LETTER FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Greetings! 2019 was a milestone year as it marked the third anniversary of my tenure as the Lamy Center’s executive director.

The great work conducted by our team members continues to excite and energize me. The Center’s strategic priority areas are to cultivate leadership in geriatrics care; engage in policy and research initiatives; further interprofessional training in geriatrics care, and promote aging in place. As we continue to strengthen our foundation and build our network, we encourage you to reach out and join this important work of improving medication use and safety in older adults. Now more than ever, your support at any level is needed.

To personalize our annual report, we have added quotes from current and former trainees as we continue to promote leadership and development of a workforce ready to provide the needed services to care for an aging society. Team members have received local and national recognition for their clinical as well as scholarly work. I could not be prouder of the numerous presentations at regional, national, and international meetings to share best practices as well as cutting-edge research.

The Lamy Center team continues to work on research with policy implications such as a study with AMCP and IMPAQ on the Medicare Part D Standardized Format, as well as the CMMI Enhanced Medication Therapy Management Program. We have ongoing research on antipsychotics and other psychotherapeutic medication use and safety in the PALTC setting. The Lamy Center is a core leader in the newly formed US Deprescribing Research Network. As well, we joined pharmacists and students from across the country in Washington, DC to advocate for advancing the role of pharmacists, medication costs, and medication access for older adults. On a personal note, I have had the honor of being the first pharmacist to join the HRSA Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages and to be part of the 18th report on Preparing the Current and Future Health Care Workforce for Interprofessional Practice in Sustainable, Age-Friendly Health Systems.

This opportunity, coupled with our continued work in interprofessional education, positions the Lamy Center as a leader at UMB and beyond. In 2019, Lamy Center team members were awarded as the inaugural class of the UMB GLOBAltimore Fellows. This international opportunity fortified relationships with the University of Helsinki faculty and students regarding older adults and community-based programs to help older adults age in place.

A highlight of 2019 was the launch of Age Friendly University systems, which unified efforts with the University of Maryland, Baltimore County. A quote that we have been living by at the Center: “Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much.”

Nicole J. Brandt, PharmD, MBA, BCGP, BCPP, FASCP
Executive Director
Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Science
Today, more than ever before, there is an urgent need for pharmacists and allied health professionals with expertise in the care of older adults, especially given the increasing complexity of managing older adults with multimorbidity.

The Lamy Center rises to meet this challenge through its continued legacy in geriatrics training and education.

In 2020, the PGY-2 Geriatric Pharmacy Residency Program will celebrate 20 years of training geriatric pharmacotherapy experts, leaders, and academicians. Our alumni are recruited into advanced clinical practice settings, academia or management roles. They are trail blazers and have established new geriatrics focused clinical pharmacy services, which speaks to their strong clinical and leadership abilities. To mark this exciting milestone and continue to develop great practitioner leaders as they enter the workforce, we plan to incorporate a leadership curriculum into our program.

In the spirit of collaboration, Center faculty helped establish an inaugural workgroup of directors of postgraduate geriatrics and gerontology training programs across the University of Maryland, Baltimore and the Baltimore Veterans Affairs Medical Center. This workgroup aims to develop strategies to increase interprofessional collaboration and clinical opportunities for health and social service profession trainees in geriatrics. In its first initiative, the workgroup piloted a successful IPE case workshop series that will continue through 2020.

I am excited that the Center continues to forge new partnerships and find innovative ways to foster our core mission. I look forward to further developing these relationships and opportunities to continue to educate and champion the cause of Dr. Lamy.

Chanel Whittaker, PharmD, BCPS, CGP, FASCP
Director of Education and Training
Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice and Science

This past year, research conducted by Lamy Center members has continued at a steady rate. Collectively, we published more than 30 peer-reviewed manuscripts, received more than $2 million in grants and contracts, delivered 60 talks, and presented nearly two dozen posters at numerous international, national, and local conferences. We have represented the Center at grant reviews of our peers. These accomplishments are highlighted on pages 18 through 25.

More important than numbers are the collaborations fostered within and external to the Lamy Center. The Center has become a home for clinicians, educators, policy makers, researchers, and, most significantly, our trainees. Our pharmacy students, residents, fellows, and doctoral students represent the next generation of geriatric scholarship. This year we have involved more than a dozen students and fellows in Lamy-related research activities.

