

Annual 2023 Senior Physicians Section (SPS) Meeting

Friday, June 9, 2:30 – 5:00 p.m. CDT
Hyatt Regency Chicago

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| 2:30 – 3:00 p.m | <p><i>All are welcome! Please join us for this special session.</i></p> <p>SPS Education Program: Title: Loneliness and Social Isolation: A New Social Driver of Health in Older Adults?</p> <p>Speaker: Peter A. Hollmann, MD, Chief Medical Officer for Brown Medicine and a member of the Division of Geriatrics (and current SPS liaison from Rhode Island)</p> <p>Program Description: The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent social distancing measures have significantly impacted the well-being of older adults. While loneliness and social isolation are different phenomena, an increased incidence of psychological, cognitive, and physical health issues (including cardiovascular morbidities) and lower perceived well-being or quality of life (NIH) highlights the need to address this issue. In this session, participants will explore how to identify the challenges faced by individuals affected by loneliness and isolation, discuss interventions aimed at addressing or preventing these issues and review the revised UCLA Loneliness Scale.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Examine the evidence that shows that loneliness and social isolation are strongly associated with adverse health consequences. • Describe current practices and philosophies to identify social isolation and loneliness, including the revised UCLA loneliness scale. | Plaza Ballroom |
| 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. | <p>SPS Assembly (Business) Meeting Welcome and Introductions HOD Handbook Review SPS Grid of Items for Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ GC Reference Committee Assignments <p>Open invitation to all senior physicians 65 and above to attend. The AMA-SPS will discuss AMA House of Delegates business</p> | Plaza Ballroom |

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| | <p>items and future AMA-SPS activities. New items of business related to the SPS may be introduced along with points of personal privilege as time allows.</p> <p>Ved V. Gossain, MD, AMA-SPS Chair Virginia (Ginny) E. Hall, MD, AMA-SPS Delegate Douglas M. DeLong, MD, AMA-SPS Alternate Delegate</p> | |
| 4:00 – 5:00 pm | <p>SPS Education Program Title: Dignity, Death, and Patient Care</p> <p>Speaker: Daniel P. Sulmasy, MD, PhD, Director, Senior Research Scholar, André Hellegers Professor of Biomedical Ethics, The Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University</p> <p>Panelists: Matthew D. Gold, MD, Delegate, Organized Medical Staff Section (OMSS); Mark C. Meyer, MD, Chair, Academic Physicians Section (APS); Narayana Murali, MD, Chair, Integrated Physician Practice Section (IPPS)</p> <p>Description: Medical ethicists have long argued for a patient-centered approach to health care. Hospice and palliative care professionals have played a leading role in this movement advocating for collaborative, coordinated, and accessible care for those at the end of their lives, with a focus on respecting the dignity of dying patients. In this session, we will explore whether “medical aid in dying” (i.e. euthanasia and assisted suicide) are consistent with the goal of providing patient-centered care that upholds the dignity of the patient at the end of life.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the varied meanings of dignity as it relates to care at the end of life. • Review and promote the integration of palliative medicine and hospice into the treatment of advanced illness for seniors. • Distinguish between euthanasia, physician-assisted suicide, medical aid in dying, palliative sedation, the rule of double effect, and the forgoing of life-sustaining treatments. • Evaluate arguments for and against permitting physicians to assist patients to end their lives by medical means. | Plaza Ballroom |
| 6:00 p.m. - completed | HOD Opening Session | Grand Ballroom |
| Saturday, June 10 (CDT) | | |
| 12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | House of Delegates Second Business Session | Grand Ballroom |
| 1:30 p.m. – completed | Reference Committee Hearings | TBA |

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