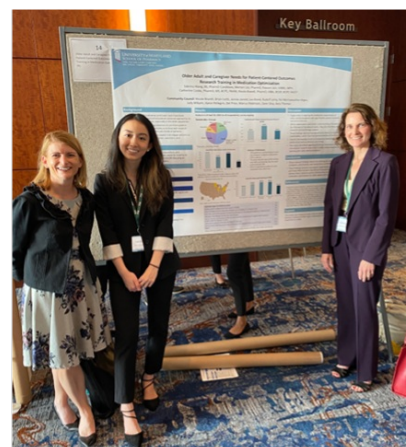




# ELDER CARE MEDICINE NETWORK

The [Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging](#) at the University of Maryland, Baltimore is part of a national group working to build [The Elder Care Medicine Network](#), a project funded by a grant from the Eugene Washington PCORI Engagement Awards program, an initiative of the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI). The Elder Care Medicine Network brings together patients, caregivers, researchers, and pharmacists to discuss "Patient Centered Outcomes Research" (PCOR) on the best use of medicines for seniors (also known as kūpuna in Hawaii). We offer many ways to work with us across the United States, including but not limited to:



- Surveys
- Focus groups
- Continuing education
- Conversations about health
- Co-designing educational materials and research questions

Our team knows it is critical to have our stories shared to raise awareness for medicine related topics and issues that are important to you. The goal is for our work to improve the lives of older adults by addressing medicine related concerns through research, education, and advocacy.

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## REGIONAL UPDATES

### *Mid-Atlantic Region*

The MidAtlantic Region continues to engage in the community on themes of medicine use and safety through educational programs and health fairs. One of our community council members, Rudi Lamy, authored two new posts for the [Caregiver Blog](#), published on the Lamy Center web page. We are excited

to offer programs on Fall Prevention as we kick off the National Falls Prevention week.

### **Midwest Region**

The Midwest region/team-lead also provides an additional resource on medication related self-management. Please feel free to check out the interview/article [here](#).



### **Hawai'i Region**

Fourth year pharmacy Student, May Ann Vicente Hudgins, will be traveling to the small rural island of Molokai, where a member of the Hawai'i Region Council lives. Student involvement in the Network will facilitate enhancement of interview questions, and the learning part of the project. The team has prepared a list of interview questions to ask fellow Hawai'i Community members about their use of medicines, and what's most meaningful to them. We eagerly await the results of this engagement. And will share them in our next newsletter.

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## **WAYS TO GET INVOLVED**

Over the next 2 months, we will be providing discussion sessions talking about medicines and PCORI both in person and online. If interested, please send an email to [lamycenter@rx.umaryland.edu](mailto:lamycenter@rx.umaryland.edu).

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## **QUESTIONS?**

If you have any questions, please reach out to Dr. Nicole Brandt at (410) 706-1491 or [lamycenter@rx.umaryland.edu](mailto: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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