Enhancing Early Detection of Dementia in Primary Care with the **GSA KAER Framework**

**Conducted at The Gerontological Society of America Annual Scientific Meeting**

Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

**Wednesday, November 2, 2022, 7:30 am – 1:00 pm**

This interactive workshop will support individuals working with older adults to feel better prepared and confident to address older adults’ concerns about their cognition. Participants will become familiar with tools and resources to improve early detection of cognitive impairment and diagnosis of dementia in their daily practice using the [GSA four-step KAER—Kickstart, Assess, Evaluate, Refer—Framework](#). This Framework also provides primary care teams with information on payment and how to connect individuals with dementia and their caregivers with community resources. GSA has assembled a panel of internationally recognized expert faculty to share how they have implemented tools described in the Framework. They will share their challenges and successes allowing participants to learn from their experiences. Throughout the workshop, participants will collaborate with peers to develop an action plan they can use to guide implementation of the KAER Framework in their practice following the workshop.

GSA has planned two exciting bonus opportunities for KAER Workshop participants. First, they will start their day by learning how they can improve their communication with older adults from an expert faculty member from the National Center to Reframe Aging. Participants will close out their workshop experience with a healthy lunch during which they will receive insights on the publication, *How to Sustain Brain Healthy Behaviors*.

This preconference workshop will enable participants to:

- Evaluate themselves and their care team’s readiness and comfort level to address brain health, detect impaired cognition, diagnose dementia, and connect older adults to relevant community services.
- Implement communication practices and patient care routines that promote patient engagement about brain health.
- Apply the four-step KAER Framework to the promotion of brain health, detection of impaired cognition, diagnosis of dementia, and connection of older adults to relevant resources.
- Integrate web-based and community resources into their practice to support older adults with dementia and their caregivers.

**Cost:** $138 Register at [www.gsa2022.org](http://www.gsa2022.org) | **Questions:** Contact Jen Pettis at [jpettis@geron.org](mailto:jpettis@geron.org)

GSA recognizes the collaboration of the Alzheimer’s Association and the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association in planning this workshop.

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