



SYMPOSIUM

FOR ELDER CARE PROFESSIONALS & OUR COMMUNITY

Oasis Conference Center

SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

Loveland, Ohio 45140

Agenda and Learning Objectives

8:15 - 9:00 Registration | Visit Vendor Tables

9:00 - 9:10 Welcome and Introductions by Dennison Keller

9:10 - 10:10 Keynote Address

Diagnosing Dementia Using Fastball Neurocognitive Assessment

Presented by Dr. George Stothart, PhD

Dementia is diagnosed too late, up to 20 years after the disease has begun. Quicker, more accurate ways to diagnose dementia are greatly needed so patients can get treatments earlier and better plan for their future. Dr. George Stothart will introduce Symposium attendees to his new EEG technique called Fastball - an innovative way to potentially detect and diagnose dementia much sooner.

10:10- 10:30 Break | Visit Vendor Tables

10:30 - 11:30 Breakout Session #1 (Attendees choose one)

Using Montessori to Engage Elders with Meaning and Purpose

Presented by Jennifer Brush, M.A., CCC/SLP

People living with dementia and their caregivers often feel isolated and embarrassed. Both parties feel angry and frustrated at people's reactions as they try to cope with the daily challenges of life with dementia. Fortunately, there is another way to live. The Montessori technique is about human development at all ages, not just in childhood. It's a philosophy of life that bridges all generations and truly enables individuals to thrive, regardless of age, race, or socioeconomic background. This presentation will demonstrate an innovative approach to dementia care by empowering elders and creating an environment where everyone can flourish.

What If Your Last Week Was Your Best Week?

Presented by Dennis Cheatham, Jennifer Heston-Mullins, PhD, LISW, Catherine Sherron, PhD

If you knew the date of your last week on earth, how would you plan to spend it? Researchers from Miami University and Thomas More University will introduce participants to a framework of thinking and talking about what's most important about living and dying. In this interactive session, participants will engage hands-on with materials developed by the Living Values team designed to help people identify what really matters to them and initiate meaningful end-of-life conversations.

Co-Design and Innovation Techniques for Aging Services

Presented by Karly Hasselfeld, MDes

Discover how to revolutionize senior care services through co-creation and innovation techniques. This presentation equips professional caregivers and service agencies with practical strategies to better serve the older adult population. From empathetic design principles to prototyping and testing, attendees will gain invaluable insights into enhancing service delivery for seniors. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how co-creation can drive meaningful change in how we care for older adults.

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11:30 - 12:15 Lunch | Visit Vendor Tables

12:15 - 12:30 Announcements | Submit Panel Questions

12:30 - 1:30 Plenary Session

Artificial Intelligence and the Ethics of Its Use in Healthcare

Presented by Dr. Paul Ford, PhD

Artificial Intelligence continues to make headlines, both cautionary and miraculous. When applied to healthcare and medical research, the stakes are high. Dr. Paul Ford will highlight the ways in which AI has found its way into healthcare and medical research and its risks. He will also discuss the audience's obligations and responsibilities as healthcare consumers and professionals and the implications of using AI in medical and research practices.

1:30 - 1:45 Break | Visit Vendor Tables

1:45 - 2:45 Breakout Session #2 (Attendees choose one)

Understanding the CMS GUIDE Model for Dementia Care

Presented by Dr. Timothy Sigward, PhD

This presentation provides an overview of the CMS GUIDE Model, a comprehensive dementia care program designed to support patients and caregivers through coordinated services, respite care, and home modifications. It equips case managers, social workers, and nurses with the knowledge to identify eligible patients, understand available benefits, and facilitate referrals to enhance patient care and quality of life.

Advanced Directives: Ethical Considerations & Real-Life Scenarios in End-of-Life Planning

Presented by Eva Hager, ESQ, and Luci Pavel, MSW, LISW

Standing beside someone at the end of their life is sacred—learn to do it with confidence, care, and compassion. In this session, Eva Hager and Luci Pavel will explore critical legal documents, decision-making authority, and the challenges that often arise when navigating these emotionally charged situations. Through practical case studies and real-life scenarios, participants will gain insight into best practices and ethical responses when making or guiding patients and families through end-of-life planning and care.

Solo Aging: Designing a Life of Purpose and Connection

Presented by Rachel Hodesh, MS, CDP, LNHA

Many older adults find themselves aging without the support of a spouse or other family members nearby, which can provide these individuals with some unique challenges. Rachel Hodesh will highlight the societal and personal factors contributing to this trend and provide practical guidance and resources to age independently. This session looks at how to actively create a fulfilling and meaningful life.

2:45 - 3:00 Break | Visit Vendor Tables

3:00 - 4:00 Panel Discussion

The New Frontier of Senior Services

Panelists: Dr. George Stothart, Dr. Paul Ford, Dr. Timothy Sigward

Moderator: Dennison Keller

New techniques, technology, and platforms are developing to diagnose diseases earlier, streamline healthcare services, and build collaboration between community partners, all in an effort to provide more support for seniors. What does this mean for the future of senior services?

4:00 - 4:30 Raffle Prizes | Turn In Evaluations | Pickup CEU Certificates | Dismissal

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