

#### **Virtual Site Visit**

October 19, 2018 The Westin Buckhead Atlanta Grand Ballroom A&B, Conference Level (4<sup>th</sup> Floor)

#### **Agenda**

#### **Organization and Administration**

7:30 - 8:00	Continental Breakfast	
8:00 - 8:05	Welcome	Russell Swerdlow, MD
8:05 - 8:10	Message from Vice Chancellor for Research	Richard Barohn, MD
8:10 - 8:50	Infrastructure, Theme and Progress	Russell Swerdlow, MD

#### Metabolism-Focused Research: From Bench to Bedside to Community

#### 8:50 - 9:55 Molecular and Cellular Studies in AD

Overview and Infrastructure

Targeting Mitochondria as a Potential Therapeutic
Strategy for Alzheimer's Disease

Dark Amyloid and Mitochondrial Dysfunction

Mitochondria and Alzheimer's Disease

What Memories Are Made Of

Elias Michaelis, MD, PhD

Shidu Yan, MD

Michael Wolfe, PhD\*

Heather Wilkins, PhD\*

Kausik Si, PhD\*

#### 9:55 - 10:10 **Break**

#### 10:10 - 11:10 Clinical and Translational Research in AD

Overview and Infrastructure

Cells-to-Systems Metabolism

Vascular Contributions to Brain Health

Nutrition and Brain Health

Debra Sullivan, PhD, RD\*

#### 11:10 - 11:55 Empowering Community Through Science and Care

Overview and Infrastructure Eric Vidoni, PT, PhD\*

Becoming an Independent Researcher in Latino AD
Disparities

MyAlliance for Cognitive Health: Shifting the Point of Care

Eric Vidoni, PT, PhD\*

Jaime Perales Puchalt, PhD

Michelle Niedens, LSCSW

#### 11:55 - 12:00 Closing Remarks

Russell Swerdlow, MD
\*KU ADC Pilot awardees





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## Message from Senator Jerry Moran



## Message from Richard Barohn, MD

## Overview: KU ADC Infrastructure, Theme, and Progress



Russell Swerdlow, MD PI, P30 AG035982







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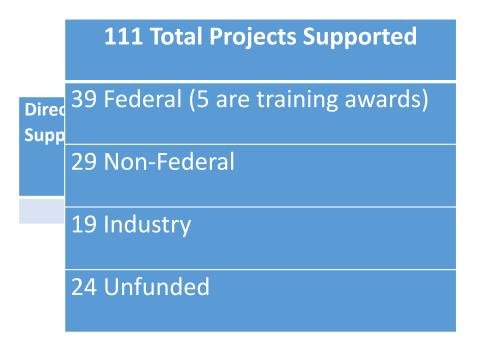








- Investigators: 150
  - 96 members, 54 users
  - 102 KU, 48 non-KU
- Projects Supported: 111
- Portfolio Value
  - \$17.5 million in year 7
  - \$65.8 million worth of grants
- Manuscripts Supported: 72







- Promote research into AD energy metabolism dysfunction
- Develop field-driving capabilities and initiatives
- Support innovative research into AD and related topics

#### Energy Metabolism Dysfunction: Causes, Consequences, Manipulations



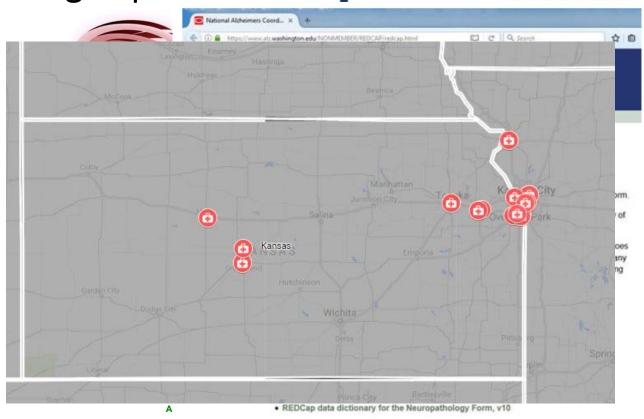
- Genetics
  - mtDNA associations
  - mtDNA-nDNA interactions
- Ketogenic Diet Clinical Stuc
- Oxaloacetate Clinical Study
- S-equol Clinical Study
- Ongoing (APEX) and New (IGNITE, rrAD) Exercise Tria
- SGLT2 Study

KU ADC Cohort Haplogroup/APOE distributions						
Haplogroup	Group	Frequency	Fisher's	AD APOE4	CN APOE4	Fisher's
			Exact P	Frequency	Frequency	Exact P
Н	AD	63/144=43.8%	0.755	38/62=61.3%	30/110=27.3%	0.0001
	Control	119/262=45.4%				
J	AD	23/144=16.0%	0.031	15/23=65.2%	5/22=22.7%	0.007
	Control	22/262=8.4%				
Т	AD	11/144=7.6%	0.712	10/11=90.9%	5/24=20.8%	0.0001
	Control	24/262=9.2%				
U	AD	20/144=13.9%	0.185	11/19=57.9%	7/22=31.8%	0.122
	Control	25/262=9.5%				
K	AD	8/144=5.6%	0.138	3/8=37.5%	7/24=29.2%	0.681
	Control	27/262=10.3%				
UK	AD	28/144=19.4%	1.000	14/27=51.9	14/46=30.4	0.085
	Control	52/262=19.8%				

