The First OHSU Communication & Aging Symposium

Aging and Communication in Health and Disease

The Northwest Clinic for Voice & Swallowing
Oregon Health & Science University
Vey Conference Center, Saturday May 14th 2016

A one-day conference for medical professionals and researchers on aging and various health conditions and their impact on communication, cognition, voice, speech, hearing, social relationships, and decision-making at the end of life. Presenters include researchers and clinicians with specialty expertise in these areas from OHSU and other institutions across the Pacific Northwest.

For more information:
Phone: (503) 494-5947  Web: www.ohsu.edu/voice

This event is offered in conjunction with the Oregon Gerontological Association
Conference Faculty: The faculty includes researchers and clinicians with specialty expertise in these areas from OHSU and other institutions across the Pacific Northwest.

Conference Schedule & Speakers:

8:55  Welcome and opening remarks

9:00  Aging: An Introduction and an Overview
Margaret Neal, PhD
Institute on Aging,
Portland State University

9:45  Aging and Cognition
Deniz Erten-Lyons, MD
Layton Aging & Alzheimer’s Disease Center, OHSU

10:30 Break

11:00 Hearing Impairment in Older Adults
Gabrielle Saunders, PhD, VA RR&D National Center for Rehabilitative Auditory Research & Dept. of Otolaryngology, OHSU

11:45 Voice Changes and Aging
Aaron Ziegler, PhD
NW Clinic for Voice & Swallowing, OHSU

12:30 Buffet Lunch, provided

1:15  The Impact of a Motor Speech Disorder
Linda Bryans, MA
NW Clinic for Voice & Swallowing, OHSU

2:00 Measuring Communicative Participation
Carolyn Baylor, PhD
Dept. of Rehabilitation Medicine,
University of Washington

2:45 Break

3:15 Aging, Communication, and Social Relationships
Andrew Palmer, PhD
NW Clinic for Voice & Swallowing, OHSU

4:00 Authentic and Compassionate Discussion with our Aging Patients
Barbara Glidewell, MBS
Center for Ethics in Healthcare, OHSU

4:45 Concluding remarks

5:00 Finish

Speaker Disclosure Statements: Go to www.ohsu.edu/voice and click on the link for the “Training and Education” page.

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Course Description: With increasing age, there is an increase in the prevalence of conditions that interfere with communication. It has been estimated that 55% of all Medicare beneficiaries have a communication impairment of some kind, placing them at greater risk of social isolation and depression. In medical settings, individuals with difficulty communicating have decreased satisfaction with and poorer quality of care. This course is designed to provide a comprehensive overview for medical professionals and researchers on aging and various health conditions and their impact on communication and social relationships. During the conference, attendees will learn about the process of normal aging and how this affects communication across the life-course, as well as the consequences of a variety of medical conditions. The particular needs of older adults seen in a medical setting will be discussed as well as ways to promote better interactions. Current treatment and management approaches and their effects will be reviewed. Students and professionals of all kinds who deal with older adults are encouraged to attend.

Registration Costs:
- Professional rate: $125
- Gerontology/Geriatric society member rate*: $110
- Student rate: $35
*Includes members of the OGA, GSA, OGS, ASHA SIG 15-Gerontology, and other aging-related organizations, with proof of current membership.

There is a link to the online registration form at: www.ohsu.edu/voice

Course Location: The course will take place at the Vey Conference Center, located on the 11th floor of Doernbecher Children’s Hospital on the Marquam Hill campus. For maps and directions go to OHSU’s website: http://www.ohsu.edu/

Learner Outcomes: On the conclusion of this program, participants will be able to:
1. Describe the process of normal aging and how this affects communication across the life-course.
2. Differentiate the impact of a variety of medical conditions from normal aging in terms of their impact on cognition, hearing, voice, speech, and social relationships.
3. Explain the particular needs of older adults seen in a medical setting and ways to promote better interactions.
4. List the current treatment options for communication impairments of various kinds.

Continuing Education: There is a $5 processing fee for the Oregon Speech-Language Hearing Association to report your CEUs to ASHA. This $5 fee is charged by the Oregon Speech-Language Hearing Association, not by ASHA.

This course is offered for 0.6 ASHA CEUs (Intermediate level, Professional area).