

Healthy Aging – Strategic Plan

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Mission:

To ignite interdisciplinary and translational aging research initiatives, contribute to interprofessional geriatrics education, and enhance the quality of person-centered care

Vision Statement:

Connect the disconnected, Integrate knowledge, Transcend traditional boundaries, and Extend opportunities to others through education and dissemination

Research Priorities:

~*Connect, Integrate, Transcend, and Extend*~

- Biology of aging & age-related diseases including Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, Behavioral and mental health issues associated with aging & age-related diseases
- Health services research & policy approaches to improve access to care & outcomes of care
- Ethnogeriatric and equity-informed approaches to care for racial/ethnic/gender minorities

Opportunities for Future Collaborations:

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A critical mass of interdisciplinary researchers, clinicians, and educators at Rutgers are working in areas of: Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia; HIV and Aging; Mobility and Rehabilitation (including falls prevention and post-stroke therapies); Nutrition and Oral Health; Osteoporosis and Bone Health; Palliative and End-of-Life Care; Primary/Preventive Care and Payment Models

Next Steps:

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1. Outreach to experts in policy, advocacy, and law from Newark and Camden campuses
2. Outreach to experts in state government and department of health
3. Host monthly center meetings with longer format including: time for networking and fellowship; featured speaker (rotating topic); and mock-review session (papers and grants)
4. Build community through social activities and community service (after work social; seasonal outdoor activities; community outreach/education/service events)
5. Build shared history of funding, publication, conference symposia, colloquia/gero-seminar

Metrics for Success:

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- Participation in meetings and scholarly events
- Participation in social events and community service/outreach/education
- Web site traffic, social media engagement
- Selection for Capital Campaign & Endowments
- Participation in Rutgers Giving Day
- Grant funding, especially to multidisciplinary teams
- Publications, especially by multidisciplinary teams
- Professional advancement, promotions, and awards to center members
- Recruitment of faculty