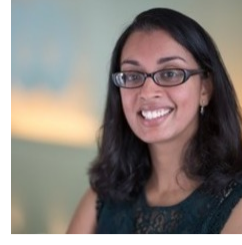


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FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

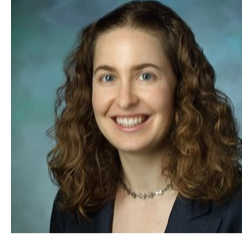
This quarter, we spotlight faculty member **Aditi P. Sen, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Health Policy and Management. Dr. Sen is a health economist whose research focuses on innovative health care payment and delivery models and insurance design. She received her BA from Yale University, her Master's in Applied Economics from Johns Hopkins University, and her PhD in Health Economics from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Her research interests include provider payment systems and incentives, competitive interactions among payers and providers, and the implications of health care payment systems for providers and patients. A summary of Dr. Sen's work can be found [here](#).



RESEARCH FINDINGS

Association Between Treatment By Fraud and Abuse Perpetrators and Health Outcomes Among Medicare Beneficiaries

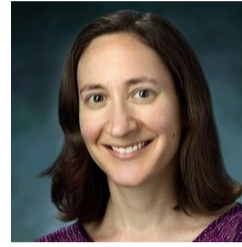
Study by **Lauren Hersch Nicholas, Caroline Hanson, Jodi Segal, and Matthew Eisenberg** in *JAMA Internal Medicine* finds receiving medical care from Medicare fraud and abuse perpetrators may be associated with significantly higher rates of all-cause mortality and emergency hospitalization. Findings suggest potential health and financial savings benefit of identifying and removing fraud and abuse perpetrators from the Medicare program. [Read More](#).



This research was highlighted by [Modern Healthcare](#).

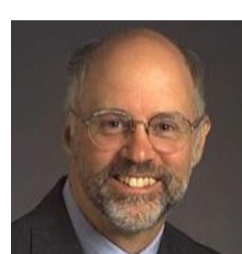
How Clinicians Discuss Medications During Primary Care Encounters Among Older Adults with Cognitive Impairment

Study by **Ariel Green, Jennifer Wolff, Diane Echavarría, Malcolm Chapman, Annie Phung, Devon Smith, and Cynthia Boyd** in *Journal of General Internal Medicine* examines how primary care clinicians discuss medications with older adults with cognitive impairment and their companions. The study offers insight into key language clinicians can use to initiate discussions about optimizing prescribing, as well as barriers they face in doing so. [Read More](#).



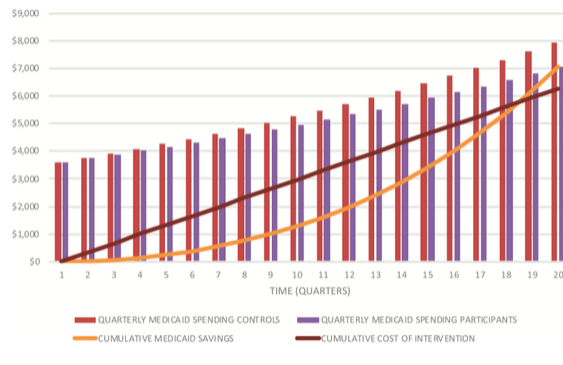
Complex Patients and Quality of Care in Medicare Advantage

Study by **Eva DuGoff, Cynthia Boyd, and Gerard Anderson** in *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* examines Medicare Advantage enrollment patterns and plan performance for beneficiaries with complex healthcare needs. In light of growing policy interest in changing the delivery system to meet the needs of high-needs populations, the study supports that measuring quality of care requires moving beyond disease-specific measures to considering care coordination, quality of life, and independence. [Read More](#).



Cost-Effective Care Coordination for People With Dementia at Home

Study by **Amber Willink, Karen Davis, Deirdre Johnston, Betty Black, Melissa Reuland, Ian Stockwell, Halima Amjad, Constantine Lyketsos, and Quincy Samus** in *Innovation in Aging* evaluates the cost-effectiveness of care coordination services provided by community health workers during the Maximizing Independence (MIND) at Home study. Findings suggest a favorable 5-year return on investment, which may prompt policy-makers to re-evaluate limitations on reimbursing community health workers in Medicare fee-for-service. [Read More](#).



NEWS FROM THE NATIONAL HEALTH AND AGING TRENDS STUDY

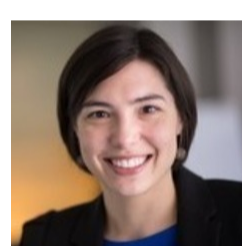
The National Health and Aging Trends Study (NHATS)

Study by **Vicki Freedman and Judith Kasper** in the *International Journal of Epidemiology* characterizes the National Health and Aging Trends Study (NHATS) cohort through 8 annual rounds of data. Preparation is underway for the 10th year of NHATS interviews. NHATS is designed to study population-level trends and individual-level dynamics in late-life functioning in the USA, including examination of disability among at-risk subgroups and the economic and social consequences of disability from aged 65 through to the end of life. Details are available at www.nhats.org. [Read More](#).



