

## Tuesday, Oct. 30 Sponsored Session (4275.1): “Symposium: Golden Years in the Golden State”

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In California, the elderly population will double to nearly 8 million by 2026 and Latinos will comprise the largest group of older adults by mid-century. Yet California is a costly state for the elderly to live in and faces a budget crisis that has restricted or eliminated many programs and services that support a dignified old age. Is "the golden state" prepared to meet the challenges brought by its large and diverse aging population?

In this session proposal, four leading California researchers identify effective strategies that increase uptake of clinical preventive services among older adults in a community; compare measures of economic security among paid Medicaid caregivers and unpaid caregivers in California; examine the concordance between Latino caregivers and care receivers' perceptions of social support and aging; and discuss the Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index (Elder Index), an alternative to the Federal Poverty Level that better reflects California's high costs of living.

The presentations on caregivers and clinical preventive services use data from the California Health Interview Survey (CHIS), the nation's largest state health survey and the most comprehensive source of health information on Californians.

This session specifically will:

- Examine key health issues that affect the state's diverse senior population.
- Discuss caregiver topics including economic security and Latino caregivers.
- Explain the Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index (Elder Index) in California and show how income needs vary by county and family type.

**Moderator: Steven P. Wallace, PhD, Associate Director, UCLA Center for Health Policy Research**

**Location: Moscone Convention Center South, Room 202**

**2:30 PM: Introduction: Golden years in the golden state**

*Steven Wallace, PhD, Carolyn A. Mendez-Luck, PhD, MPH, Kathryn Kietzman, PhD, MSW and Geoffrey Hoffman, MPH*

**2:42 PM: Elder Economic Security Standard™ Index (Elder Index) in California**

*Steven Wallace, PhD, Eva M. Durazo, MPH and D. Imelda Padilla-Frausto, MPH*

**2:54 PM: Concordance within Latino caregiving dyads on perceptions of social support and aging: A qualitative study**

*Carolyn A. Mendez-Luck, PhD, MPH*

**3:06 PM: Increasing the uptake of clinical preventive services among older adults in community settings to improve health and reduce disparities**

*Kathryn G. Kietzman, PhD, MSW, Steven Wallace, PhD and Rosana Leos, MPH*

**3:18 PM: Hidden in Plain Sight: Paid Caregivers are California's Most Vulnerable Caregivers**

*Geoffrey Hoffman, MPH and Steven P. Wallace, PhD*

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