We continue to collaborate with our colleagues across UMB—the Schools of Nursing, Social Work, and Medicine. We collaborate with Johns Hopkins, our University of Maryland sister institutions at College Park and in Baltimore County, and other universities. We continue to work with state and city agencies, private sector research groups, and health systems.

In this age, one person cannot solve all the challenges facing older adults. It continues to be my honor to help lead this collective of passionate and inquisitive people and institutions to better understand, and help solve, the pressing health problems facing one of our most dynamic yet vulnerable populations—our older adults.

Linda Wastila, BSPharm, MSPH, PhD
Director of Research
Professor & Parke-Davis Chair in Geriatric Pharmacotherapy
LAMY CENTER AT A GLANCE

IN THE 2019 CALENDAR YEAR

27 PEER-REVIEWED PAPERS published by our team members

$2,097,400 in research grants and contracts

1 BOOK CHAPTER published by our team members

28 SEMINARS supported by our team members

8 AWARDS received by our team members

74 POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS given by our team members at local, state, national, and international conferences

WEBSITE TRAFFIC
Lamy website accessed 32,694 TIMES

814 INDIVIDUALS attended community and educational programs

8 AWARDS received by our team members

49 COMMUNITY & HEALTH PROMOTION EVENTS supported by the Center
ABOUT THE PETER LAMY CENTER

Our Mission
The Lamy Center is dedicated to improving drug therapy for aging adults through innovative research, education, and clinical initiatives.

Our Vision
Improving the lives of older adults by optimizing medication safety and use.

The Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging serves as the focal point for geriatric research, education, and service within the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. Founded in 1978, the Center is named in honor of its founder, Peter P. Lamy, PhD, ScD (1925-1994), the renowned educator and mentor in the field of geriatric pharmacotherapy and the first holder of the Parke-Davis Chair in Geriatric Pharmacotherapy at the School of Pharmacy.

Lamy Center faculty conduct research directed toward the production of new scientific knowledge with practical application in improving the outcomes of pharmaceutical care for elderly patients. The Center’s educational activities range from in-house training opportunities for predoctoral students and postdoctoral residents to organized community outreach programs. The Center also produces and distributes patient and provider education materials on best practices in pharmaceutical care. The Center’s clinical mission is dedicated to strengthening the tie between education and practice through clinical rotations and consultancy arrangements in various practice settings.

The Lamy Center is a collaborative cross-departmental research and education center housed in the Departments of Pharmacy Practice and Science and Pharmaceutical Health Services Research in the School of Pharmacy. The Center boasts of faculty, staff, postdoctoral fellows, graduate students, residents, and pharmacy students with not only clinical backgrounds, but also advanced training in epidemiology, policy, economics, social work, and health services research.

The Center engages this diverse and dynamic team and the community to promote its four key strategic priority areas:

- Cultivating leadership in geriatrics care
- Engaging in policy and research initiatives
- Furthering interprofessional training in geriatrics care
- Promoting aging in place

The Center maintains close strategic partnerships and collaborations, including the John A. Hartford Foundation, Institute for Healthcare Improvement, Remedi SeniorCare, American Society of Consultant Pharmacists, American Geriatrics Society, Maryland Department of Health, Maryland Poison Center, MedStar Good Samaritan Hospital’s Center for Successful Aging, the Johns Hopkins University, IMPAQ International, the U.S Deprescribing Research Network, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. The Center also leverages its relationships with the Center on Aging at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and with the University’s Schools of Nursing, Social Work, and Dentistry to promote interprofessional education.
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Emerging Opportunities and Needs when Caring for Older Adults

By Barbara Zarowitz, PharmD
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Our senior population has grown from 35 million in 2000 to 56 million in 2020. Projections are that by 2050, 22% of the population will be at least 65 years of age and over 17 million of them will be aged 85 and older.

Further, 40% of U.S. adults will belong to a minority and nearly 20% will be in poverty.

