

# AGENDA

TIME	SESSION TITLE	PRESENTER(S)	LOCATION
2:30 - 3:30 PM	<b>NICHE IMPLEMENTATION BEST PRACTICES PANEL</b> Atlantic Health System NICHE Conference	<b>Cristen Mackwell DNP, MSN, BSN, RNCEN, CMSRN, EBP-CH, GERO-BC, NPD-BC, CDP</b> <i>Hackettstown Medical Center</i> <b>Kimie Sciancalepore, BSN, RN, MEDSURG-BC, CADDCT</b> <i>Geriatric Nurse Educator/NICHE Coordinator, Morristown Medical Center</i>	<i>Lower Level Lecture Hall LL1-10</i>
	Mount Sinai Morningside 4Ms Boot Camp	<b>Michelle Dunn, MSN, RN</b> <i>Director, Nursing QI, Mount Sinai Morningside/Mount Sinai West</i> <b>Precious Ekeh, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC, GERO-BC</b> <i>Manager of Patient Care, 9 West Medical Surgical/ Geriatric Unit, and Interim Nurse Manager, 8 West Medical Surgical Stepdown Unit, Mount Sinai Morningside</i>	
	NYU Langone Health Geriatric Practice Council Chairs and Exec Liaison	<b>Iroda Abdulkhasanova, BSN, RN, CCRN-CSC</b> <i>Senior Nurse Clinician, Surgical and Cardiothoracic ICU, NYU Langone Health,</i> <b>Hope Castellani, BSN, RN, CCRN</b> <i>Nurse Clinician, Surgical and Cardiothoracic ICU, NYU Langone Health</i> <b>Marilyn Lopez, DNP, RN, GNP-BC, IWCC-NYU</b> <i>Program Director, Nursing Geriatrics NYU Langone Health</i>	
3:30 - 4:30 PM	<b>GENERAL SESSION</b> NICHE Community Focus: Resources for Older Adults in New York City	<b>Jennifer Braunstein, LMSW</b> <i>Director, NY Connects, NYC Department for the Aging</i> <b>Eileen Mullarkey, LCSW</b> <i>Associate Commissioner, NYC Department for the Aging</i>	<i>Lower Level Lecture Hall LL1-10</i>
4:30 - 4:45 PM	Closing & Presentation of NICHE North Star Leadership Award to Mattia Gilmartin, PhD, RN, FAAN	<b>Karen Mack, DNP, MBA, ACNP-BC</b> <i>Executive Director, NICHE, NYU Meyers</i>	<i>Lower Level Lecture Hall LL1-10</i>

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8:30 - 9 AM	<b>CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</b>		
9 - 9:15 AM	Opening Remarks & Presentation of Challenge Coin for 25 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ChristianaCare WISH Program	<b>Angela Frederick Amar, PhD, RN, ANEF, FAAN</b> <i>Erline Perkins McGriff, Professor, Dean, NYU Meyers College of Nursing</i> <b>Karen Mack, DNP, MBA, ACNP-BC</b> <i>Executive Director, NICHE, NYU Meyers</i>	<i>Lower Level Lecture Hall LL1-10</i>
9:15 - 10:15 AM	Keynote: Designing, Implementing, and Evaluating a Nurse-Led Age-Friendly Dashboard in an Academic Health System: An Innovation Exemplar	<b>Patricia Lavin, DNP, RN, NEA-BC</b> <i>Senior Director, NYU Langone Orthopedics</i> <b>Woodyne Pierre-Lallemand, MSN, RN, MEDSURG-BC, GERO-BC, NPJ-BC, CNL, PMGT-BC, LNC</b> <i>Nursing Professional Development Specialist, NYU Langone Hospital—Lona Island</i> <b>William Winfree, MHA</b> <i>System Senior Director-Nursing Operations, Strategy, and Innovation, NYU Langone Health</i> <b>Jennifer Withall, PhD, RN, ACNS, ONC</b> <i>Nurse Researcher, NYU Langone Health</i>	<i>Lower Level Lecture Hall LL1-10</i>
10:15 - 10:30 AM	<b>BREAK</b>		
10:30 AM - 12 PM	<b>PODIUM SESSION A</b>		
	1. Enhancing Delirium Management & Reducing Workplace Violence Events	Denise Lyons, DNP, APRN, AGCNS-BC <i>Christiana Care Health System</i>	<i>Lower Level Lecture Hall LL1-10</i>
	2. When Care Moves, Outcomes Improve: The BAM approach to Elder Care	Beth Kessler, DNP, RN, NE-BC Norma Dawson, MPH <i>LincolnHealth - Miles Campus &amp; Hospital</i>	
	3. Leading Beyond Daylight: Building a Culture of Excellence Through Off Shift Leadership Presence	Michelle Osborne, DNP, RN, NE-BC, CNN Shalita Saywack, BSN, RN, CVRN <i>Northwell Long Island Jewish Valley Stream Hospital</i>	
	<b>RAPID-FIRE POSTER SESSION A</b>		
	1. In-Hospital Caregiver Support Pilot with Community Linkage and Impact on 30-Day Readmission	Anu Kirupanathan, AGACNP-BC <i>California Pacific Medical Center, Sutter Health</i>	<i>Lower Level Lecture Hall LL1-10</i>
	2. Mobility Matters: The Impact of a Team Based Approach and Mobility Aids	Josie Gorman, MSN, RN, NPJ-BC, PCCN Nadine Henry-Thomas, DNP, MSN-Ed, CMSRN, PCCN <i>MedStar Franklin Square Medical Center</i>	
	3. Operationalizing Trauma-Informed, Person-Centered, Age-Friendly Care to Prevent and Manage Distress Behaviors	Lori Aavik, DNP, RN, PMHNP-BC Logan Boldeau, MSN, RN, MEDSURG-BC <i>NYU Langone Health</i>	
	4. You Can't Fix What You Don't Track: Implementing Universal Delirium Screening of Older Adults in the Emergency Department.	Rose Ostendarp, DNP, RN Alex Hill, MSN, RN <i>Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center</i>	
	5. Beyond Constant Observation: Nurse-Driven, Age-Friendly, Person-Centered Care for Older Adults in an Academic Medical Center.	Marcin Dzialo, MSN, RN Steven Cabrera, BSN, RN, CMSRN <i>NYU Langone Health</i>	
	6. See the Sun, Respond with Care: An Age-Friendly 4M Approach to Identifying Dementia-Related Workplace Violence	Kelly Ensor, CMS RN, Gero-BC <i>MedStar Harbor Hospital</i>	
	<b>RAPID-FIRE POSTER SESSION B</b>		
	1. A Geriatric Resource Nurse Practice Council: An Age-Friendly Care Team for Hospitalized Older Adults in an Academic Health System.	Marilyn Lopez, DNP, RN, GNP-BC, IIWCC-NYU Gabby Bolanos, GERO-BC, NPJ-BC <i>NYU Langone Health</i>	<i>Lower Level Lecture Hall LL1-02</i>
	2. A Nurse-Led Delirium Prevention Innovation in Acute Care	Becky Miller, FNP, MSN, RN, CPHQ, GRN <i>Prisma Health Oconee Memorial Hospital</i>	
	3. Transforming Interdisciplinary Communication and Patient Experience Through 4M's IDRs on a Medical / Surgical Unit	Jennifer Dennehy, MSN, RN, NE-BC, CPAN Kerlene Richards, DNP, RN, NE-BC <i>Northwell Long Island Jewish Valley Stream Hospital</i>	
	4. Delirium Quality Initiative Pilot for Hospitalized Older Adults in the Acute Care Setting	Kelsey White, BSN, RN, GERO-BC <i>UHealth University of Colorado Hospital</i>	
	5. NICHE implementation at WPH: Growing the number of Geriatric Resource Nurses (GRNs) to improve care of Older Adults	Rachel Thomson, MSN, RN, NPJ-BC, MedSurg-BC <i>White Plains Hospital</i>	

