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# State Conference Overview

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Honoring the Past, Shaping the Future



A Journey of Care: 45 Years of Dedication and Hope





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### Schedule at a Glance

### **MONDAY, MAY 5**

8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

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9:00-10:00 a.m.

10:00-10:30 a.m.

10:30-11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

1:30-2:00 p.m.

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3:00-3:30 p.m.

3:30-4:30 p.m.

4:30-6:00 p.m.

**Exhibit Fair** 

Registration & Breakfast

**Welcome & Keynote Address** 

**Networking Break** 

**Concurrent Workshops** 

**Lunch & Keynote Address** 

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**Networking Reception** 

### **TUESDAY, MAY 6**

7:00 a.m.

8:00-9:15 a.m.

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9:30-10:30 a.m.

10:30-11:00 a.m.

12:00-2:00 p.m.

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11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Concurrent Workshops

**Lunch & Keynote Address** 

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### Monday, May 5

Panel, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

45 Years of Alzheimer's and Related Dementia Work in Wisconsin: Looking Back & **Moving Forward** 



Piero Antuono, MD Michelle Braun, PhD Christopher Koeppl, MD Moderator: Becky Reichelt

Join an esteemed panel of leading doctors and researchers as they reflect on 45 years of progress in Alzheimer's and dementia research. This discussion will explore past breakthroughs, the current state of treatment and care, and the promising future of research and innovation. Gain valuable insights into how far we've come, the challenges we still face, and the hope that lies ahead in the fight against this disease.

# Workshop 101 (All Levels) Creatively Engaging People with Memory Loss

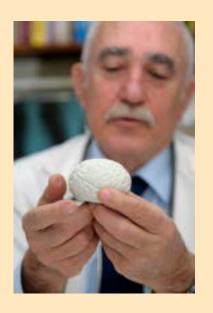
### **Shelly Rollins**

Environmental Educator, Schlitz Audubon Nature Center

### **Claire Carlson**

Programming & Engagement
Coordinator, John Michael Kohler Arts
Center

Learn to design and implement creative engagement programs for people with memory loss and their care partners, based on guidelines established by the SPARK! Alliance. Join educators from two SPARK! Alliance institutions to explore ways of using visual imagery and sensory stimulants, adapting tools and processes, uncovering best practices for engagement while nourishing the creative spirit and encouraging a feeling of accomplishment and worth, while participating in a miniSPARK! program. Adaptable to be successful in a variety of settings including the home environment, a group setting at senior centers, senior residences or assisted living facilities. This session will be hands-on and exploratory!



Workshop 102 (All Levels)
Successful Approaches to
Serving the Deaf and Hard of
Hearing Community

### **Jennifer Anderson**

Deaf Specialist, DHS Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

### Stacie Heckendorf

Behavioral Health Initiative Program Coordinator, DHS Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

The Department of Health Services (DHS) Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (ODHH) has been working with multiple state and community partners to raise awareness related to the risk of dementia for individuals who are deaf. hard of hearing, and deafblind. Participants will learn about the 5-year partnership between ODHH and the Wisconsin statewide Building Our Largest Dementia (BOLD) Infrastructure for Alzheimer's Disease grant. Participants will also learn about communication tips, assistive technology, and resources to minimize the impact of untreated hearing loss and dementia on our aging population.

Workshop 103 (All Levels)
Honoring Family Caregivers by
Shaping Future Respite Care
Opportunities

### **Rachel Watkins-Petersen**

Assistant Director, Respite Care Association of Wisconsin (RCAW)

There are an estimated 580,000 family caregivers in Wisconsin. Respite care, a short break for family caregivers, is the most requested service of these caregivers, who commonly find a lack of providers, are on waitlists for other state and federal

grants, have exhausted those funds, and have a hard time covering the out-of-pocket cost. Whether you're a family caregiver or a professional, come and learn about RCAW's respite care grants for family caregivers and respite care providers, hear about free training opportunities for family caregivers and providers, and discover the Wisconsin Respite Care Registry.

Workshop 104 (Intermediate)

Get Curious! Find Meaning
Behind Behaviors in Dementia

### Sheri Fairman

Owner, Dementia Care Solutions

We are NOT behavior stoppers! We are UNMET NEEDS meet-ers. We all express our needs through words or actions. When dementia is in the picture, it can be harder to find the right, or any, words to communicate unmet needs. As care partners, we need to get curious about what people living with brain change are trying to express. What unmet need can we help to meet?

