












Brookdale Department of Geriatrics & Palliative Medicine Researchers

 <p>Dr. Melissa Aldridge</p>	<p>Dr. Aldridge is a health services researcher whose body of work examines patterns of hospice use, transitions in care at the end of life, and the financial incentives inherent in the Medicare Hospice Benefit payment structure.</p>	 <p>Dr. Emily Franzosa</p>	<p>Dr. Franzosa's qualitative research is at the intersection of health policy and health equity, with a specific focus on supporting frontline healthcare workers delivering care in the home.</p>
 <p>Dr. Claire Ankuda</p>	<p>Dr. Ankuda is a health services researcher who examines how Medicare payment policies and health system characteristics shape the care of older adults with serious illness and their families.</p>	 <p>Dr. Laura Gelfman</p>	<p>Dr. Gelfman's research focuses on examining the role of palliative medicine for patients with advanced heart failure, and pilots and tests palliative care delivery models for patients across trajectories of serious illness.</p>
 <p>Dr. Abigail Baim-Lance</p>	<p>Dr. Baim-Lance is a medical anthropologist, using qualitative and mixed methods and implementation science research to better meet the needs of aging, chronically ill populations with complex care needs.</p>	 <p>Dr. Nathan Goldstein</p>	<p>Dr. Goldstein is a clinician-investigator whose work examines novel models of home-based palliative care for patients with serious illness as well as ways to integrate palliative care into heart failure and other medical specialties.</p>
 <p>Dr. Kenneth Boockvar</p>	<p>Dr. Boockvar is a health services researcher who focuses on transitions between sites of care, medication safety, and changes in health in long-term care patients.</p>	 <p>Dr. Will Hung</p>	<p>Dr. Hung's research focuses on geriatric models of care to improve care delivery for older adults, including the Mobile Acute Care for the Elderly Team model (MACE).</p>
 <p>Dr. Bevin Cohen</p>	<p>Dr. Cohen is a nurse and epidemiologist whose research focuses on infection prevention and control as well as palliative and end-of-life care for vulnerable adults with multiple chronic conditions.</p>	 <p>Dr. Amy Kelley</p>	<p>Dr. Kelley's research includes identifying older adults with serious illness, who are at risk of potentially avoidable, high-cost, hospital-based treatment, as well as exploring factors associated with health-related, out-of-pocket costs for older adults with serious illnesses, including those with dementia.</p>

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 <p>Dr. Kavita Dharmarajan</p>	<p>Dr. Dharmarajan's research focuses on integrating components of palliative care to align decision-making in the process of palliative radiation therapy planning for older adults.</p>	 <p>Dr. Fred Ko</p>	<p>Dr. Ko's research focuses on the biology of frailty and surgery-induced stress and their intersection with adverse outcomes such as physical decline in aged organisms.</p>
 <p>Dr. Sean Morrison</p>	<p>Dr. Morrison's current research focuses on improving the management of pain in older adults and on developing and evaluating models of palliative care delivery in hospitals and the community.</p>	 <p>Dr. Cardinale Smith</p>	<p>Dr. Smith is a health services and outcomes researcher working at the intersection of oncology and palliative medicine with a special emphasis on minority populations.</p>
 <p>Dr. Katherine Ornstein</p>	<p>Dr. Ornstein is a social epidemiologist whose research interests include family caregiving in dementia, home-based medical care, and bereavement.</p>	 <p>Dr. Christopher Woodrell</p>	<p>Dr. Woodrell researches the delivery of palliative care to seriously ill patients and their families, with a focus on those facing advanced liver disease and liver cancer.</p>
 <p>Dr. Jenny Reckrey</p>	<p>Dr. Reckrey's work examines team-based approaches to care for those with serious illness, with a focus on the paid and family caregivers who provide hands-on assistance to those with dementia living at home.</p>	 <p>Dr. Carolyn Zhu</p>	<p>Dr. Zhu's research focuses on the costs of long-term care for older people with chronic or life-limiting illness, especially those with dementia.</p>
 <p>Dr. Al Siu</p>	<p>Dr. Siu, who served as the Department Chair from 2003-2017, has dedicated himself full-time to building and leading Mount Sinai at Home, the nation's most ambitious program of its kind.</p>		