This will be a permanent and unprecedented shift in the demographic structure of our society. This demographic shift coupled with the rapid emergence of artificial intelligence (AI)-enabled deep algorithm learning and decision-support software means that as geriatric pharmacist specialists, we will need advanced training to care capably for older adults. While automation and digitalization will help us be optimally prepared for these challenges, our patients will expect us to have the expertise to assist them with these daunting changes in health care. Recent projections are that application of AI in medicine will spur the transition of care from reactive to proactive.

As a result of these changes to the aging adult population and digitization of health care, clinicians will need to envision and validate new models of care that include real-time telehealth, mobile devices, and integrated deep learning algorithms. With the more widespread accessibility to genomic data, biomarkers can be redefined and expanded to provide more objective measures of therapeutic success. Large data sets will be used to develop clinical decision support and clinicians will need familiarity with these tools. The rapid pace of therapeutic advancement and value of precision medicine will require clinicians to develop genomics expertise. Advocacy for health plans to pay for social determinants of health is needed. Our patients will need to be educated about the value of shared data, the integrity of medical decision-making, and privacy in the era of AI and digitization.

Translational research should embrace the validation of AI-enabled health care solutions in randomized controlled trials. The science for identifying and validating clinically meaningful and actionable biomarkers will be needed to process raw sensor data from wearable mobile devices. Highly specific study populations with more defined inclusion of minorities of diverse ethnicity and age extremes will be needed to inform high quality clinical care.

The next 20 years promises to be exciting for clinicians and older adults we care for particularly those aged 85 and older with the application of technologies and logic heretofore unexperienced in clinical practice. Our patients will need support to overcome technology hesitancy and suspicion as well as user support for expected advancements in clinical care. We must step up to the learning challenges to assure that clinical pharmacists as part of the interprofessional team are equipped adequately for future challenges and opportunities.
This year, the Lamy Champion Coalition celebrated its annual kick-off meeting by launching the first coalition strategic plan. Focus areas include fostering interprofessional education (IPE) in geriatrics by recruiting other disciplines into the coalition, developing IPE education programs for 2020 in the areas of pain and policy, transitions of care and age-friendly institutions, and increasing collaboration between the Lamy Center and the coalition to promote the Center’s mission and vision.

Similarly, the champions held quarterly meetings discussing various themes ranging from community outreach and partnerships, aging in place, strategic partnerships, and workforce development. Specifically, some of the topics were the role of geriatric pharmacists in transitions of care, the interprofessional model at Frederick Health, the role of geriatric pharmacists in promoting age-friendly initiatives in the community, and community engagement with the Montgomery County Commission on Aging. These meetings, in part, help to engage Champions and showcase initiatives at their various practice settings and communities.

The Center also worked with the coalition this year to develop an IPE continuing education series of timely topics geared towards the geriatric care team. These educational series will be offered in 2020 and will be led by our Champions, who are ambassadors for the Center’s mission and vision.

NOTE FROM RUDOLF B. LAMY
As I recap 2019, it has been an eventful year for the Lamy family in general, and for myself in particular. My niece got married, my mother celebrated her 96th birthday, and my nephew continued with his chemistry PhD program at Yale. I no longer a solo caregiver, having placed my wife in the memory care unit at an assisted living facility near our home.

I have just completed my third year with the Lamy Center. While I am glad that I can be of service as a consultant, blog writer, and familial representative, I am ever more grateful for the resources at the Center that I and the Lamy family can consult when we need information and assurance. I am honored to continue to support the Center and am looking forward to lending my assistance wherever and whenever I can for as long as I can be of service.
Jean Dinwiddie, a Lamy Champion at the Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging, has decades of experience in a variety of pharmacy settings, from direct patient care to administration. She started her pharmacy career as a technician, where she was encouraged to pursue a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. While at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, Dinwiddie was mentored by Peter Lamy, PhD, ScD, and Maddy Feinberg, RPh, who piqued her interest in geriatrics. She went on to work for George Washington University Physicians Group, PharmaCare, and Caremark. While at the George Washington University Physicians Group, which Dinwiddie recalls as one of the most satisfying jobs she’s had, she was one of the first pharmacists on its interprofessional staff. There she provided physicians with education on cost efficient prescribing. At PharmaCare, Dinwiddie transitioned into managed care, where she began to practice on the population level. As its chair of the national P&T committee, Dinwiddie traveled across the United States to present at a number of conferences. Throughout her experiences, Dinwiddie has played the instrumental role of an advocate and promoted the profession of pharmacy.