#### Field Driving Capabilities



- Biomarker Disclosure
- New Biomarkers
  - N-acetyl aspartate (MRS)
  - Glutathione (MRS)
  - Mito Protein Nitration
  - Platelet Cytochrome Oxidase
  - Annexin Binding
- Bioenergetic Medicine Drug Development
- Exercise Prescription
- Recruitment Approaches
- REDCap
- Service Delivery



**ALZHEIMER'S PREVENTION** 

#### Enhance and Support Innovative Research



• IPSCs

TBI-AD Connection

• "Dark Amyloid"

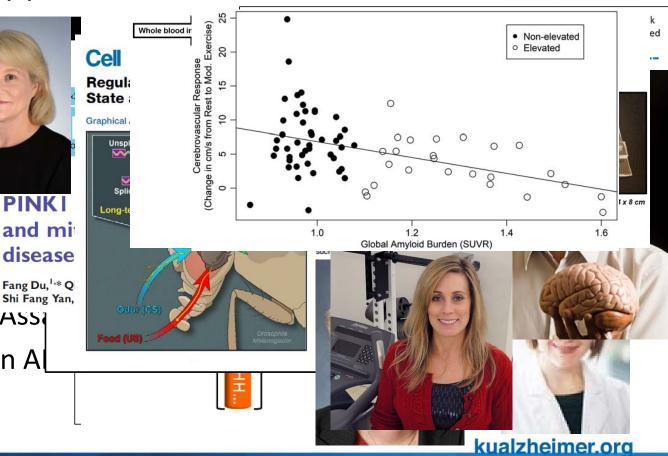
O-GlycNAcylation

Mitophagy

• Molecular Basis of Me

Microfluidic Biomarker Assa

Neurovascular Control in Al



## Aim 2: Serve as a Midwestern Hub for AD Research, Care, and Education



- Bring together investigators
- Provide a rich training environment
- Provide well-characterized research participants and biospecimens

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Resources				
Resource	Notes			
Blood Biospecimens	Q4 years; stored at KUMC BRCF			
Genetic Data	mtDNA especially			
Clinical Data	ADC-initiated and project-initiated			
Imaging	ADC-initiated and project-initiated			
Expertise	Study/Protocol development			
Technical Support				
Clinical Trial Infrastructure				
Pilot Support				
Cybrid Cell Lines				
IPSCs				
Brain				
CSF	Project-driven; changing to ADC-initiated			

#### Aim 3: Enhance the ADC Network

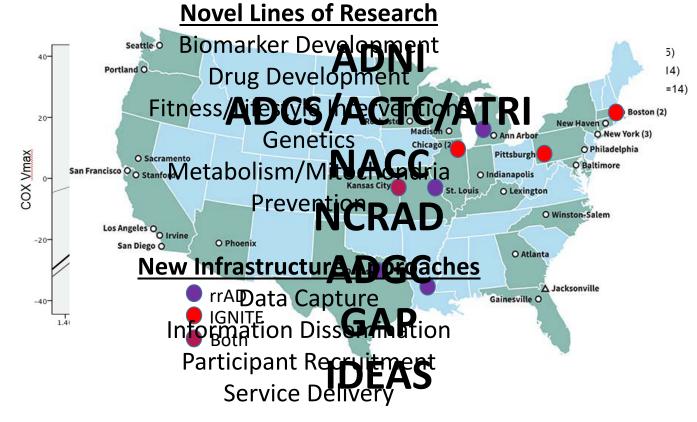


- Contribute to the national ADC network
- Foster new lines of research

#### Aim 3: Enhance the ADC Network



- National Network
- New Lines of Research







Primary Affiliation	Department	Number		
Interaction with other KU Programs/Cores				
What Others Seek Us Out For				
Investigator-Initiated Multicenter Trials (especially exercise)				
Recruitment Expertise				
Imaging Expertise (human and animal)				
Metabolism/Mitochondrial Expertise				
Metabolism/Mitochondrial Technical Abilities (including biomarkers)				
mtDNA/cybrids				
REDCap Data Capture				
Heartland Center for Mitochondrial Medicine				
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#### Clinical Core



- Formal "research" cohort of ~400 active participants
  - Skewed toward CN due to prevention interests
  - Rarely used for intervention studies
- Maintains clinical study infrastructure
  - Clinical Trials Unit
  - Study Coordinators
  - Regulatory support staff
  - 43 supported studies in year 7 (19 federally funded)





#### • Electronic Data Capture

**Boston University** 

**Columbia University** 

**Emory University** 

**Indiana University** 

New York University

Northwestern University

Oregon Health and Science University

**Stanford University** 

University of California, Irvine

University of California, San Francisco

University of Florida

University of Michigan

University of Pennsylvania

University of Southern California

University of Washington

University of Wisconsin

Wake Forest University

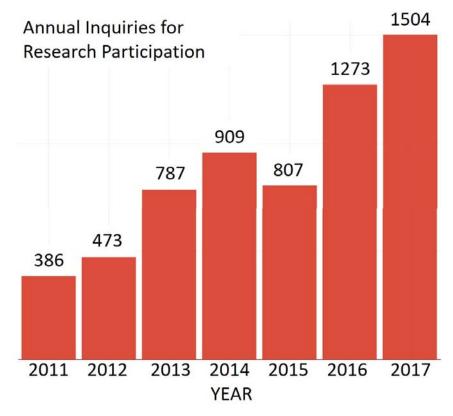
Washington University in St. Louis

Yale University

#### Outreach and Recruitment Core



- Lifestyle Enhancement for Alzheimer's Prevention (LEAP)
  - Community based, culturally tailored education
- LEAP Physician Engagement
  - Stimulates referrals across regional health systems



