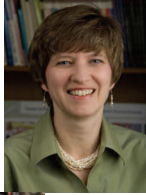


Center for Integrative Science in Aging

Mission: To apply integrative science, from cell to society, to improve the health of older adults and to cultivate the next generation of scholars, clinicians, and faculty in geriatrics.



Center Director Kathy Culpepper Richards, PhD, RN, FAAN studies ways to help older adults stay smart and sleep smart by solving problems related to memory, sleep and functional problems of aging.



Christine K Bradway, PhD, RN, CRNP studies ways to enhance the skin care, bowel and bladder needs of obese older adults in nursing homes, as well as the nurse staffing necessary to meet these needs.



Pamela Cacchione PhD, RN, GNP, BC decreases excess disability in older adults with vision and hearing impairment through a program of Sensory Enhancement, which greatly improves their quality of life.



Valerie T Cotter, MSN, CRNP, FAANP studies hope, social support, and self-esteem in persons with early stage dementia, as well as how to facilitate coping and adjustment for patients and families.



Mary Ersek, PhD, RN, FAAN creates and implements innovative ways to assess and treat pain and other palliative care needs for frail elders, including those with dementia who cannot speak for themselves.



Lois K Evans, PhD, FAAN, RN studies culture change in long term care, including nurses' influence on homelike settings, individualized care, and resident choice.



Sarah Hope Kagan, PhD, FAAN, RN explores the process of surgical treatment and reconstruction for persons with mouth and upper throat cancers, an understudied and long ignored area.



Therese Richmond, PhD, FAAN, CRNP studies community-based violence prevention, which affects all generations, as well as how to prevent unnecessary disability in older adults with serious traumatic injuries.



Eileen Sullivan-Marx, PhD, CRNP, FAAN, RN examines innovative models of nursing practice focused on keeping older adults actively functioning in their communities.