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	<b>4Ms CATALYST SIMULATION</b>		
	Capacity of 24 participants. <b>Conference registration required.</b> Participants experience interactive stations representing the 4Ms: What Matters, Mentation, Mobility, and Medication Management.	<b>Inna Popil, DNP, RN, ACNS-BC, CNE, CN-BN, CCM</b> <i>Director, NICHE, NYU Meyers</i> <b>Beth Latimer, DNP, GNP-BC, CHSE</b> <i>Clinical Professor</i> <i>Executive Director, Clinical Simulation NYU Meyers</i>	<i>Clinical Simulation Learning Center (CSLC)</i>
12 - 12:20 PM	Presentation of NICHE Nexus Award for Geriatric Nursing Innovation to Terry Fulmer, PhD, RN, FAAN	<b>Karen Mack, DNP, MBA, ACNP-BC</b> <i>Executive Director, NICHE, NYU Meyers</i>	<i>Lower Level Lecture Hall LL1-10</i>
12:20 - 1 PM	<b>LUNCH WITH EXHIBITION OPEN</b>		
1 - 2:30 PM	<b>PODIUM SESSION B</b>		
	1. Early Mobility Enhancement Program for Elders and the Inpatient Community	Lisa Nevius, MSN, RN, OCN, NEA-BC Katlyn Laba, BSN, MEDSURG-BC <i>RWJBarnabus Health Hamilton</i>	<i>Lower Level Lecture Hall LL1-10</i>
	2. Hail the FRAIL: Improving Care of Geriatric Trauma Patients	Ahsan Arca, BSN, RN <i>University of California San Diego</i>	
	3. An Agile Approach to Implementing a GRN Nurse-Led, AI-Driven Workflow for Delirium Prevention in an Age-Friendly Health System	Christopher Siciliano, MBA, BSN, RN, GERO-BC, NE-BC, CARN Madison Ernst, BSN, RN, GERO-BC, MED SURG-BC Orlene Reid Numa, DNP RN NPJ-BC, GERO-BC, MED SURG-BC <i>Hackensack Meridian Health</i>	
	<b>RAPID-FIRE POSTER SESSION C</b>		
	1. Electronic Health Record-based Age-Friendly Care: A Nurse Driven Delirium Prevention Bundle in An Academic Health System	Marilyn Lopez, DNP, RN, GNP-BC, IIWCC-NYU Aelee Kwon, MSN, RN <i>NYU Langone Health</i>	<i>Lower Level Lecture Hall LL1-10</i>
	2. Through their eyes: Empathetic learning for frontline healthcare providers to improve care for the patient living with dementia	Lucy Tuohy, MSN, BSN, RN <i>St. Joseph's Health</i>	
	3. Transforming Mobility: Evidence-Based Practices Across 3 Hospitals	Denise Lyons, DNP, APRN, AGCNS-BC <i>Christiana Care Health System</i>	
	4. Evening shift Mobility matters: Strengthening Evening shift mobility in nursing care to Reduce Delirium in Older Adults on an Age	Utkarsh Shah, MSN, RN Shalita Saywack BSN RN CVRN <i>Northwell Long Island Jewish Valley Stream Hospital</i>	
	5. Mind the meds: Timing bCAM to Detect Delirium Early	Amanda Bridgwood, BSN, RN Amarpreet Kaur, BSN, RN Jessica Sambucharan, BSN, RN <i>Northwell Long Island Jewish Valley Stream Hospital</i>	
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