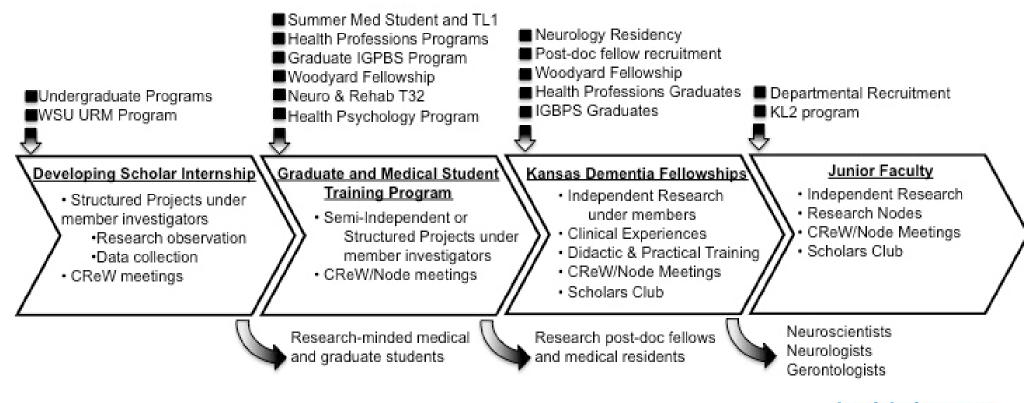
#### **Neuropathology Core**



• Cadaveric dural and fibroblast-derived iPSCs

#### **REC: Training Program Structure**







#### Year 7 Training Grant Applications

Mentee	Mentor	Grant Type	Status
Wilkins, Heather	Swerdlow	K99-R00	Funded
Koppel, Scott	Swerdlow	F30	Funded
Gupta, Aditi	Burns/Brooks	K23	Funded
Devos, Hannes	Burns/Brooks	K01	Pending
Szabo-Reed, Amanda	Burns/Brooks	KL2	Pending
Perales, Jaime	Swerdlow/Vidoni	NIA Diversity Supplement; K01	Supplement Funded, K01 Pending

#### Neuroimaging Core



- Investigator-Initiated Multisite Trial Support
  - Harmonization of imaging protocols
  - Development and deployment of novel sequences
- MRIs on 305 clinical cohort participants
  - Repeat scans on 120 participants
- Amyloid PET on 305
  - Repeat scans on 75

#### Mitochondrial Genomics and Metabolism Core



- Complete mtDNA sequences for all Clinical Cohort participants
- Study consultation/design
  - Heavily utilized within and beyond KU
  - Year 2018: 15 of 21 pilot project applications would use the Core
- Biomarker and drug development



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# Molecular & Cellular Investigations: The Mitochondrial Genomics and Metabolism (MGM) Core



KU ADC Kansas City and Lawrence
E. Michaelis, R. Swerdlow, M. Michaelis
D. Hui, H. Wilkins

# MGM Core: Not mandated — A Core designed to take advantage of the scientific environment of the KU ADC



#### Scientific themes of the KU ADC:

Metabolism and Bioenergetics deficits in AD: Molecular/Cellular to Clinical Approaches

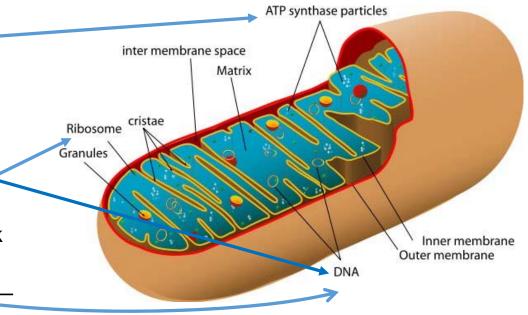


### Cellular & Genetic Focus on Mitochondrial Function and Structure in LOAD



#### **Rationale**

- Decreases in activity of oxidative phosphorylation (OXPHOS)--Systemic
- Increases in reactive oxygen (ROS) / nitrogen species (RNS)
- ROS leading to mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) mutations or protein modifications
- History of maternal LOAD— greater risk than paternal history of LOAD
- Possible inherited mutations in mtDNA single nucleotide variants (SNVs) in LOAD





#### Mission of the MGM Core

Provide investigators with information and the tools to conduct metabolism, genomic, and proteomic analyses of mitochondria and attract investigators interested in relating such measures to mitochondrial bioenergetics in aging and AD

#### Goals of the MGM Core



- a) Trans-Mitochondrial Cybrid Cell generation from AD/MCI/NL subjects
- b) Mitochondrial bioenergetics measurements
- c) Mitochondrial protein modification analyses
- d) Exploratory bioenergetics drug testing (cells, animal models, humans)
- e) mtDNA Next Generation Sequencing (NGS) and post-sequencing analyses on the entire cohort of the KU ADC

#### Developing cell models of AD



Link between mitochondrial function and AD-related synaptic deficiencies and neuronal damage

- Generated 100 hybrid cell lines by inserting platelet mitochondria into  $\rho 0$  SH-SY5Y neuroblastoma cells (*Cybrids—Drs. Swerdlow, Wilkins*)
- Cybrids derived from mitochondria of AD, MCI, and NL individuals
- Also from amyloid (+) and amyloid (-), cognitively normal individuals
- Shared cybrids with investigators of the ADC and others in the US and other countries