Workshop 105 (Entry/Intermediate)
This Is My Name; and I want to
write it down before I forget it

### **Barbara Shafer**

Author, Self-Employed Professional Artist

I authored a book/journal after visiting my mother, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Despite the excellent care of home health care providers, her life would have been better if more had been known about her previous life. My hope is that by describing their lives in a journal, future individuals would feel comfortable that those lives would remain as close to normal as possible.

Workshop 106 (Intermediate)
Alzheimer's and the Hospice
Diagnosis

#### Sarah Roseth

Statewide Clinical Director, St. Croix Hospice

Memory care has become our top diagnosis for hospice admits. This type of admission can be challenging to understand, so teaching what to look for when serving Alzheimer's/dementia patients is key to giving this patient population the gift of hospice care.

Workshop 107 (Advanced)
Understanding Lewy Body
Dementia

### Diane Mosnik, PhD

Licensed Clinical Neuropsychologist, Diane M Mosnik PhD Inc

Lewy Body dementia is a progressive, degenerative dementia with clinical features distinguishable from Alzheimer's disease, Frontotemporal lobar degeneration, and other types of dementia. Learn the diagnostic and behavioral features of Lewy Body dementia, and how it differs from other dementia diseases. Causes and current pharmaceutical and nonpharmaceutical treatments will also be discussed.

### Monday Lunch & Keynote

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Exploring the Intersection of Hearing Loss, Alzheimer's, and Social Isolation

### Katy Hagmeyer, LCSW, MSW, MsEd

Deaf Inspire

The complex relationships between
Hearing loss, Alzheimer's disease, and
social isolation present unique challenges

and opportunities for intervention in aging populations. Hearing loss has been linked to cognitive decline, with emerging research suggesting it may exacerbate Alzheimer's progression by accelerating social withdrawal and isolation. This presentation delves into the intersection of these factors, highlighting how hearing loss can lead to reduced social engagement, potentially heightening Alzheimer's symptoms and impacting overall well-being. We will discuss the implications for cognitive health and suggest approaches for clinicians, caregivers, and policymakers to mitigate these effects. By addressing these interconnected issues, we aim to emphasize the importance of culturally and linguistically accessible services and treatment for hearing loss as a pathway to improve quality of life and cognitive resilience in individuals at risk for or affected by Alzheimer's.



Workshop 201 (Entry/Intermediate)

Daily Choices Impacting Our

Memory (& Those We Serve)

### Jill Hoven, RN

MemoryMinders Memory Wellness Services

Each day we make thousands of choices, many impacting our memory wellness as we age. Learning to choose well not only benefits us, but those we serve. Both professional and family caregivers will appreciate and enjoy this workshop providing insight and strategies for daily lifestyle choices impacting memory. Learn how planning wellness habits for ourselves allows us to better serve others, even amid change and challenges. Live and provide better care with wise daily choices.

Workshop 202 (All Levels)

Managing Your Power of
Choice

### Pam Foti

Co-Owner and Elder Care Consultant, Vesta Senior Network

### Jenny Wagner

Co-Owner and Elder Care Consultant, Vesta Senior Network

We will discuss the different types of elder care that are available in Wisconsin. We will also share the financial aspects and implications of these different options to help caregivers and family members make sustainable choices for their elderly loved ones needing care. By understanding the long-term care landscape, what type of care is available and makes sense, as well as the financial "rules of engagement," planning for the future can be done in the best interest of the individual.

Workshop 203 (Advanced)

Shaping Our Future: Building Dementia Awareness by Engaging Youth from Kindergarten to College

### **Kelsey Flock**

La Crosse County Dementia Care Specialist, Dementia Friendly Coalition Chair, La Crosse County Aging & Disability Resource Center

### **Amber Joswick**

Director of SPARK! On The GO! Program, Dementia Advocate, EndAlz Fest Foundation, Dementia Friendly Coalition Volunteer

### London Joswick, Youth Speaker

This interactive workshop will explore innovative strategies for engaging youth in dementia education, fostering empathy and understanding for individuals living with dementia. Participants will experience hands-on activities, simulations, and memorybased exercises tailored for both K-12 students and university student healthcare programs. Through immersive experiences used with students, attendees will gain practical tools to inspire empathy in young people, particularly those with family members affected by dementia. The session will also include group discussions, and resource distribution, providing participants with strategies to create youth engagement initiatives in their communities, churches, schools, and family settings, ensuring a compassionate, dementia-friendly future.



