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# Get Connected

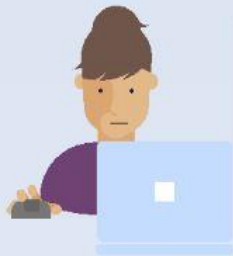
# MyAGSOnline



AGS' Exclusive Member Community where you can:

- *easily access member benefits*
- *search the member directory and connect with over 5,000 members*
- *browse topics & join discussions*
- *ask questions, get advice and share insights*





*I have a family conference tomorrow, with a patient who has moderate Alzheimer's dementia. The family wants me to break the news to her that she can no longer drive - and I will have to notify the DMV. I'm in my second year of practice in IM/geri and have never done that. I'm anxious about this patient encounter. Any thoughts/recommendations/resources?? thanks!*

Response 1/24

*This is one of the most difficult things we have to do. I've attached the NHTSA recommended approach:*

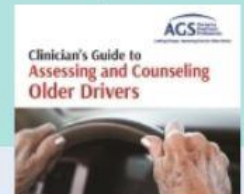
- 1. Explain why cessation of driving is recommended and is an important health issue for the patient.*
- 2. Offer other alternatives for transportation.*
- 3. Encourage family input in other transportation and in encouraging driving cessation.*
- 4. Reinforce the need to cease driving. Provide a letter further explaining this in detail.*
- 5. Provide follow-up on future visits for related issues and to insure cessation.*



Response 2/24

*It is always a difficult loss for elders when the topic is giving up driving. Good luck-- even those of us who have a few more than 2 years experience find this really hard! In terms of resources, AGS has worked with NHTSA to produce a guide on this topic:*

*Attachment: Clinician's Guide to Assessing and Counseling Older Drivers*



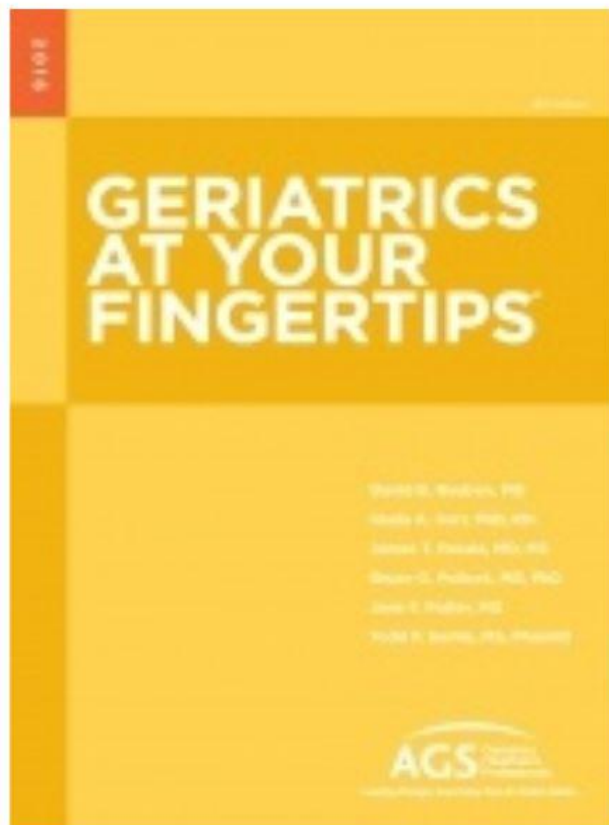
# Sections & Special Interest Groups



Network and collaborate on over 40 topics of interest in MyAGSOnline and at the AGS Annual Scientific Meeting.

# Access AGS Tools & Resources





## Geriatrics At Your Fingertips

You will receive an annually updated copy of this go-to reference tool for each year of membership.



## Journal Subscriptions

The Journal of the American Geriatrics Society (JAGS) and Annals of Long Term Care are delivered to your doorstep on a monthly basis and can be accessed on GeriatricsCareOnline.