## Cell models and mitochondrial metabolism measurements



#### Cybrids used to probe:

- effectiveness of ROS scavengers in reversing effects of  $A\beta$  on neuronal structure and function –(*Dr. Yan*)
- relationship between systemic metabolism, neuroimaging measures, and mitochondrial function in 40 cybrid lines –(Dr. Morris)

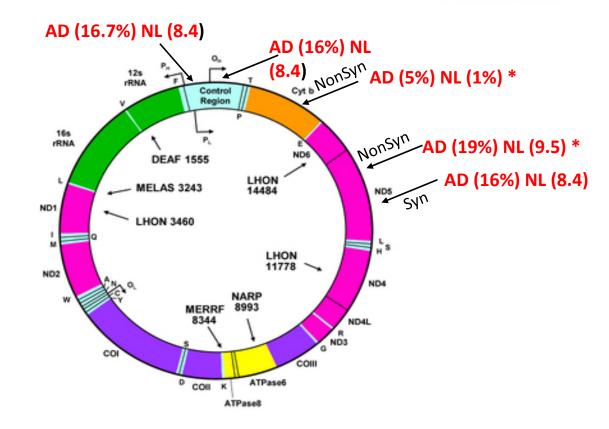
#### Planned experiments to probe:

- effectiveness of activators of mitochondrial bioenergetics —(*Dr. Forrest, Pharmaceutical Chemist*)
- relationship between various forms of Aβ peptides and metabolism (*Dr. Wolfe*)

#### Mitochondrial Genomics—mtDNA NGS



- Amplified, sequenced, curated, and analyzed mtDNA from 144 AD, 262 NL, and 37 MCI
- 19 SNVs only 1 SNV overrepresented in NL
- AD-related SNVs: 4 nonsynonymous mutations in OXPHOS enzyme subunits
- 3 SNVs in mt tRNA or rRNA





#### Effect of MGM Core on Scientists at KU

- Year 2018:
  - 15 of 21 Pilot Project applications would use the MGM Core
  - 3 of 5 pilot projects approved use the MGM Core
- Years 2016/2017:
  - 3 of 4 projects funded were MGM Core related

Presentations from four individuals who have received support to explore new areas of research in molecular and cellular aspect of AD



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# Heather Wilkins, PhD

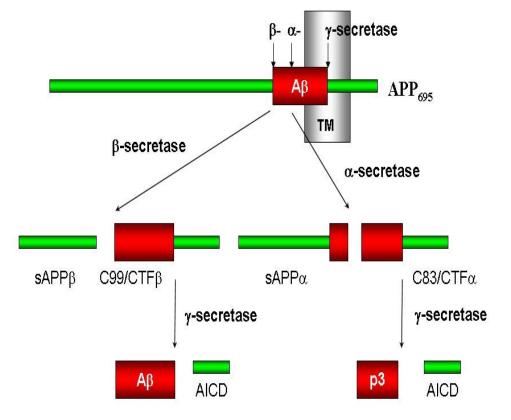
- Postdoctoral fellow in the KU Alzheimer's Disease Center
- Expert in cell bioenergetics, cybrid cell studies, and the development of induced pluripotent cells into neuronal forms for the study of the effects of Aβ and tau on neuronal metabolism
- Recipient of a K99/R00 award from the NIA

# Mitochondria and Alzheimer's Disease



Heather Wilkins, PhD
Postdoctoral Fellow
University of Kansas Alzheimer's Disease Center

## How do mitochondria affect Alzheimer's Disease Pathology?





Several prior studies link mitochondrial function/bioenergetics to amyloid precursor protein (APP) processing and amyloid beta production

Gabuzda D et al. 1994. J Biol Chem. Gasparini et al. 1997. Neurosci Letters. Webster et al. 1998. J Neural Trasmission. Gasparini et al. 1999.. Neurosci Letters. Leuner et al. 2012. Antioxidants and Redox Sig. Kukreia et al. 2014. Mol Neurodegener.

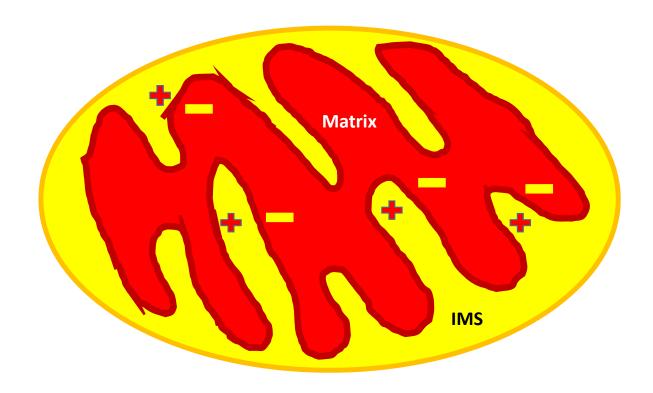
amyloidogenic pathway

non-amyloidogenic pathway

http://www.irb.hr/eng/Research/Divisions-and-Centers/Division-of-Molecular-Medicine/Laboratory-of-Molecular-Neuropharmacology/Group-for-Neurodegenerative-Disease-Research

