



Oregon Geriatrics Society News

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OGS EMAIL

OGS has a new EMAIL ADDRESS!!!! admin@oregongeriatrics.org

This will be a slow phase in from the omary52@comcast.net to the new OGS Email.

OGS WEBSITE REVAMP

The OGS Website has undergone a makeover!!

Please visit the site at www.oregongeriatricsociety.org to see what's new.
We've added new sections and photos!!

--Resources (Resource List & Newsletters):

In this section we have a Resources/Helpful Links List and Newsletters. We hope the resources help you with patient care. The majority of listings are nonprofits. The Wellness resources contain links for health professionals personal care of themselves. If you have suggestions for additional resources, please email us.

--Events (OGS Annual Conference, Upcoming Events List, Photo Galleries):

The Events section is all about the OGS Annual Conference, as well as Upcoming Events Listing, and Photo Galleries of our Annual Conferences, AGS Meetings, and other society-related events. We welcome new event listings, however the list is updated monthly.

--Advocacy:

Our brand new Advocacy Page will assist you with grass-roots advocacy efforts and keep you informed of advocacy efforts from OGS. Helpful topics include Resources For Assisting With Advocacy, Legislator Look Up, Bill Tracker, Send A Letter To Your Legislator, Advocacy versus Lobbying, and Advocacy Partner Resources.

Please see below for article on the 2025 AGS State Affiliate Achievement Awardee. OGS was the recipient of this award last year for our work and involvement with advocacy.

OREGON GERIATRICS SOCIETY 2026 MEMBERSHIP

Empowering Health Care Professionals To Enhance Care For Older Adults

Please consider OGS membership in 2026 either as a new member or as a continuing member. Dues are for the calendar year 2026 (January 1 – December 31, 2026). OGS has a growing membership that includes a variety of health professionals. We have the potential to stand for, and strongly state, our views regarding the care of Oregon's older adults. We work with local and national agencies which allows us to address issues impacting elder care. We welcome health care professionals from any state, not just Oregon, who wish to become members of OGS. Membership includes discount on registration for Annual Conference and post job listings on OGS website for free. Your dues provide support for OGS to further the mission of advancing care for older adults, through our participation in public policy & advocacy, education of health care professionals, as well as support for OGS programs such as our Poster Competition & Scholarship Program for trainees in care of older adults, and CME educational activities. With your support OGS will continue to provide you the opportunity to be part of an organization that stands for excellence in the care for the elderly. **PLEASE visit the OGS website for membership information and to pay dues.** www.oregongeriatricsociety.org

HEALTH CARE RECOGNITION DAYS

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY – JUNE 15, 2026 (WEAAD): Launched by the International Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse in 2006 and recognized as a [United Nations Observance](#) in 2011. WEAAD provides opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding of abuse & neglect of older persons by raising awareness of the cultural, social, economic, and demographic processes affecting elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation. WEAAD is in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action acknowledging the significance of elder abuse as a public health & human rights issue. In a society that values the just treatment of all people, WEAAD reminds us that elder abuse has implications for all of us, and so it's important to find the right solutions to it. WEAAD serves as a call-to-action for individuals, organizations, & communities to educate each other on how to identify, address, & prevent abuse. [About WEAAD – World Elder Abuse Awareness](#)

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION – THE LONGEST DAY – JUNE 21, 2026: We are thrilled to build on the success of The Longest Day® with a fresh name — Do What You Love to End ALZ™ — and new resources that empower our participants to thrive. The transition to Do What You Love to End ALZ provides us with opportunity to grow our impact and engage communities year round. The new name captures what makes the event so powerful — its flexibility, personalization & emotional connection that draws people to their passion. It's simple, clear and easy to share, all while staying true to the spirit of the original event. We are excited for you to be part of our next chapter as we continue to work toward a future without Alzheimer's and all other dementia. [Learn More](#)

AMERICAN GERIATRICS SOCIETY (AGS)



Become an AGS Member and Save!

Members of the American Geriatrics Society (AGS) receive a member discount on Annual Meeting registration.

Journals & Clinical Tools: Journal of the American Geriatrics Society / Annals of Long-Term Care Geriatrics at Your Fingertips / Geriatric Evaluation & Management Tools Reference Toolkits & Practice Guidelines / Product Discounts on GeriatricsCareOnline.