In her current role as chair of the Montgomery County Commission on Aging, Dinwiddie has focused on two initiatives. First, she has advocated for pharmacists to educate patients on personal sound amplification products (PSAPs). These devices, which are not FDA approved, have been showing up on pharmacy counters and can be bought without a prescription or any professional consultation. Second, she has been advocating to change regulations on assisted living facilities (ALF) to make pharmacist-led review of medications more frequent. Currently, ALFs must have a pharmacist review a resident’s medications every six months if that resident is on nine or more medications. For comparison purposes, pharmacists conduct monthly reviews in nursing homes. The decreased frequency of reviews in ALFs is risky for patients. “The population is aging and there are more needs to come,” Dinwiddie says. Changing this regulation would not only recognize the importance of the pharmacist’s expertise in medication management, but also impact care when the work of pharmacists would stand to benefit more and more people.

Dinwiddie’s leadership of the Montgomery County Commission on Aging has already made an impact in the care of older adults. Prior to her leadership of the Commission on Aging, pharmacists were not involved in senior centers or in the decisions that the Commission on Aging makes. Her leadership has put pharmacists into the discussion of how Montgomery County serves the needs of seniors. She is also sensitive to the needs of seniors and how understanding what a pharmacist does can play a vital role in their care. She notes, “The challenge is going to be that with all the services we offer, people don’t ask. While we know there are lots of people who could benefit from medication reviews and medication check-ups, they don’t ask until they are in crisis.” Part of what Dinwiddie works toward is to help ordinary people understand, value, and seek out a pharmacist’s services, which she accomplishes as the chair of the Commission on Aging, as a senior herself, and as a Lamy Center Champion.
AGE-FRIENDLY UNIVERSITY GLOBAL NETWORK

On Nov. 21, 2019, the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) and University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) celebrated becoming the first universities in the State of Maryland to receive Age-Friendly University (AFU) distinction. They join more than 50 higher education institutions worldwide that make up the Age-Friendly University (AFU) Global Network, which is led by Dublin City University in Ireland and inspired by the World Health Organization’s age-friendly cities movement.

This milestone event was attended by then University System of Maryland Chancellor Robert Caret and then UMB President Jay Perman and UMBC President Freeman Hrabowski, who gave key remarks demonstrating the campuses’ strong commitment to the 10 AFU principles. Their remarks were followed by a presentation from Dr. Amy Berman, a senior program officer at The John A. Hartford Foundation, and a networking activity by the more than 85 faculty, staff, and students from both universities and community partners who attended the kick-off event.

Together, UMB and UMBC are committed to fostering an inclusive approach to health and active aging through this AFU initiative.

THE ANNUAL LAMY LECTURE SERIES

Energy, exchange, and electrifying are words used to describe the 50th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists (ASCP), which was held in Grapevine, Texas from Nov. 7-10, 2019. The Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging team was well represented with five posters (one receiving a top poster award) and four podium presentations.

The 2019 Peter P. Lamy Memorial Lecture, titled “Aging in Place: What Pharmacists can do to Reduce Community Based Medication Harms in Older Adults,” occurred on Nov. 7. This was a fireside chat featuring Karen Pellegrin, PhD, MBA, director of continuing education and strategic planning at the Center for Rural Health Science at the Daniel K. Inouye College of Pharmacy at the University of Hawai‘i at Hilo (UH Hilo). She has led teams that have won more than $30 million in competitive federal grants for UH Hilo since joining the College of Pharmacy in 2008 and has served as principal investigator and project director for the Pharm2Pharm program funded by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation. The highly successful program has advanced knowledge and practice of pharmacist-led care models while providing educational and professional opportunities for many students.
The IPE Care in Geriatrics Aging in Place (CIPP 621) is a three-credit interprofessional (IPE) graduate course designed to empower and engage neighbors in West Baltimore in all aspects of their health and wellbeing. Every week the IPE team brings hope, laughter, cheer, exercise, home visits, educational presentations, and one-on-one consultations to the residents of two high rise buildings, thanks to the support of an incredible IPE faculty and staff from the Lamy Center and collaborative programs in the Schools of Nursing, Social Work, Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacy.