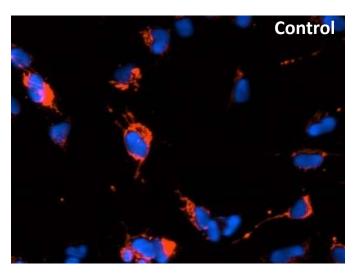
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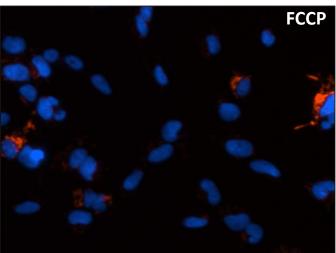


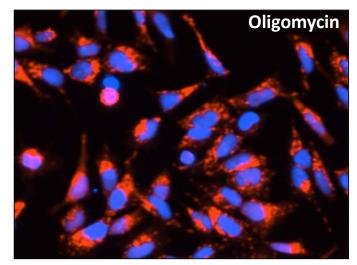


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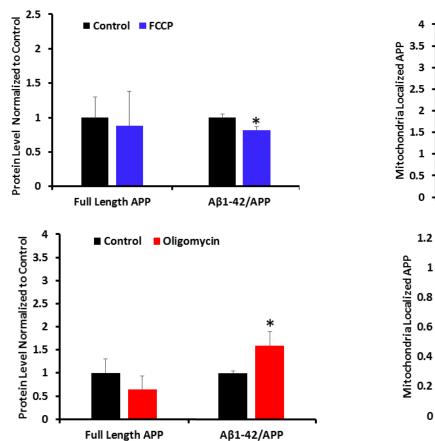


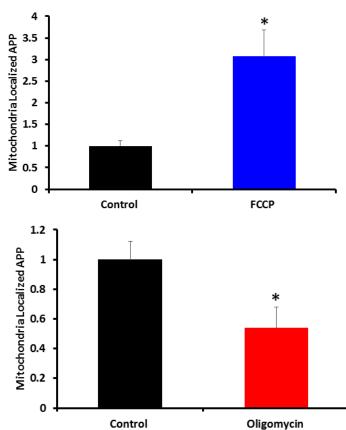




## Mitochondrial Membrane Potential and APP/Amyloid

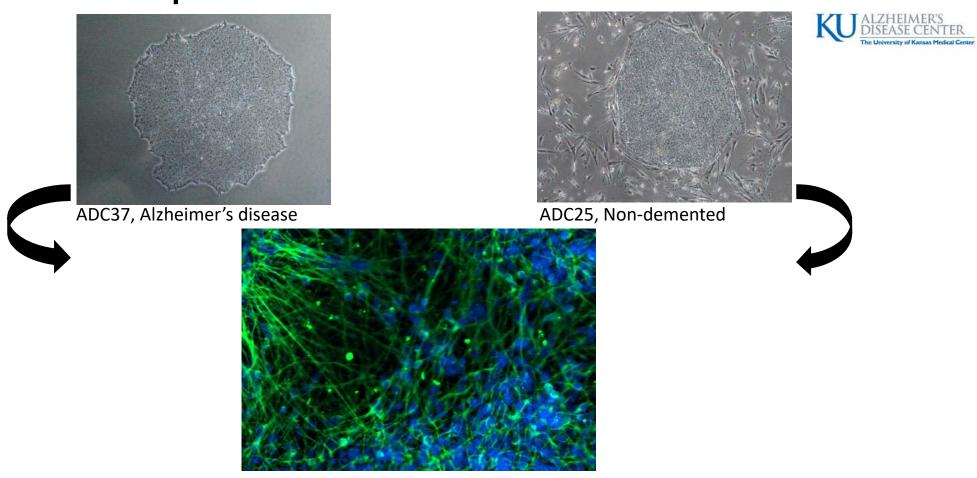






Supported by the KU ADC and MGM core

## **Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell Derived Neurons**



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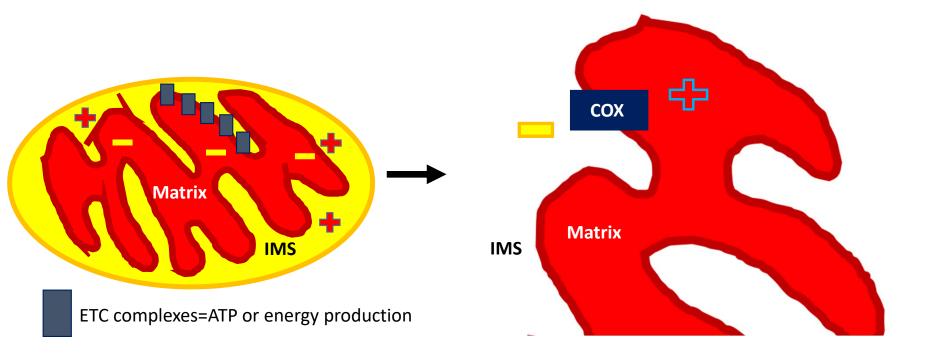
#### **How does APOE influence mitochondria?**



#### APOE ε4 carriers have reduced platelet mitochondrial cytochrome oxidase (COX) Vmax

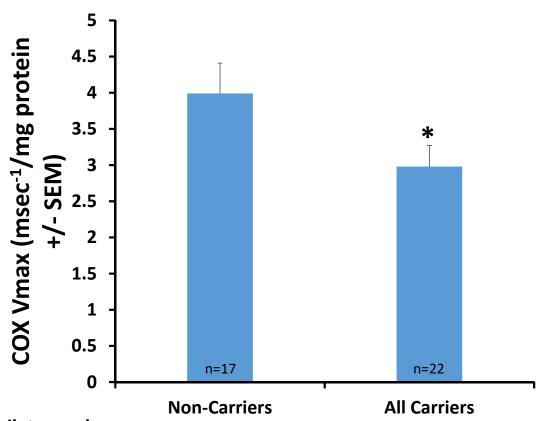
(Wilkins et al. Redox Biology. 2017)

• WHY?



