

SECTION OF GERIATRICS AND PALLIATIVE MEDICINE



INTERIM SECTION CHIEF

Aanand Naik, M.D.

Welcome to the Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine. Our faculty includes a wide range of health professionals who practice in a variety of care settings in a highly interprofessional culture. Our faculty include subspecialists in Palliative Medicine, wound care, post-acute and long-term care, hospital medicine, home based medical care, and ambulatory consultation and primary care Geriatrics. The Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine provides compassionate primary or consultative care to older adults, from robust to frail. Our team of physicians, nurse practitioners, social workers and pharmacists see patients across several healthcare systems including Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center and Kirby Glen Senior Care, Ben Taub Hospital and the Harris Health

System, the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center and its Community Living Center, Houston Methodist Hospital, and Saint Dominic Village. Geriatrics is a specialized field of medicine that focuses on the care of older adults. Our practice focuses on maintaining robust and vibrant aging for independent adults living in the community, acute care for those facing and recovering from illnesses and exacerbations of chronic conditions, and supportive care for our most frail and vulnerable adults.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Aanand Naik'.

Aanand Naik, M.D.

Associate Professor

Chief, Section of Geriatrics and Palliative Medicine

HIGHLIGHTS

- Kirby Glen Senior Care Clinic was established as the site for the private Geriatrics outpatient clinic at Baylor St. Luke's Medical Center. The Geriatrics practice, existing patient population, and faculty were successfully transitioned and starting patient visits in the Fall of 2018 at the BSLMC Kirby Glen location.
- Dr. Naik appointed acting section chief and a national search initiated to recruit and select a permanent section chief. Sandeep Agrawal, MD, PhD, section chief of Rheumatology and Immunology served as chair of the search committee for the Geriatrics Section Chief.
- Formal partnership with the MD Anderson Cancer Center Palliative Medicine Fellowship Program. Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center agreed to support two palliative medicine fellowship positions and will be an active site for all MD Anderson Palliative Medicine fellows. Ursula Braun, MD, Chief of the Palliative Medicine program at MEDVAMC, was appointed fellowship site director. Dr. Braun recruited her first two fellows who started July 2019.

FACULTY

Interim Section Chief

- Aanand Naik, M.D.

Faculty

- Kathryn L. Sowell Agarwal, M.D.
- Latha Archibold, M.D.
- Jordan Boynton, M.D.
- Ursula K. Braun, M.D.
- Elizabeth Brierre, R.N., M.S.N., ANP-C
- Angela Catic, M.D.
- Alexie Cintron, M.D.
- Allison Dobecka, M.D.
- Aimee D. Garcia, M.D.
- Janet D. Harlan, M.S.N., B.S.N., GNP-BC
- Syed N. Imam, M.D.
- Leanne K. Jackson, M.D.
- Rashmi Jaitly, M.D.
- Delma I. Jara, M.D.
- Kimberly Johnson, M.S.N., ANP-BC
- Sanda Khin, M.D.
- Ana C. Macias, M.D.
- Anita B. Major, M.D.
- Tolulope Omolayo, M.D.
- Shannon Pearce, M.D.

- Jessy Philip, M.D.
- Tziona Regev, M.D.
- Julia Reyser, M.D.
- Sheila A. Richey, M.D.
- Robert E. Roush, Ed.D., M.P.H.
- Joel A. Salazar, M.D.
- Geraldine Salmeron, M.D.
- Sarah Selleck, M.D.
- Glencora Sharfman, M.D.
- George Taffet, M.D.
- Susan P. Williams, M.D.

Voluntary Faculty

- Julianna Fernandez, PharmD, B.C.P.S.
- Caroline Fife, M.D.
- Kristen Gateno, M.D.
- Shelley Gold, M.S.W.
- Joanna Ira, M.D.
- Erik Maus, M.D.
- Victor Narcisse, M.D.
- Oi-Yee I. Poon, M.D.
- Robert Reichlin, Ph.D.
- Jeffrey Sherer, PharmD
- Anita Woods, Ph.D.
- Munder Zagaar, PharmD, Ph.D.

Professional Organization/ Association Offices Held

Naik, Aanand, M.D.

- Member, American Geriatrics Society Annual Meeting Planning Committee
- Director, VA Quality Scholars National Program Coordinating Center
- Director, VA Central Office, Geriatrics and Extended Care, Shared Decision Making Program

Wilson, Nancy, M.D.

- Chair, Data Safety Monitoring Board for “Oral Health Improvement in Individuals with Cognitive Impairment DSM”
- Chair, National Patient and Stakeholder Advisory Committee for Comparing Health

- Advisor, Best Practice Caregiving Project
- Education Planner and Subject Matter Expert, Medicare & Medicaid Services Webinars on Geriatric Competent Care
- Member, National Advisory Committee for Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program-Coordinating Center

Editorial Board Memberships/ Editorial Positions

Naik, Aanand, M.D.

- Editorial Board Member, Journal of the American Geriatrics Society

Taffet, George, M.D.

- Associate Editor, *Journal of Gerontology*, Health Services
- Associate Editor, *GeroScience*

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Grants

Naik, Aanand, M.D.

- Patient Priorities Care Demonstration Project; Geriatrics and Extended Care Program; \$120,000
- VA Quality Scholars Program Coordinating Center; VA Office of Academic Affiliations and VA Operations Funding; \$500,000
- VA Big Data Scientist Training Enhancement Program; VA Office of Academic Affiliations and VA Office of Research and Development; \$180,000
- VA Advanced Fellowship in Health Services Research; VA Office of Academic Affiliations and VA Health Services Research and Development; \$304,000
- Patient Centered Care for Older Adults with Advanced Liver Disease; VA Health Services Research and Development; \$980,000
- An Innovative Platform or Objective Monitoring of Instrumental Activities of Daily Living; National Institute of Aging/NIH; \$1,200,000
- Improving Care of Persons with Complex Health Conditions; Hartford Foundation; \$980,000

Publications

American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry (IF **4.235**): 1

The American Journal of Managed Care (IF **1.321**): 1

Cell Stem Cell (IF **21.464**): 1

Gerontology (IF **3.353**): 1

Gerontology & Geriatrics Education (IF **.46**): 1

The FASEB Journal (IF **5.391**): 1

Journal of the American Geriatrics Society (IF **4.388**): 4

Journal of Continuing Education in the Health Professions (IF **1.265**): 1

Journal of Clinical Medicine (IF **5.688**): 1

Journal of General Internal Medicine (IF **4.606**): 1
Journal of Gerontology. Series A” Biological Sciences and Medical Sciences (IF **4.711**): 1
Journal for Healthcare Quality (IF **1.092**): 1
Journal of Interprofessional Care (IF **2.205**): 1
Journal of Physiology (IF **4.950**): 1
Journal of Surgical Research (IF **1.872**): 1
PLoS One (IF **2.776**): 1
Psycho-Oncology (IF **3.455**): 1
Telemedicine Journal and E-health: 1

Books and Book Chapters

Catic, Angela, M.D.

- *Dementia. Perioperative care of the elderly patient.* Edited by Barnett R and Neves SE. Cambridge, United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press, 2018