Community & Connections: MyAGSOnline- Member Community / Sections & Special Interest Groups/ AGS Week in Review Emails & Quarterly Updates.

Career Advancement & Advocacy: CME/CE Credits / AGS Fellowship, Leadership Opportunities & Awards / Annual Scientific Meeting Discount / Advocacy Center & Updates / Career Connections.

Phone: 212-308-1414. Email: membership@americangeriatrics.org

OGS & PALTmed ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2026



OREGON GERIATRICS SOCIETY **27th ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

and

PALTmed-OREGON SOCIETY FOR POST-ACUTE & LONG-TERM CARE **3rd ANNUAL MEETING**



Sunriver Resort – Sunriver, OR

“Education For Health Care Professionals - Caring For Older Adults”

SAVE-THE-DATE: OCTOBER 8-11, 2026



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

1/2 Day Sessions (LTC) (Thurs Afternoon) / 2.5 Days Sessions (Geriatrics) (Fri-Sat-Sun)
Educational Content, Posters, Silent Auction, Exhibitors, Networking, Committee Meetings.

TOPICS

TOPICS COVER WIDE RANGE EDUCATIONAL CONTENT FOR CARE OF OLDER ADULTS

Long-Term Care In Review, Hospice/Palliative Care, POLST, Minimal Comfort Feeds/Voluntary Stop Eating, PinkSocks Life, Geriatrics Year-In-Review, Oregon State Plan Alzheimer’s/Dementia, Headache, Age-Friendly Transitions of Care, Heart Failure, Behavioral Health, Polypharmacy Complex Medication Mgt, Humanism/ Developmental Geriatrics, Behavioral Disturbance, Symptom Management-Non-Hospice Patients, Health & Policy Updates, Dementia Evaluation & Treatment, Psychedelics, End-Of-Life Planning, Cognitive Assessment For Diverse Populations.

TARGET ATTENDEE AUDIENCE:

Physician, Medical Director, Nursing, Pharmacy, PA’s, Admin’s. In-Training: Fellows, Residents, Students.

EXHIBITORS: Exhibitor information available July 2026

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: Registration opens July 2026

LODGING: SUNRIVER RESORT - SUNRIVER, OR – Reserve Now!

Call 1-855-420-8206 (Use Group Name Oregon Geriatrics Society)

INFORMATION: admin@oregongeriatrics.org OGS Website: www.oregongeriatricsociety.org

OREGON RECEIVES AGE-FRIENDLY DESIGNATION

AARP Oregon presents Governor Kotek with certificate, partners chart future efforts to build on today's recognition



Portland, OR – Today (May 27, 2026), AARP presented Governor Tina Kotek with a certificate designating Oregon an Age-Friendly State, joining the AARP Network of Age-Friendly States and Communities. The announcement was made at an event today hosted by the Community for Positive Aging in Portland, alongside partners, advocates, and local leaders. “The Age-Friendly State designation isn't ceremonial – it's a call to action,” Governor Kotek said. “It recognizes the progress we've made and also requires us to assess our age-friendliness, identify

improvement strategies, and implement them over time. It allows Oregon to leverage best practices as we prepare for our changing demographics.”

Meeting the Needs of a Changing Oregon

Polling from AARP consistently shows that aging in place, transportation access, and affordable housing options are priorities for older Oregonians. Governor Kotek's mission-focused work — spanning housing, behavioral health, and economic prosperity — continues to have meaningful benefits for older adults across the state. “Being age-friendly means ensuring people can live well at every stage of life,” Bandana Shrestha, state director for AARP Oregon, said. “It means people can remain in their homes and communities, stay connected, maintain their health, and continue to contribute. And it requires us to align our policies, our investments, and our systems to support those outcomes.” In 2023, roughly 730,000 Oregonians received Social Security retirement payments, injecting more than \$15.7 billion dollars into Oregon's economy. Older Oregonians' contributions to the state's economy are enormous. Oregon's older adults are valuable workers and skilled volunteers, contributing to communities and supporting the next generation. Their contributions to our state's culture and well-being are immeasurable.