Nurse Members: You receive two additional journals:  
The Journal of Gerontological Nursing (monthly)  
Geriatric Nursing (bi-monthly)





JGIM 2015; 30(1): 1-10

## American Geriatrics Society Updated Beers Criteria for Potentially Inappropriate Medication Use in Older Adults

The American Geriatrics Society 2015 Beers Criteria Update Expert Panel

Potentially inappropriate medications (PIMs) continue to be associated with risk to older adults. The American Geriatrics Society (AGS) updated its 2012 Beers Criteria for Potentially Inappropriate Medication Use in Older Adults. The update was based on a review of the literature and input from experts in the field. The update includes new medications, changes to existing criteria, and removal of some criteria. The update also includes a new section on the use of PIMs in the home. The update is intended to help clinicians identify and avoid PIMs in older adults. The update is available at [www.ags.org/BeersCriteria](http://www.ags.org/BeersCriteria).

Beers Criteria for Potentially Inappropriate Medication Use in Older Adults

**M**edications that are potentially inappropriate for older adults are those that are associated with an increased risk of adverse outcomes in older adults. The AGS Beers Criteria for Potentially Inappropriate Medication Use in Older Adults is a list of medications that are potentially inappropriate for older adults. The criteria are based on a review of the literature and input from experts in the field. The criteria are intended to help clinicians identify and avoid PIMs in older adults. The criteria are available at [www.ags.org/BeersCriteria](http://www.ags.org/BeersCriteria).

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# Clinical Guidelines & Recommendations

Including:

- AGS Updated Beers Criteria
- Prevention of Falls in Older Persons
- Pharmacological Management of Persistent Pain





## Geriatric Evaluation & Management Tools

Provide guidance to clinicians, trainees, and patients.  
These tools are helpful for teaching or a quick consult.



## **Additional Member Discounts**

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Get Ahead



# **AGS Annual Scientific Meeting**

Choose from over 70 sessions and use the AGS member registration discount to join the thousands of professionals who join each year.

# Career Connections

Searching for a new job?

Hiring for a position?

Post or find high-quality careers in geriatrics.





Distinguish yourself and demonstrate your professional commitment to geriatrics..  
Apply to become an AGS Fellow.



# AGS Awards

Gain recognition for your accomplishments or  
nominate an outstanding colleague.



# CME/CE Credit

Accumulate CME or CE credits with webinars and MOC modules. You can track your progress in your member profile.



# Healthcare Referral Service

Enroll in the Health in Aging referral service  
listing to promote your practice.

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## Search For A Geriatrics Healthcare Professional

If you would like a list of healthcare professionals in your area who are sensitive to the special health care needs of older adults, please use the search below to get immediate results.

**Search Tip:** Searching by State will provide you with the greatest number of search results.

To further narrow down your results, you can add in an additional search parameter for Zip Code.

If your search returns no results, please try only selecting the State.

Last name of healthcare professional (if known):

State:

Zip Code:

[Back to Health in Aging](#)



Get Involved





# AGS Leadership Positions

Serve on a committee or council to help advance the mission of the AGS and the field of geriatrics.

# Mentorship Programs

Receive guidance from an experienced geriatrics healthcare provider or mentor a trainee.



# The Health in Aging Foundation

Donate and spread awareness for the foundation to  
make a difference in the health and wellness of  
older adults.





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### Spotlight on #AGS17: Pre-Conference Sessions

The pre-conference sessions (all on Wed., May 17, from 1-6:30pm) at #AGS17 offer expertise on diverse topics, hands-on learning workshops, and an even more immersive meeting experience. View the pre-conference sessions below and check out the [full schedule](#) for more details. CME/CE credit is available for all pre-conference programs. [Register for #AGS17 today!](#)

### IssueWatch

- From CQ Roll Call: [35 Healthcare Issues to Watch](#)
- From the Kaiser Family Foundation: [Compare Proposals to Replace the Affordable Care Act](#)
- From the Kaiser Family Foundation: [Tax Credits Under the Affordable Care Act vs the American Health Care Act](#)
- From the Medicare Rights Center: [Medicare Trends and Recommendations \(An Analysis of 2016 Call Data from the Medicare Rights Center's National Helpline\)](#)

