were able to gain some valuable insight into challenges faced by older adults and caregivers surrounding Patient Centered Outcomes Research (PCOR). We found that about 43% of respondents were not familiar with the term PCOR before the survey. Respondents felt PCOR is an important topic to discuss, and are curious about what it means to be a member of a research team. Concerns that many respondents had about participating in PCOR involved the need for technology access, privacy surrounding their personal information, and getting support throughout the process of participating in patient-centered outcomes research. The study team is currently working on publishing a manuscript of the needs assessment survey.

Through this work and our discussions (AKA “Talk Stories”), our team has learned more about what matters to you about medicines. Right now, we need your help to inform priority areas of future work and collaboration. If you are interested in participating in the research, please click on the following link to access the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MedThemes>

QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, please reach out to Dr. Nicole Brandt at (410) 706-1491 or lamycenter@rx.umaryland.edu who is coordinating efforts of the Elder Care Medicine Network. More information can be found at our [website](#)

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