Oregon's demographics are shifting significantly. As of last May, Oregonians age 65 and older outnumber children under 18 – a historic milestone that underscores why this work matters. Last week, Governor Kotek announced [new housing actions](#) to support older Oregonians as the state undergoes this demographic shift.

“To be age-friendly is not a label,” Margaret B. Neal, professor and director emerita from Portland State University's Institute on Aging and an early leader of the age-friendly movement, said. “It is a commitment. It means we pay attention to the everyday experiences of all of us as we age. It means we design our communities, services, and policies in ways that support independence, connection, and well-being for all. And it means we recognize that aging touches every part of our lives.”

A New Statewide Plan for Aging

Working with AGE+, AARP, and the Governor's Commission on Senior Services, Oregon will launch a community-driven, multi-sector plan for aging. This coordinated blueprint will address housing, healthcare, economic development, and community connection. Oregonians are encouraged to participate by visiting: <https://sharedfutureoregon.org/>. “Developing a strong multi-sector plan on aging will require collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to dignity and opportunity for older adults,” Joyce DeMonnin, vice chair of the Governor's Commission on Senior Services, said. “Our commitment is to invite all interested parties to work with us to shape a plan that creates an Oregon where people of all ages can live, work, and play with respect, dignity, and economic security.”

Press Office: Press Secretary-Governor's Office-503-378-5965.

On a personal note, I had the pleasure of attending this event, representing OGS, alongside many of our partners. There was definitely a lot of energy and excitement about the future of this endeavor (Mary Olhausen-Executive Director, OGS).

OREGON HEALTH & SCIENCE UNIVERSITY - CONFERENCES



<https://www.ohsu.edu/school-of-medicine/cpd>

OHSU Continuing Professional Development handles registration for the following events. Click on the links below to view detailed course information, brochures, and registration forms (as available).

August 13-14, 2026

[When Things Go Wrong in the Outdoors: Update 2026](#) - Timberline Lodge, Government Camp

September 10-11, 2026

[21st Annual Northwest Regional Hospital Medicine Conference](#) - Hood River, OR

October 22-23, 2026

[20th Annual Doernbecher Pediatric Review](#) - Sentinel Hotel, Portland, OR

February 8-12, 2027

[58th Annual Primary Care Review](#) - Sentinel Hotel, Portland, OR

OREGON GERIATRICS SOCIETY - ADVOCACY

Advocacy Made Easy - AGS State Affiliate Achievement Award 2025

Jessica Wright PA-C, MBA - OGS Health and Public Policy Chair

Mary Olhausen - OGS Executive Director

Each year the AGS State Affiliate Achievement Award is given to a state affiliate that has shown success in one of five areas: membership recruitment/retention; innovative educational programming in geriatrics; public outreach; advocacy; or affiliate growth. **This year, we congratulate the Oregon Geriatrics Society (OGS) as the recipient of the 2025 AGS State Affiliate Achievement Award.** Through more than a decade of dedication, OGS has developed a comprehensive, accessible, and sustainable model for advocacy that empowers clinicians at all stages of their careers. From their Annual Conference's Health & Public Policy Updates—offered since 2008—to informal advocacy discussions, detailed member reports, and growing participation in Advocacy Day, OGS continues to engage and inspire its members to take action. Their efforts have built strong relationships with key partners, including the Oregon Medical Association, Oregon Chapter of the American College of Physicians, Oregon Health Care Association, and Oregon Gerontological Association. These collaborations have strengthened their impact at the local and state levels. What sets this initiative apart is its clear message: advocacy doesn't have to be intimidating. OGS has made it easy for members to get involved, share their voice, and become active participants in shaping policies that support high-quality care for older adults. Their upcoming launch of an online Advocacy Toolkit—featuring resources like a legislator lookup tool, sample letters, and bill trackers—will further equip members to make their voices heard. We commend OGS for their leadership, vision, and outstanding work in bringing advocacy into everyday geriatrics practice. Their efforts not only benefit their local community, but also serve as a model for other State Affiliates looking to grow their own local advocacy programs. **Congratulations again to the entire OGS team on this well-deserved recognition!** The AGS State Affiliate program was launched in 1991 and has increased the visibility of geriatrics medicine throughout the country.

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