Over the years, the course has touched the lives of the neighbors with more than 370 one-on-one encounters aimed at enhancing the safety of older adults taking high risk medications, helping with the rising cost of medications and dental care, enhancing the social determinants of health, connecting with primary care and the emergency department, and lending a helping hand in medication management. Students enrolled in this course conduct exercise sessions and blood pressure assessments to help prevent falls and strokes, and give more than 90 health related presentations.

The trainees’ feedback has been consistently positive. One student stated, “It has been an incredibly fulfilling experience to work with these older adults. Having the ability to have a longitudinal relationship with patients in the community is unique.” Another stated, “Many patients struggled with chronic pain or physical disabilities. I did not expect this clinical experience to provide so much interaction with the residents. This clinical placement is a big learning experience for me. I am encountering problems and situations that I’ve never had before from a health professional viewpoint.”

Students’ perceptions before and after taking the course show upward trends in enhanced interprofessional communication, team member appreciation, and the value of teamwork. Other competencies of outcome-driven IPE learning such as understanding their role and the roles and responsibilities of others in team dynamics and appreciating the value and ethics of providing care to older adults have been enhanced.
2019 ASCP Annual Meeting & Exhibition, Grapevine, Texas (Nov. 7-10, 2019)

“While the ASCP annual meeting was my first, it was beyond insightful. As the geriatric population continues to grow so will the need for geriatric pharmacists. It was inspiring to attend an annual meeting where like-minded professionals were given a platform to share the successes of the innovative work they were doing. Without discussion, innovation, and collaboration, pharmacy practice would remain stagnant. I feel that it is the momentum generated from these types of meetings that allows us to create and evaluate the best pharmacy forward patient-centered care practices.”

- Shannon Riggins, PharmD, PGY-2 Geriatric Pharmacy Resident

The Lamy Center has given me the opportunity to be involved in the local community. At school, you are in a bubble, but the Lamy Center gives you firsthand experience in the Baltimore community.

- Taylor Kaminsky, 4th Year PharmD Student

Over the years, the Lamy Center has provided opportunities for participation in several research projects, which led to presentations at national conferences and enhanced my knowledge regarding the importance of helping older adults age in place.

- Sierra Simpkins, PharmD, Geriatric Pathway Graduate

Lamy Center

Trainee Insights

The Center is home to a dynamic team of leadership, clinical pharmacists, researchers, and community outreach stakeholders. I have had excellent opportunities throughout my training to learn from, to participate, and to receive support in geriatric research and initiatives.

- Tham Le, Pharm, MPH, PhD Candidate

As a postdoctoral fellow at the Lamy Center, I have received tremendous support from the faculty to grow and develop my scholarly interests. At the same time, I am exposed to various topics and methodologies, which have enhanced my skills and challenged me to expand my scope of knowledge. The highlight of my experience has been working with an interprofessional team of clinicians, researchers, and trainees who bring together a multitude of ideas and perspectives in a collective effort to improve the health and quality of life for older adults.

- Sarah Holmes, PhD, MSW, Postdoctoral Fellow

The Lamy Center has challenged me to think about what matters to patients, and to apply that mindset in my education, research, and practice. I believe that the mindset and skillset that I have gained from my training at the Lamy Center will truly help me become a pharmacist and researcher committed to helping older adults age successfully in place.

- Joshua Chou, PharmD, Geriatric Pharmacotherapy Fellow
“I was incredibly excited to learn that Dr. Brandt had been selected to receive the 2019 Dennis W. Jahnigen Memorial Award. Dr. Brandt has dedicated her career to educating pharmacists and other health care professionals about the field of geriatric pharmacy. She is a champion of promoting safe medication use among older adults, and this award validates so much that she has accomplished over the years.” says Jill A. Morgan, PharmD, BCPS, BCPPS, professor and chair of the School of Pharmacy’s Department of Pharmacy Practice and Science.