Workshop 204 (Entry/Intermediate)
The Story of the Oneida
Nation Alzheimer's Community
Advisory Board: Improving

Dementia Outcomes Through Community-Based Collaborations

### **Terry Hetzel**

Oneida CAB Co-Chair, Oneida Alzheimer's Community Advisory Board

### Florence Petri

Oneida CAB Board Member, Oneida Alzheimer's Community Advisory Board

### John Breuninger

CAB Board Member, Oneida Alzheimer's Community Advisory Board

**Moderator: Nickolas Lambrou**Oneida CAB Board Member,
University of Wisconsin-Madison

Indigenous people are disproportionately affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias (ADRD), and chronic diseases considered risk factors, yet underrepresented in ADRD research. As a result, very little is known about ADRD in Native American (NA) communities. Moreover, few models of successful research partnerships with NA communities exist. The Oneida Nation Alzheimer's Community Advisory Board (CAB) is a partnership between the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and University of Wisconsin-Madison developed in response to ADRD-related concerns in NA communities. A panel of Oneida CAB members will engage with audience members, discussing the evolution of CAB goals, projects, challenges and successes.

Workshop 205 (Entry)
Shaping the Future of
Caregiving with Assistive
Technology

#### Stacie Scheibe

Memory Loss Technology Specialist, Options for Independent Living

This workshop delves into how assistive technology (AT) is transforming caregiving for individuals with memory impairment. Through practical examples and case studies, attendees will explore the benefits of AT in areas like remote caregiving, maintaining daily living skills, home safety, medication management, and supporting executive function. By integrating these tools, caregivers can enhance independence, ensure safety, and improve the quality of care from any distance. Participants will gain actionable insights on leveraging AT to empower caregiving, honoring the past in Alzheimer care while looking ahead to a hopeful future.

Workshop 206 (Intermediate)
Self-Care for the Caregiver
During the Family Caregiving
Journey

### Lisa Voda

Tribal Options RN, Oneida Nation

This workshop will allow family caregivers, tribal and non-tribal, to explore self-care for themselves. Participants will learn ways to ensure that they can "thrive, not just survive," during their caregiving journey. Workshop attendees will have an opportunity to share ideas, discuss challenges, and leave the workshop with practical strategies for self-care.

Workshop 207 (Advanced)

Not the Same Person: Diagnosing and Treating Dementia

### Alexis Eastman, MD

Clinical Associate Professor, UW Hospitals and Clinics Division of Geriatrics

A whirlwind guide to the most common types of dementia and how they are diagnosed and treated, as well as expected behavior changes and tips on management.





Workshop 301 (All Levels)

Long-Term Care Supports, Medicaid & Estate Recovery in Wisconsin

### Joel Dettwiler

Financial Planner, Special Needs Planner, Quantum Group Consulting

Do you understand what will happen when one needs long-term care support in Wisconsin? In this seminar, we will review basic estate planning tools and the process of how to qualify for Medicaid. We will define what Estate Recovery means in the State of Wisconsin and discuss why understanding the rules and the math of Long Term Supports is very beneficial.

Workshop 302 (All Levels)

Music and the Brain

#### **Briana Terrio**

Tribal Dementia Care Specialist, Stockbridge-Munsee Community

### **Melissa Penass**

Aging & Disabled Area Manager, Stockbridge-Munsee Community

Understand the brain's reaction to music and how it affects those living with any form of dementia. Learn why we should use music when caring for someone living with dementia or any cognitive memory loss.



Workshop 303 (Intermediate)
Cultural Competency in
Dementia Care

### **Timothy W. Anderson**

Owner/Instructor, TMWC Education Services

The population of people living with Dementia is vast and diverse. It is essential to ensure welcoming, inclusive, and equitable care. This session explores key DEI concepts, assesses cultural competence, and develops actionable strategies for improvement. By embedding DEI principles into dementia care, we aim to support all residents, respecting their unique needs and backgrounds to enhance their quality of life.

