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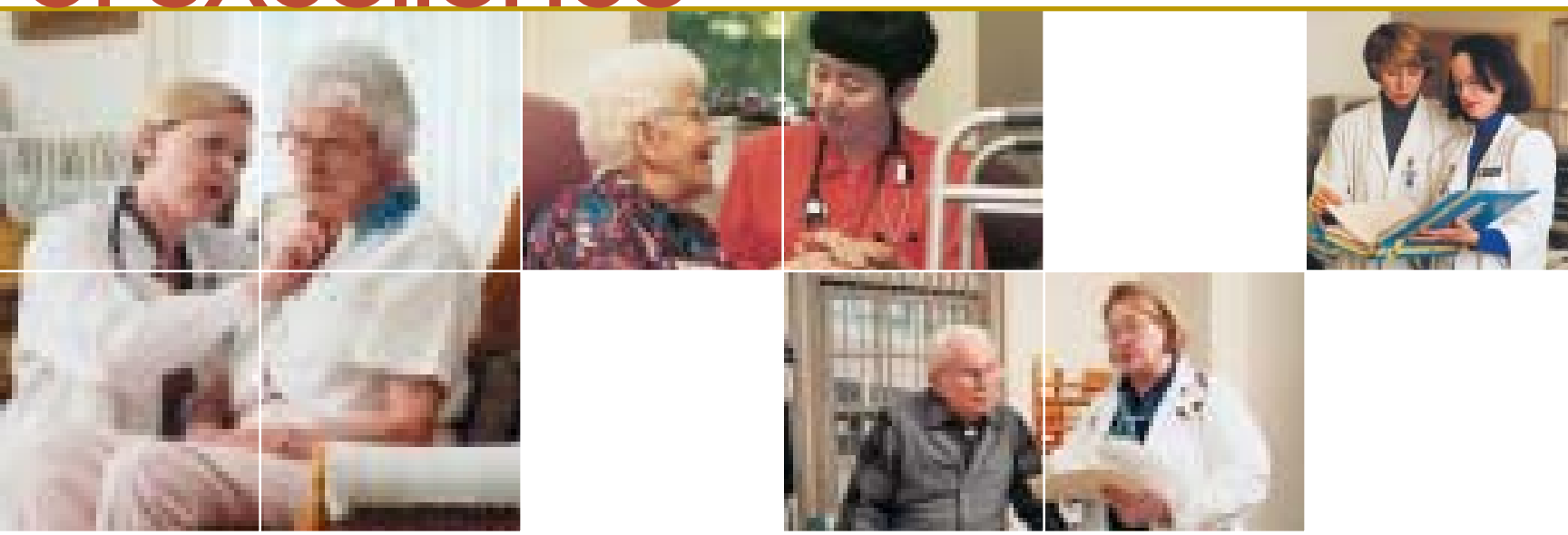

Centers of nursing research form constellations of care

In the past couple of years, OHSU's School of Nursing has realigned much of its faculty and resources into centers of excellence to address specific societal concerns. In forming these constellations of care, the School has attracted considerable new private and public funding, and more faculty to complement the existing core.

The School has three centers: the Center for Healthy Aging, a university initiative housed in the School of Nursing; the Center for Research on Symptom Management in Life-threatening Illness; and the John A. Hartford Foundation Center of Geriatric Nursing Excellence. These centers are devoted to learning the secrets of maintaining health well into the later decades of life, better ways of caring for elders who become frail, and preventing or soothing symptoms in serious illness — regardless of age. By sorting itself into such focus areas as — healthy aging, care of older adults and symptoms in life-threatening illness — the School gathers strength and prominence, and enhances its collaborative relationships with other OHSU researchers and the community. The following provides a glimpse of the exciting work under way in these constellations of care and the promise they hold for the future.