“As someone who knew Dr. Jahnigen, I believe he would be extraordinarily proud to learn that Dr. Brandt was selected to receive his memorial award. Dr. Jahnigen believed that geriatrics should be inclusive of everyone in the health professions, and Dr. Brandt’s work is completely consistent with his vision. She is making enormous contributions not just at the School of Pharmacy, not just in partnership with us at Johns Hopkins Medicine, but across the entire country.” says John R. Burton, MD, professor of medicine and director of the Johns Hopkins Geriatric Education Center, the first recipient of the Dennis W. Jahnigen Memorial Award in 1999, and another beloved mentor to Dr. Brandt.

Dr. Brandt was named the 2019 recipient of the American Geriatrics Society’s (AGS) Dennis W. Jahnigen Memorial Award, which recognizes individuals who have provided leadership to train students in geriatrics and significantly helped to advance geriatrics education across health professions. She is the first pharmacist to be honored with the award.

A past recipient of the award and one of Brandt’s long-time mentors, Barbara Resnick, PhD, RN, CRNP, FAAN, FAANP, professor in the Department of Organizational Systems and Adult Health and co-director of the Adult-Gerontology Primary Care Nurse Practitioner Specialty and Center for Excellence in Biology and Behavior Across the Life Span at the University of Maryland School of Nursing, said, “I am so excited to see AGS recognizing Dr. Brandt for all of the work that she has done to advance geriatrics education not only at the School of Pharmacy, but across the entire University of Maryland, Baltimore campus. It is always exciting to see non-physician health care professionals be recognized for their important work, and to see Dr. Brandt receive this recognition is particularly meaningful to me.”
Avra Thomas, PharmD, BCGP, FASCP, was elected co-chair of the new Women in Leadership Committee of the American Society of Consultant Pharmacists. In 2019, she enrolled in the School of Pharmacy’s MS in Palliative Care program.


Congratulations to Drs. Avra Thomas, Joshua Chou, and Monica Tong on passing their boards in 2019 and obtaining their BCGP credentials.


Daniel Mansour, PharmD, received the Creighton University School of Pharmacy 2019 Spirit of Ignatius in Health Care Award presented by Miriam Opara, PharmD, and Maryann Skrabal, PharmD, CDE, on May 1, 2019 in gratitude for mentoring students in the spirit of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Daniel Mansour, PharmD, and Ednner Oketch, MS, received the 2019 University of Maryland School of Pharmacy’s Spirit Award presented by Dean Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, FAAPS, FCP on May 29, 2019, in recognition for exemplifying the spirit of the School by promoting a healthy School community that values excellence through professional collegiality, mentoring, and citizenship.

Jean Dinwiddie, PharmD, was elected chair of the Montgomery County Commission on Aging.

Jessica Merrey, PharmD, is part of a Johns Hopkins Medicine research leadership team that received a $50,000 grant from the NCPDP Foundation to validate and evaluate a real time prescription benefits (RTPB) tool. With the mandate from CMS for Medicare Part D plans to implement the RTPB tool by January 2021, the team hopes that their assessment will be timely.
SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY IN 2019

As in previous years, our faculty, fellows, residents, and postdoctoral graduate students remain continually engaged in a variety of scientific scholarly research and professional development activities, including conducting dissertation research, publishing peer-reviewed papers and book chapters, giving seminars and lectures, and presenting research poster and podium presentations at national and international scientific meetings and other venues.

The number of peer-reviewed publications represents a 20 percent decrease from the previous year, due to the focus of implementing new grants. However, the number of presentations increased from 69 to 74, representing a 25 percent increase from the previous year. The full list of publications and speaking engagements by Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging team members is listed on pages 18 – 25 and spans the period from Jan. 1, 2019 – Dec. 31, 2019. The team members are noted in bold.

Figure 1. Scholarly Activity in 2019
Increasing and expanding research, clinical service, and education activities are top priorities at the Lamy Center. In 2019, our faculty and staff received more than $2 million in grants and contracts funding from the National Institute on Aging, the Maryland Department of Health, the PhRMA Foundation, Novartis, and other sponsors. The majority of our grants come from federal and state agencies.