## **APOE Genotype and Blood Mitochondrial Biomarkers**

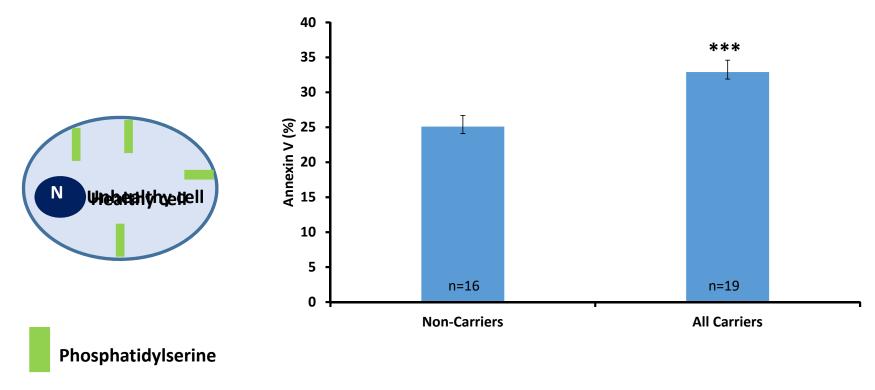




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## **APOE** Genotype and Blood Mitochondrial Biomarkers





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### **Sex and Blood Mitochondrial Biomarkers**



Mean (SEM)	Male	Female	p value
Annexin V (%)	29.5 (1.9)	28.9 (2.1)	0.84
JC1	3 (.17)	3.65 (.25)	0.04
n	18	17	

#### **Future**



- Mitochondrial membrane potential and secretase enzyme function
- Understand the effects of APOE ε4 on mitochondrial function
- Develop new mitochondrial and bioenergetic biomarkers
- Transition to an independent Alzheimer's Disease Scientific Career



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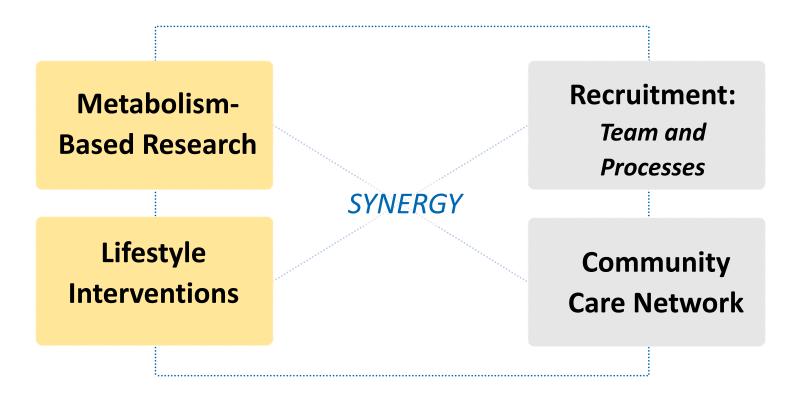
# Clinical and Translational: Overview and Infrastructure



Jeffrey M. Burns, MD, MS
Co-Director and Clinical Core Leader
Edward H. Hashinger Professor of Neurology

### "Product" and "Process" Innovation Drives Impact





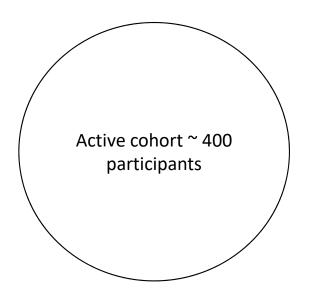


# Year 7: Clinical Core Productivity

- 43 total studies supported
  - Data (15 studies), Biospecimens (10 studies), Participants (11 studies)
- 13 NIH multi-site collaborations
  - NACC, ADGC, ADNI, ADCS and ACTC
  - 3 Multi-site R01s
  - 5 NIH multi-site studies
    - ADNI3, A4, LEARN, ASPREE, and EXERT
- 23 externally funded grant awards (19 federal awards)

- Dramatic growth supported by
  - Clinical Cohort
  - Development of Other Cohorts
    - APEX (R01)
    - Registry (n > 7000)
  - Infrastructure creation: physical and team-based
    - CTSA
    - Trial teams (drug and exercise)
    - Recruitment







#### **ASSESSMENTS**

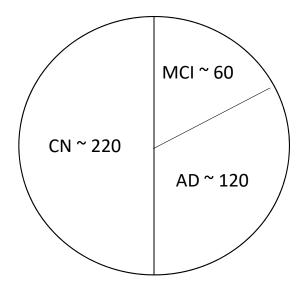
- Phlebotomy (every 4 years)
- MRI (every 2 years)

#### Mitochondrial genome

#### <u>Other</u>

- Accelerometry (every 2 years)
- VO2peak / Cardiorespiratory Fitness
- Neurovascular







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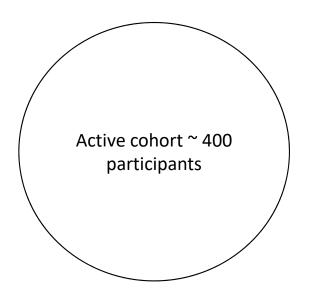
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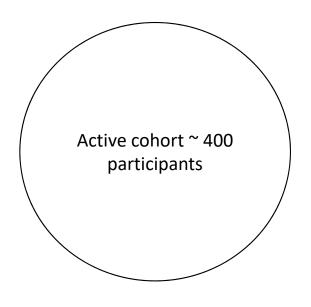




