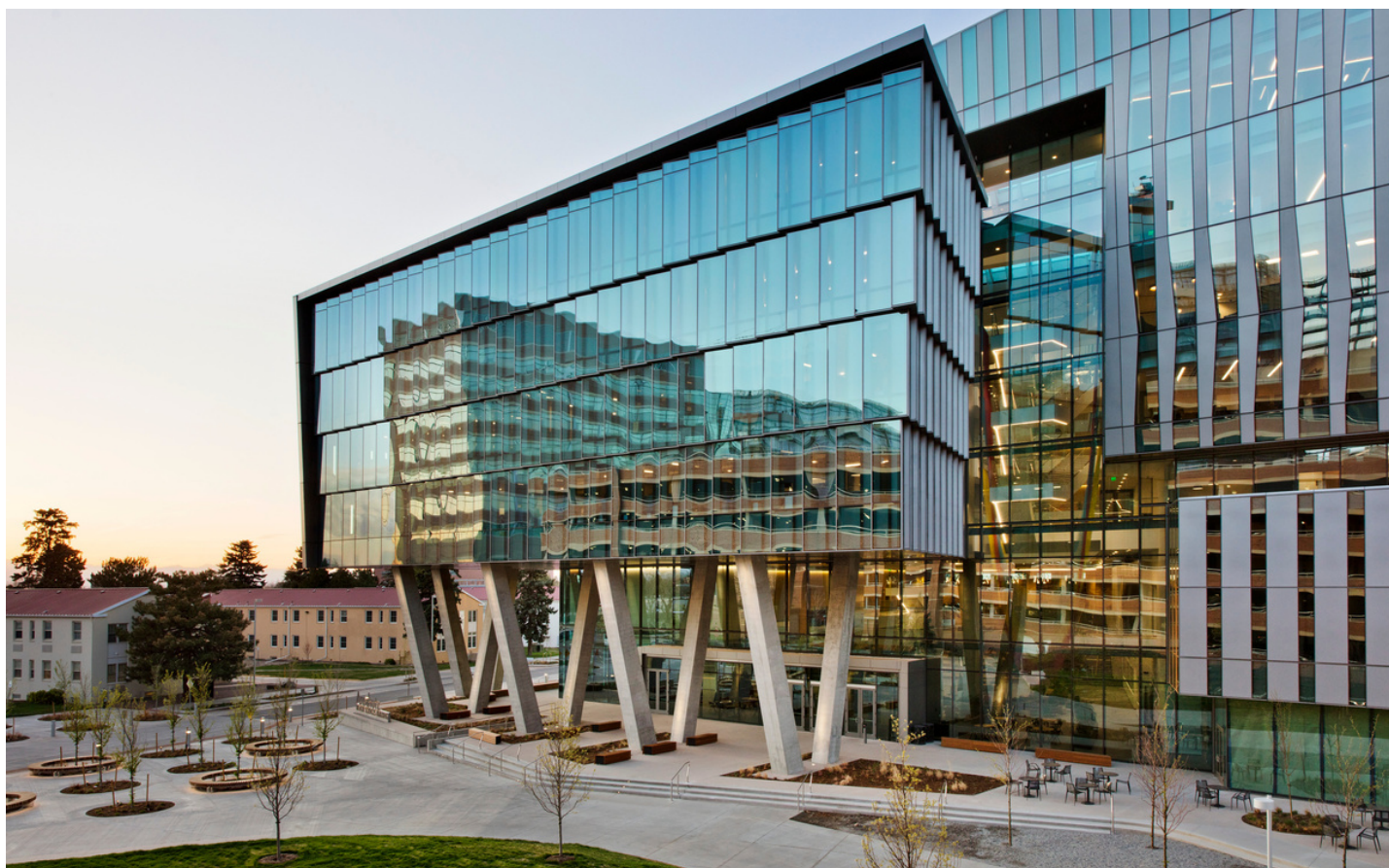


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# ROCKY MOUNTAIN GERIATRICS COMMUNITY CONFERENCE



## Agenda

*August 27 & 28, 2026*

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*Care That Fits the Person, "What Matters Most"*  
*Shared and Ethical Decision-Making in Health Care*

## Day 1:

8:00am-8:30am Registration and Light Breakfast

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8:40am-9:15am Welcome and Opening Remarks  
**What Truly Matters? Redefining Patient-Centered Geriatric Care**  
Dan Matlock, MD, MPH

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9:00am-10:15am When the Stakes Are High: Navigating Serious Illness, Dementia & Family Priorities  
  