In 2019, total grant funding from federal and state agencies decreased by 5% from $961,783 in 2018 to $911,169. Funding from industry and foundations increased over the same time period. Figure 2 and Table 1 lists funding sources over the course of the last year, and represents the range and caliber of agencies and organizations with whom we collaborated in 2019.

Figure 2. Research Grant Funding Sources
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Selected Programs

AGING 2.0: TACKLING MEDICATION OVERLOAD

The Aging 2.0 Baltimore Chapter partnered with Lamy Center team members Nicole Brandt PharmD, MBA, and Michelle Fritsch, PharmD, and IMPAQ’s Ilene Harris, PharmD, PhD, to host an evening discussion and networking event focused on tackling medication overload. Some overall takeaways:

- Polypharmacy and overmedication are not synonymous. There is no "magic number" of prescriptions that is "too much." Any number can be dangerous.
- Overmedication is not just limited to prescribed medications. Vitamins, supplements...etc. can also have an impact.
- Overmedication can result in delirium, falls, and higher rates of mortality.
- Medication management is a significant stressor for caregivers.
- Provider and patient communication are extremely important when trying to reduce the potential of adverse effects of medication.
- Innovation is happening! CMMI’s Enhanced Medication Therapy Management Model (MTM) is testing whether regulatory flexibility and payment incentives to Medicare prescription drug plans can optimize medication use, improve care coordination, strengthen health care system linkages, and reduce cost.

The event’s video recording, along with speaker presentation slides and pictures, are available on the Aging 2.0 archive. Lamy Center team members will continue to support Aging 2.0 activities that create innovative and entrepreneurial mechanisms to support the needs of older adults and their caregivers.

CHOOSING AND USING OTC MEDICINES WISELY WORKSHOP

Over-the-counter (OTC) medications are easily accessible, and older adults are at increased risk of adverse drug events if used inappropriately. Monica Tong, PharmD, the 2018-2019 PGY2 geriatrics resident and current residency coordinator, and Chanel Whittaker, PharmD, director of education and training, led an interprofessional research team to develop and implement an interactive one-hour educational workshop for older adults and their caregivers on choosing and using OTC medications wisely. This evidence-based workshop was informed by interviews with key stakeholders including older adults, caregivers, and health care providers who practice in geriatrics. The workshop used real life scenarios and provided resources for older adults and caregivers to use when choosing and taking OTC medications. The 2019 workshops were held at St. Mary’s Outreach Center, Hollins House, and Stadium Place. More will be held in 2020 in collaboration with the Baltimore City Department of Aging to continue to raise awareness about using OTC medications appropriately.


Poster Presentations in 2019


**Poster Presentations in 2019**


**Olopoenia A**, Camelo-Castillo W, **Simoni-Wastila L**. (August 2019). Patterns of Prescription Opioid Use Among Commercially Insured United States Youth and Young Adults with Co-morbid Chronic Pain and Mental Health Conditions. ICPE Spotlight poster presentation, Pediatrics session, Philadelphia, PA.


**Zarowitz, B**. (October 2019). Preparing Advanced Scientific Clinicians in the Age of AI and Digitization. Poster presentation at 40th Annual Meeting of the American College of Clinical Pharmacy, New York, NY.
Oral Presentations in 2019


**Chou J.** (June 2019). Polypharmacy. Presentation at Lifebridge Health Chief Resident Immersion Training in the Care of Older Adults, Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA.


**Cooke C.** (March 2019). Cardiovascular Patient-Centered Outcomes Research. Workshop for Association of Black Cardiologists presented at the American College of Cardiology 2019 Annual Scientific Session, New Orleans, LA.


**Cooke C.** (July 2019). What is Patient-Centered Outcomes Research? Patient training webinar presented to patients of Association of Black Cardiologists.
Oral Presentations in 2019


Cooke C. (September 2019). How does CER/PCOR Fit into the Value Conversation? 2019 Inaugural Academy of Managed Care Pharmacy Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference, Baltimore, MD.

Cooke C. (October 2019). Co-presented Evolving Opportunities for Medication Therapy Management with N. Brandt for seminar sponsored by the AMCP and ASCP student chapters at University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, Baltimore, MD.


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