Workshop 304

(Intermediate/ Advanced)

Panel of Experts: Mastering the Skill in Asking for Help

#### Alisa Richetti

Dementia Care Specialist, Aging and Disability Resource Center of Winnebago County

#### Sheri Fairman, MSW

Owner/Educator, Dementia Care Solutions

### Cari Josephson

Director, Walk to End Alzheimer's, Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter

### **Rob Sutherland**

Family Caregiver

### **Moderator: Kim Patterson**

Marketing Director and Educator, CarePatrol

Asking for help as a caregiver is not easy. Let this team of experts give you some tips on mastering the skill in asking for help.

Workshop 305 (All Levels)
Bringing the Lost Home

### **Cathleen Diedrick**

Tribal Dementia Care Specialist, Forest County Potawatomi Tribe

### **Dori McGeshick**

Aging Unit Director, Sokaogon Chippewa Community Tribe

### Joy Jackson

Tribal Dementia Care Specialist, St. Croix Tribal

Our mission is to provide effective response systems and services that enable families, communities, and organizations to find missing persons and bring them home safely. When partnering with law enforcement and community leaders to implement scent discriminate K-9 trailing products and services across the U.S. and Internationally. A key approach in achieving this mission is by developing proactive family safety measures like The Scent Preservation Kit® and helping communities focus on providing services to the most vulnerable populations with greater risk of becoming a missing person. Two vulnerable populations found in most communities are children with autism spectrum disorder and persons with Alzheimer's Disease and dementia.



Workshop 306 (Entry)
Curriculum-Based
Programming to Preserve the
Brain

### Marie Schulist

Senior Mosaic Engagement Specialist, CDP, CDT, Azura Memory Care & Assisted Living

Curriculum-based programming to help preserve the brain in its current state so that the brain doesn't continue to shrink. Programming that provides social support, ability to work all four lobes of the brain to keep neural pathways open, interaction & individualized attention.

Workshop 307 (Advanced)
Ethics and End-of-Life Care

### Hilary Bingol, MD, HMDC, FAAHPM, FACP

Vice President of Medical Services, Agrace Hospice

Case-based education about dementia care, challenging ethical and symptom management dilemmas.

4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

### Networking Reception



### September 13

Door County

Fox Cities

Spooner Area

Stevens Point Area

### September 14

Milwaukee County

### September 20

Antigo

Ashland

La Crosse

Rhinelander

Rock County

Sheboygan County

Walworth County

Western WI/New Richmond

### September 21

Black River Falls

### September 27

Chippewa Valley

Green Bay

Kenosha and Racine Counties

Manitowoc County

Oshkosh

Washington County

Waukesha County

Wausau

### October 4

Barron County

Fond du Lac County

Marshfield

Ozaukee County

### October 5

Dane County



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### **Exhibit Fair**

Monday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

We're pleased to offer an exhibitor fair during the conference for attendees to learn about services in the community. Network with businesses and organizations and take home new insights.

If you would like to showcase your business, services or products to hundreds of attendees, contact: Kennedy Turner, Blueprint Events, <a href="mailto:kennedy@blueprinteventsllc.com">kennedy@blueprinteventsllc.com</a>.

Space is limited. Deadline: March 1.



### Tuesday, May 6

7:00 a.m. - Registration & Breakfast

Keynote, 8:00 - 9:15 a.m.

# Nutrition for Optimal Brain Health



# **Barbie Boules, RDN**The Cognition Dietician

This keynote explores how the MIND diet – an eating pattern designed for cognitive health – can improve brain power today, and reduce the risk of Alzheimer's disease in the future. Participants will also learn how to prepare a nutrient-dense, well-balanced food that's quick, delicious, and packed with brain-nourishing ingredients. Leave feeling empowered to make eating for brain health simple, tasty, and enjoyable.

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Workshop 401 (Entry/Intermediate)
Music Therapy Accessible &
Adaptable to All

### Amy Formella, MS, MT-BC

Music Therapist, Wisconsin Veterans Home-King

Samantha Sivertsen, MMT, MT-BC

Music Therapist, Moments Hospice

Music Therapy is a reimbursable service that helps people of all ages; children, adolescents or adults, and from all health needs. It may benefit many different aspects of one's well-being, including mental. Emotional. Physical. Social. Cognitive.

Workshop 402 (All Levels)
When to Ask for Help?

### Andrea Van Dynhoven

Senior Advisor, CarePatrol

This presentation aims to explore the turning point for individuals and families impacted by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias: when to ask for help. As we celebrate the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Association's 45th anniversary, we will reflect on the journey of caregiving, honor the dedication and progress made over the past four decades, and provide guidance for recognizing when it's time to reach out for support. By doing so, we empower families to take proactive steps toward better care, compassion, and hope.