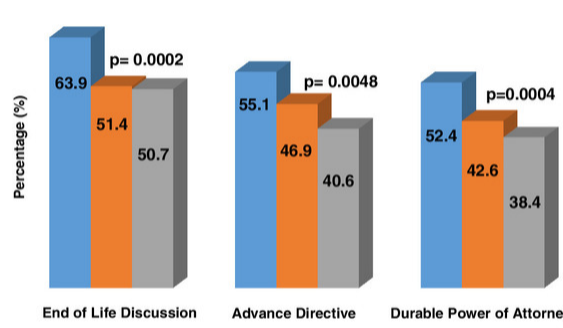
Financial Stress and Risk for Entry into Medicaid Among Older Adults

Study by **Amber Willink, Jennifer L. Wolff, John Mulcahy, Karen Davis, and Judith D. Kasper** in *Innovation in Aging* analyzes factors that place older Medicare beneficiaries at greater likelihood of enrolling in the Medicaid program. Findings suggest that nursing home entry and having trouble paying for basic needs such as food or household utilities correspond with greater risk of entry into Medicaid. [Read More](#).



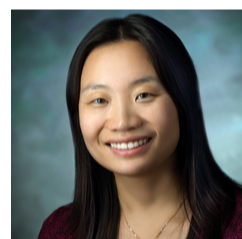
Advance Care Planning: Social Isolation Matters

Study by **Thomas Cudjoe, Cynthia Boyd, Jennifer Wolff, and David Roth** in *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* investigates advance care planning (ACP) engagement for older adults with varying levels of social isolation from NHATS data. Findings indicate that social isolation is associated with lower ACP engagement, suggesting benefit for clinicians to identify patients at risk of isolation to be selected for ACP efforts. [Read More](#).



Racial Disparities in Screening for Breast, Prostate, and Colorectal Cancers

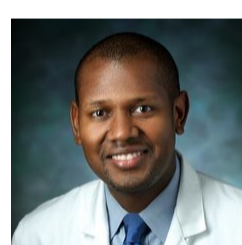
Study by **Nancy Schoenborn, Jin Huang, Cynthia Boyd, and Craig Pollack** in *Journal of General Internal Medicine* using NHATS data examines racial disparities in breast, prostate, and colorectal cancer screening rates for older adults. Study findings suggest persistent racial disparities in breast and colorectal cancer screening for older adults with longer life expectancies, but no difference in screening rates for those with limited life expectancy. [Read More](#).



NEWS & UPDATES

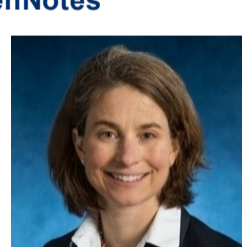
Thomas Cudjoe Awarded R03 to Study Social Connections Among Older Adults

Thomas Cudjoe, Assistant Professor of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology, has been awarded 2-year **NIA GEMSTAR (R03)** award to study "Social Connections and Health Among Older Adults Living in Low-income Housing." His mentors include **Drs. Cynthia Boyd, Carl Latkin, Roland Thorpe, Sarah Szanton, and Joseph Gallo**.



New John A. Hartford Foundation Grant in Partnership with OpenNotes

Jennifer Wolff and **Cait DesRoches** of **OpenNotes** have been awarded a grant from **The John A. Hartford Foundation** to increase family caregivers' access to patients' electronic health records when desired by the patient. To do so, researchers at Johns Hopkins will work with OpenNotes to develop partnerships with experts and care delivery organizations; educational resources for patients, families, and clinicians; and an evaluation plan for a subsequent demonstration at 3 care delivery organizations.



CAPABLE Launches Newsletter and Center for Innovative Care in Aging Launches Podcast "Aging Fast and Slow"

The Community Aged in Place—Advancing Better Living for Elders (CAPABLE) project led by **Sarah Szanton** has launched a newsletter! CAPABLE is a program developed at the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing for low-income older adults to safely age in place. [Subscribe](#) to the CAPABLE Newsletter, and [View](#) the latest issue!



The Center for Innovative Care in Aging has launched a podcast "Aging Fast and Slow." **Sarah Szanton** and **Deidra Crews** will interview cutting-edge scientists, policy experts, entrepreneurs, and advocates to understand aging across the lifespan and health disparities with aging. [Listen](#) here!

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