#### **Accomplishments**

- Efficient processes
  - REDCap electronic data capture
    - Time to finalization 57 days (vs. 120d nationally)
  - Excellent retention
    - 11% discontinuation rate
    - Missed follow up 13% (vs. 20% nationally)
  - Autopsy Program
    - 63% consent rate
    - 59% autopsy rate (44 of 75 all time deaths)
- Imaging submitted to NACC
  - MRIs n=252
  - Amyloid PET n=294



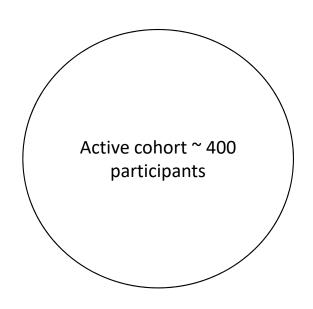


- Cohort not sufficient for our growing intervention studies
- Cohort "contaminated" by interventions

Re-defined Purpose: Natural history study to support longitudinal observational studies (biomarkers, imaging, risk factors, etc)





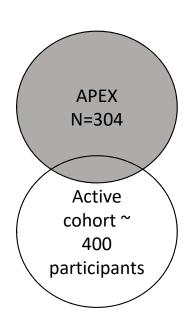


#### **Studies Leveraging the Clinical Cohort**

Study	Sponsor	Enrollment
Tech for Dementia Care (Williams)	R01	41
Functional Regulation (Johnson)	Internal Funds	61
Group exercise via iPad in AD (Vidoni/Ptomey)	ADC Pilot	8
Energetics and Cognition (Morris)	R00	52
TrACR (Billinger)	ADC Pilot & Am. Heart Assoc	107
Ketogenic Diet Feasibility (Sullivan)	ADC Pilot	15
Aging, AD and Mitochondrial Function (Morris)	R21	36
Neurovascular and Exercise Response (Vidoni)	Internal	39
KSU COBRE Neuroplasticity	P20	Pending
Neurophysiology in Preclinical AD (Devos)	KU ADC Pilot / K01	Pending
Neurovascular Impairment in Aging and AD	R01	Pending



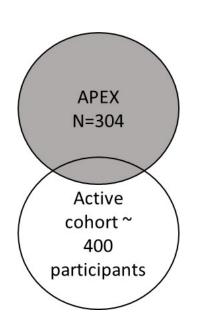
# Amyloid PET Cohort



- APEX R01 Exercise Trial
- N=304 Cognitively Normal (CDR 0 and neuropsych)
  - 28% elevated amyloid (n=86 vs. n=218 nonelevated)
- Projects supported
  - Billinger Neurovascular program
  - Morris Insulin resistance studies
  - Taylor / Sullivan Diet studies
  - K awards (Morris and Devos)
  - F32 award (Perdomo)

## Amyloid PET Cohort











#### ORIGINAL ARTICLE



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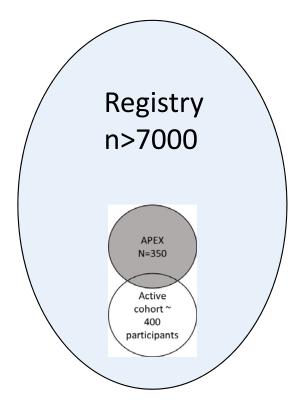
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## Research Registry

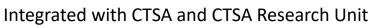


#### **Research Registry**

- Enroll online, paper, phone
- Demographic, PMH, medications, cognitive issues
- Recruit for study opportunities
  - Clinical Cohort
  - Trials
  - Others (Genematch)

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# Leveraging Infrastructure to Scale Up









