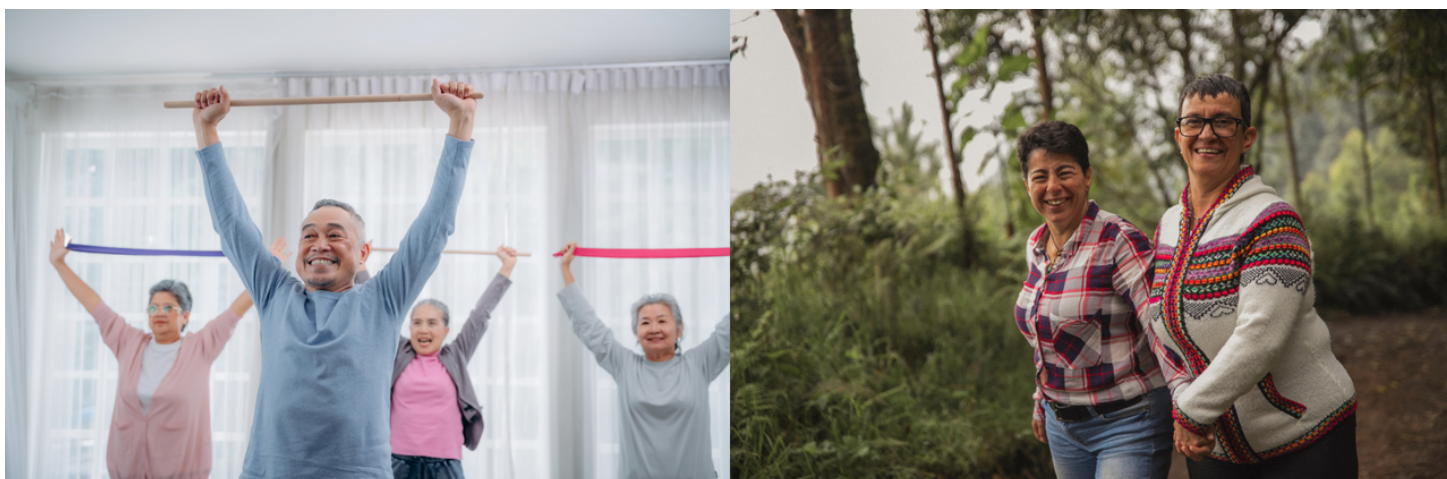




# UC San Diego

## SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

### The Division of Geriatrics, Gerontology & Palliative Care



**GIVING  
TUESDAY**

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Today is Giving Tuesday!

On this day, we hope that you will take time to participate in this global movement designed to inspire generosity, and consider donating to the UC San Diego Division of Geriatrics, Gerontology and Palliative Care. Your donation is a commitment to our older generation and helping them live their best lives longer and caring for individuals living with a serious illness.

Your donation supports:

**Expansion of clinical care programs to improve care to our patients:** We are ranked in the top 20 of all Geriatrics programs nationally by U.S. News & World Report and are part of the national Age-Friendly Health System (AFHS) Initiative! UC San Diego is also home to one of the largest academic programs in palliative care in the country and the ONLY program in the nation to have an embedded chaplain internship program.

**Advancement of vital research:** Our renowned team is conducting research in several areas including mitochondrial bioenergetics and healthy aging, substance use in older adults, health disparities, gerontechnology, HIV and aging, and Alzheimer's disease! **This year has been particularly difficult for the scientific community nationally and donations are now more important than ever!**

**Integral Center collaborations,** including the [San Diego Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center for Minority Aging Research \(AD-RCMAR\)](#), the [San Diego/Imperial Geriatric Education Center](#), and the [Gerontology Research Collaborative](#).

**Multiple training programs to support the current and future healthcare workforce:** UC San Diego is home to one of the largest palliative medicine fellowships in the country, and a local leader in geriatrics working to train health care providers and trainees across San Diego and Imperial Counties on optimal dementia care and elements of age-friendly health care. We are also training patients, families, caregivers, and direct care workers – all impacted on a daily basis and needing support.

**Support for Early-Career Scientists and Pipeline Development:** We are committed to providing mentorship to and increasing the number of people choosing careers in geriatrics and palliative medicine.

**Greater Focus on Research and Clinical Care in Diverse Populations:** We have established partnerships with local community clinics and organizations and are strengthening our research efforts with Hispanic/Latino, Limited English Proficient & Refugee Communities – all communities of particular importance here in San Diego.

**An award-winning team of faculty, who are strongly committed to making an impact not only locally, but also state-wide and nationally,** and are continuously being recognized for their efforts as clinicians, teaching mentors, researchers, visionaries, and leaders. For example, Dr. Lindsey Yourman has been appointed to the California Commission on Aging, the state's leading advocate for older adults, where she will help guide policy to ensure Californians can age with dignity and thrive in the communities they choose. Dr. Toluwalasé A. Ajayi has been named Chair-elect of the American Medical Association Board of Trustees – the first person from our city to achieve this remarkable national leadership role. Dr. Moore, our division chief, is the President-Elect for the American Geriatrics Society, a nationwide, 6,000+ member organization dedicated to improving the health, independence, and quality of life of older people.

# UC San Diego Health

2025-26 "Best Hospitals" Rankings

**Leading the Way**  
*in San Diego*

Nationally Ranked in  
**9 Specialties**



Obstetrics & Gynecology (7)  
Pulmonology & Lung Surgery (8)  
Geriatrics (18)  
Heart & Vascular (27)  
Gastroenterology & GI Surgery (28)

Neurology & Neurosurgery (28)  
Diabetes & Endocrinology (32)  
Cancer (41)  
Urology (46)



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**in San Diego**



Every day, our dedicated team is working to provide excellent clinical care, advance important research, and train individuals to better care for older adults and people living with a serious illness. While we continue to make great strides, we are limited on what we can accomplish with existing funds. Funds are needed to support our thriving division and ensure our research, education programs and medical care keep pace with the needs of our community and remain strong. Please consider making a donation today.

This time of year reminds us to pause and reflect on our accomplishments and to give thanks to those individuals, who have impacted us.

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