Workshop 403 (All Levels)

The Life Story: Their Past, the Present and Care for the Future

### **Tanya Sutton**

Executive Director, Senior Helpers

What makes You, YOU? We will discuss the categories and important information everyone on the care team should know about the person we are caring for. We will explore how what we know about them helps with personcentered care and our communication and support in their care.

Workshop 404 (All Levels)

Early Detection: Evaluation of Wisconsin's Memory Screening in the Community Program

### Kao Lee Yang, MA, MPA

Doctoral Candidate, University of Wisconsin, School of Medicine and Public Health

### Kristen Felten, MSW, APSW

Dementia Specialist, WI Dept. of Health Services

Receiving a dementia diagnosis can be challenging. Wisconsin's Memory Screening in the Community Program is available across the state and provides memory screens to the public plus info, education, and connection to resources. We evaluated completed surveys for a period of 21 months (Feb. 2022 to Oct. 2023) and results from our evaluation were published in the Dec. 2024 issue of the Journal of the American Geriatrics Society (PMID: 39643479). This session will describe the memory screening program, including how communitybased screening is specialized to reach under-represented groups. Attendees will also learn about the evaluation project, including collected data and key outcomes.

Workshop 405 (Entry)
Nursing Home Litigation
Exposure: Creating
Individualized Care for
Dementia Residents

### Kristen Lojewski

Attorney, Lojewski Law LLC

Come join Nursing Home Abuse Attorney Kristen Lojewski as she discusses common signs caregivers and family members can look for to ensure dementia residents of a memory care or nursing facility are not being abused or neglected at the facility and discusses how nursing homes and other facilities can create individualized care for dementia residents to minimize harm to residents with dementia while also limiting exposure to avoidable litigation. Kristen will discuss state and federal regulations within the industry as well as discuss healthcare and durable power of attorney, activation of these legal documents, and their importance.



Tuesday, May 6 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Workshops cont.

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Workshop 406 (All Levels)

Discovering An Easier Path of Caregiving: Finding Acceptance to Change Your Perspective

### Karen Tennyson

Dementia Care Specialist, Aging & Disability Resource Center of Rock County

### Janet Wiegel

Dementia Care Specialist, Aging & Disability Resource Center of Marquette County

The dementia journey can be very overwhelming for all involved, creating various emotions. Learning healthy ways to accept the situation and move forward benefits both the caregiver and care receiver. Caregivers who find this balance regain a sense of themselves and their role in the relationship with the care receiver. The care receiver gains the benefit of a knowledgeable caregiver and also having their husband, wife, daughter, son or partner back. We'll assist caregivers to find balance by defining the process of acceptance and providing tools to achieve it.

Workshop 407 (Advanced)
Huntington's Disease: An
Overview

#### Dr. Jessica Baker

Assistant Professor of Neurology and Medicine, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

Huntington's disease is an inherited neurodegenerative disorder characterized by abnormal movements (chorea), behavioral symptoms and dementia. We'll review the features of the disease and how it differs from other neurodegenerative disorders, with an emphasis on neuropsychiatric and cognitive symptoms.

Workshop 501 (Entry/Intermediate)

Dementia Toolkit

### Gloria Kwallek

Certified Screen Specialist, Inclusa

### **Nancy Tischbein**

Senior Consumer Engagement, Inclusa

### Rebecca Mein

Area Director, Inclusa

As Alzheimer's disease or other dementias progress, an individual may begin to communicate using behaviors to express unmet physical and emotional needs. Knowing and understanding an individual's personal history is vital for caregivers to better support them when they can no longer express their needs and feelings effectively. Caregivers will have a tool to discover triggers and how to use a person's past routines, interests, and hobbies to effectively respond to behavioral communication. Included is a rating system to know if interventions are effective. While the Dementia Toolkit is shown to be effective in supporting those with dementia diagnoses, it can also be used as an effective part of advanced care planning.

Workshop 502 (Entry/Intermediate)
Wisconsin's State Plan for
Dementia

The 2024-2028 Wisconsin State Plan for Dementia is underway. We'll describe its development and how its goals and strategies were identified, and the roadmap for implementation. Goals include public education and community support, professional development and workforce needs, coordinated care, data and research, and policy and advocacy. Discussion will include ways attendees can get involved in the work.