Tax Credits Under the Affordable Care Act vs American Health Care Act, in 2020



### This Week in Advocacy and Public Policy

- AGS Statement on the American Health Care Act:** The AGS released a [statement](#) this week voicing opposition to several components of the newly released American Health Care Act—legislation to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act (ACA)—noting that it would harm access to key health services for older adults, caregivers, and healthcare professionals. Among our key concerns with the proposed bill are drastic changes to the Medicaid program, including capping federal financial support to each state to a limited, preset amount per person, and the phasing out of existing expansions of Medicaid. We also expressed disappointment at the proposed repeal of the Prevention and Public Health Fund, which provides crucial support for older

### In This Issue

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[Here's What's Trending on MeAGS.org](#)



Do you take care of older adults who drive?

**FREE Clinician's Guide on Assessing and Counseling Older Drivers**



# WeekinReview

Read AGS' weekly email listserv for the latest on public policy, research and member news.



# AGS Newsletters

New issues are delivered to members on a quarterly basis.

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San Antonio skyline

## In Letters to President Trump and Congress, AGS Highlights Programs Essential to Supporting Older Adults

In letters to then President-elect Donald Trump and bipartisan leaders of Congress, the AGS earlier this year reinforced the importance of collaborating to support older Americans through critical programs and policies.

"In our letters, we focused on programs that are critical to the clinical care of older Americans and their families, and on ensuring that we have a workforce with the skills and competence to care for us all as we age," notes Nancy E. Lundebjerg, MPA, Chief Executive Officer of the AGS. "We look forward to working with the Administration and Congress on public policy solutions that will achieve our

vision for a future when every older American receives high-quality, person-centered care."

As outlined by the AGS, that vision for the future involves federal and state policies that continue to:

- Expand healthcare options for older adults so that more of us can live independently for as long as possible, understand the unique health needs that come with aging, and support our current and future caregivers with adequate resources;
- Ensure that initiatives for rewarding quality in health care take into account the unique health circumstances of all older people.

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## In a State Where "Everything's Bigger," Texas Holds Promise for Expanding Geriatrics Expertise as Site for #AGS17

"I have said that Texas is a state of mind, but I think it's more than that," extolled John Steinbeck in his now famous *Travels with Charley*. The same might also be said for geriatrics in the heart of Texas, as the AGS prepares to bring the field's premier educational forum for clinical care, research on aging, and innovative care delivery models to San Antonio, TX (May 18-20; Preconference: May 17), to toast the Society's 75th anniversary of leading change and improving care for older adults.

We'll be joined by nearly 3,000 physicians, nurses, pharmacists, physician assistants, social workers, long-term and managed care providers, healthcare administrators, students, journalists, and other geriatrics stakeholders who will learn from a Texas-sized program encompassing more than 800 abstract submissions and inclusive of more than 100 events.

"This is a special year for the Annual Scientific Meeting since it's the AGS's 75th anniversary," notes Paul Mulhausen, MD, MHS, FACP, AGSF #AGS17 Program Chair. "This meeting

will be a celebration not only of how far we've come in the field, but also of the research and innovations that will drive our future—the best care possible for older adults."

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# The AGS Advocacy Center

Take action and find out where your members of Congress stand on important issues and legislation.

## HEALTH IN AGING ADVOCACY CENTER



### FIND YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

Lookup your elected officials and candidates.  
Just enter your ZIP code to get started.

### SUBSCRIBE TO OUR ACTION ALERTS

Provide us with your email address and we'll let you know when important legislative issues arise.

### MAKE A CALL

#### Call Congress to Protect Health Care for All Americans

Congress has taken the first step toward a repeal of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). We need your voice to urge Congressional leaders to ensure continued access to high-quality, affordable coverage for all Americans and to support Medicare and Medicaid, both of which are important to older Americans.

### TWEET YOUR ELECTED OFFICIAL

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Facts, Figures,  
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#### LETTERS & TESTIMONY



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- renew
- access member benefits
- update your membership account information
- and more!

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