**When the Stakes Are High: Navigating Serious Illness, Dementia & Family Priorities**  
Channing Tate, PhD  
  
**Caregiver Support in Heart Failure**  
Colleen McIlvennan, PhD, RN  
  
**Social Determinants and Supporting Discharge**  
Andrea Wallace, PhD, RN  
  
**Long-Term Care Decision Making**  
Kenny Lam, MD

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10:15am-10:30am Refreshment Break

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10:30am-11:45am Heart Decisions: Personalizing Cardiovascular Care for Older Adults  
  
**Implanted Cardiac Devices**  
Amneet Sandhu, MD  
  
**Atrial Fibrillation**  
Ben Steinberg, MD  
  
**Venous Thromboembolism**  
Anna Parks, MD  
  
**Personalized decision making in Coronary Artery Disease (CAD)**  
Dan Nguyen, MD

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11:45am-12:15pm Lunch

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| 12:15pm-1pm   | <p><u>Lunchtime Keynote: Truth, Trust &amp; Tradeoffs: Helping Patients Make Sense of Risk and Evidence</u></p> <p><b>Helping Older Adults Understand Risk and Evidence</b><br/>Angie Fagerlin, PhD</p> <p><b>Misinformation: How Do I Know What Evidence Is Good?</b><br/>Laura Scherer, PhD</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1pm-1:15pm    | Refreshment Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 1:15pm-2:15pm | <p><u>Concurrent Breakout Sessions</u></p> <p>Session #1</p> <p><i>Independence at Risk: Safety, Function &amp; Everyday Decision-Making</i></p> <p><b>Difficult Decisions Around Driver Safety</b> – Emmy Betz, MD</p> <p><b>Exploring Home Environments Through Patient-Generated Photographs</b><br/>– Jorie Butler, PhD</p> <p><b>Difficult Decision Making Around Firearms and Dementia</b> –<br/>Chris Knoepke, PhD</p> <p>Session #2</p> <p><i>Surgery &amp; Self: Rethinking Surgical Decisions in Aging</i></p> <p><b>Decision Making for Deep Brain Stimulation Surgery</b> – Michelle Fullard, MD</p> <p><b>People Like Me...A Novel Method for Individually Monitoring Post-Operative Recovery</b> – Jenn Stevens-Lapsley, PhD</p> <p><b>Surgery as We Age...Do I Need to Do it or Not?</b> – Dan Adams, PA-C</p> |
| 2:15pm-2:30pm | Refreshment Break                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 2:30pm-3:00pm | <p><b>Deliberative Engagement As A Tool</b><br/>Sarah Knight, PhD</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 3:00pm-4:00pm | <p><b>Real Talk: Navigating Tough Healthcare Decisions Together   What Matters Most: Lessons Across the Lifespan – Patient Panel Discussion</b><br/>Moderated by Dan Matlock, MD, MPH</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 4:00pm        | Closing Remarks & Community Conference Conclusion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |

*\*\*Sessions are subject to change without notice*



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## Day 2: Research-Focused Shared Decision-Making Workshop

**8:00am-8:30am** Registration and Coffee

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**8:30am-8:45am** Welcome and Opening Reflection  
**Catalyzing Collaboration: From Research Ideas to Actionable Partnerships**

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**9:00am-10:00am** **Session Description:**  
Looking to spark meaningful research collaborations but not sure where to start—or who to connect with? This high-energy, interactive session is designed to move beyond introductions and into action.

### Part 1: Rapid Research Pitches

Participants will hear short, dynamic pitches from researchers answering a critical question:

**“What am I looking for in collaborators—and what research ideas am I ready to explore?”**

These focused pitches will surface emerging priorities, shared interests, and opportunities for alignment across disciplines.

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**10:00am-10:15am** Refreshment Break

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**10:15am-11:15am** Part 2: Small-Team Collaboration Labs  
Participants will break into facilitated small groups to turn inspiration into action. Together, groups will:

- Identify **who they want to collaborate with**
- Define **priority research themes or questions**
- Develop **concrete next steps and deliverables** (e.g., concept papers, grant ideas, follow-up meetings)

### Key Workshop Outcomes:

- New cross-disciplinary research connections
  - Clearly defined collaboration teams
  - Action-oriented plans to advance shared research goals
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**11:15am-12:00pm** Report Out, Future Collaboration Partnerships Announcements and Next Steps

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This session is ideal for anyone ready to move from networking to **building real research partnerships with momentum.**

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