Workshop 503 (Entry)
Spiritual Wellness for People with Dementia

### **Robert Best**

Program Manager, Serving Older Adults of Southeast Wisconsin

Our understanding of spirituality is based on the assumption that memory and rational thinking are required. But that would suggest that people with cognitive loss are unable to experience spiritual wellness. Using the metaphor of life as a patchwork quilt, we will explore ways to help people with dementia experience the fullness of the spiritual dimension of life.

Workshop 504 (Entry)
Understanding the Different
Types of Home Health Care

### Angela Kjellberg

Account Executive, Aveanna Home Health

### Sara Gillespie

Account Executive, Aveanna Home Health

Learn about the different types of home health care. Medical, non-medical, palliative care, and hospice. How each type is different from one another. How each type of service is financially covered. Making an informed decision about your healthcare journey.



Workshop 505 (Advanced)
Are You Kidding? I Can Love
Myself?

#### Julia Johnson

Speech-Language
Pathologist/Spiritual Wellness Coach,
Voices of Intention (VOI)

Loving yourself while being a care partner is tough - but essential. Days are filled with unexpected events, emotional challenges and exhaustion. This 60-minute recorded virtual presentation shifts the focus from your loved one and puts YOU at the center; helping you rediscover how important your well-being is. We'll dive into the neurological and physiological aspects of stress, learning how it affects the brain and body and uncovering ways it impacts YOU. You'll experience the changes that somatic breathing, guided meditation can bring and participate in activities that can help create moments of calm and clarity amidst a day's chaos. This course is tailored to busy care partners and professionals and introduces effective and "implement-in-themoment" self-care practices that align with your caregiving responsibilities. You'll leave with tools to reduce stress, enhance resilience and bring light and hope into your day - all the while embracing the importance of YOU!

Workshop 506 (Entry/Intermediate)

Supporting Grief with Dignity in Families Affected by Dementia

### **Bryce Woyak, BCC**

Chaplain, Bristol Hospice - Madison **Stephanie Lawton** 

Clinical Supervisor, Bristol Hospice - Madison

When it comes to dementia, grieving starts long before death. Those affected by dementia and their families often grieve over years as abilities, memories, and cognition change and fade. It is important that the clinical team provides holistic grief support which acknowledges that the grief needs for the person with dementia may differ significantly from the grief needs of their family members. This workshop draws on clinical literature and experiences of the interdisciplinary hospice team to explore best practices in providing person-centered grief support to those affected by dementia.



Workshop 507 (Advanced)

Partnering for Dementia:
Advanced Hospital and
Community-Based Interventions

### Kayla Dillon, PhD/OTD

Student, University of Wisconsin-Madison

### Dr. Benazir Meera

Postdoctoral Research Associate, University of Wisconsin-Madison

This presentation will explore two innovative dementia care projects: the adaptation and testing of the Care Partner Hospital Assessment Tool to improve caregiving preparedness after hospital discharge, and the implementation of the Riding in the Moment™ program at Wisconsin therapeutic horseback riding facilities to enhance the quality of life for older adults with dementia and their families. Using a case study, we will highlight practical implications and lessons learned from these collaborative, evidence-informed interventions.





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### Tuesday, May 6

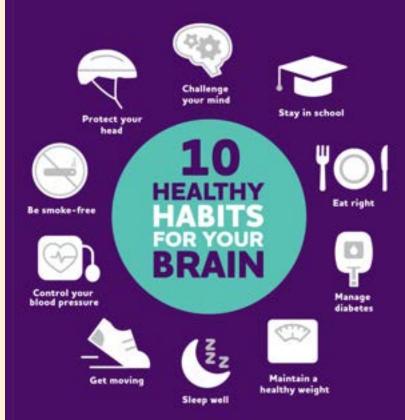
Lunch & Keynote 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Putting Alzheimer's In Remission?
We Are Almost There!



Robert J. Przybelski, MD, MS
Professor of Medicine and Psychiatry,
University of Wisconsin School of
Medicine and Public Health

This presentation will cover the biomarkers available to accurately diagnose Alzheimer's Disease (AD), optimizing patients to get the most benefit from the disease-modifying therapies, new treatments coming to potentially stop AD progression, vaccine development that could prevent AD, how we could "rebuild" the brain of patients in remission, and the what the clinicians must have to realize the benefits of these advances.



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