# Creating Infrastructure to Scale Up



#### **Support Teams**

Physical Health Intervention Team

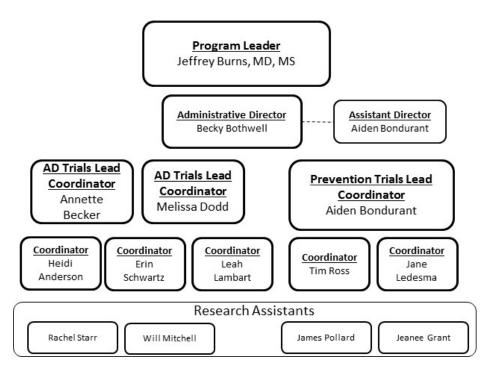
Clinical Trial Unit Clinical Cohort

Recruitment

Neuropsych

Med Monitoring

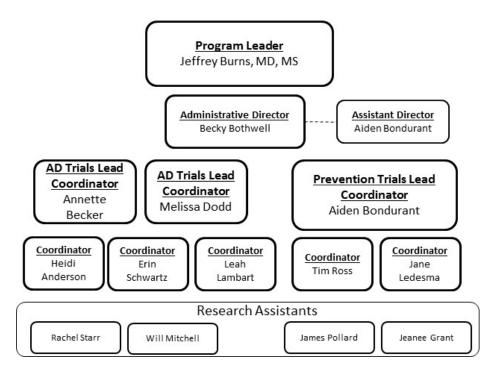
## Clinical Trial Unit

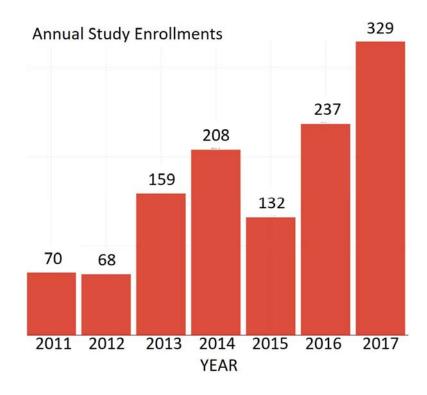


Study	Sponsor Enrollment			
Multi-Site Trials				
A4	NIH 20			
ADNI3	NIH	13		
GeneMatch	NIH	319		
LEARN	NIH	15		
ENGAGE	Biogen	8		
M15-566 Anti-Tau Ab	AbbVie	7		
Generation 1	Novartis	9		
Generation 2	Novartis	1		
GRADUATE II	Roche	Start up		
Investigator-Initiated Trials				
Oxaloacetate	Alz Assoc	32		
S-Equol in AD	Ausio	19		
Dapa in AD	Astra-Zeneca Start up			
Closed				
ASPREE	NIH	41		
LZAX	Eli Lilly	8		
MK-8931	Merck	19		
NEUROTROPE	Neurotrope	4		
TCAD	Toyama 13			
TTP	vTv Therapeutics 14			
EARLY	Janssen 1			
DAYBREAK	Eli Lilly	3		

## Clinical Trial Unit

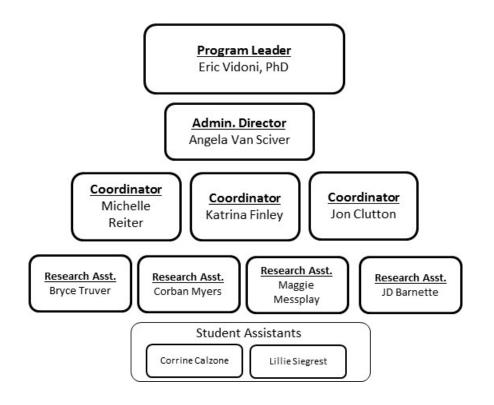






## Physical Health Intervention Team





#### **Current Exercise Studies**

Study	Sponsor	Enrollment	Goal
APEX	R01	120	125
rrAD	R01	73	160
IGNITE	R01	55	213
EXERT	ADCS	5	10
LEAP! Rx	R01	2	220

## Metabolic Approaches

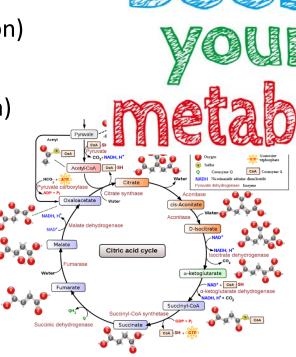


#### **Investigator Initiated Drug Trials**

- Oxalaoacetate for AD (Alzheimer's Association)
- S-Equol for AD (Ausio Pharmaceuticals)
- Pilot RCT of Dapagliflozin in AD (Astra Zeneca)

#### **Exercise / Diet**

- Diet Studies
  - NICE Study (R01)
  - Ketogenic Diet for AD
- Exercise Trials (4 R01s supported)



## Exercise in the Fight Against AD

#### Our studies suggest

- 1. Exercise has brain benefits, even at low doses
- Exercise may slow AD (disease modification)
- 3. Optimal target is to increase CR Fitness

# But, we still need rigorous scientific data to

- 1. Definitively prove brain benefits
- 2. Understand magnitude of effects
  - What kind and how much is best?
- 3. Understand mechanisms

#### The New York Times

August 12, 2015

The Right Dose of Exercise for the Aging Brain



#### Lifestyle Empowerment for Alzheimer's Prevention



Translating biomedical research findings into everyday strategies for Alzheimer's prevention and brain health.

# **Evidence-based lifestyle program for risk** reduction

- LEAP! book: Brainpower Blueprint
- Interactive education programs in community

#### **LEAP!** accomplishments

- Rural outreach program established in Emporia, KS
- LEAP! Rx program funded by NIH
  - ☐ Goal: to scale program nationally





## Poised for Growth: New Studies

#### **Funded in 2017 and 2018**

- R21: Thyfault / Morris Skeletal Muscle Abnormalities in AD
- R01: Ptomey Remote Delivery of Weight Loss in older IDD
- R01: Burns Prescribing Smart Aging (LEAP! Rx)
- K23: Gupta Cognitive Impairment in Renal Disease
- P20 COBRE (KSU) Cognitive Approaches to Neuroplasticity
- Diversity Supplement: Perales Cognitive Impairment in Latinos
- K99: Wilkins iPSC studies in AD
- KL2: Szabo-Reed Executive Control and Exercise Adherence
- R01: Billinger Neurovascular Impairment in Aging and AD
- R01: Sullivan Mediterranean Diet in Aging
- IIT (Astra Zeneca): Burns/Swerdlow Dapa in AD

#### **New Industry / NIH Multi-site**

- ADNI 3
- AbbVie
- EARLY
- Generation 2
- Pegasus (Amylyx)
- Graduate (Roche)

#### **Pending Grants**

- R01: Lee Glutathione MRS in Exercise
- R01: Swerdlow Ketogenic Diet in AD
- R01 Siengsukon Insomnia and Cognitive Impairment
- K01 Devos Neurophysiology in Preclinical AD
- K01 Szabo-Reed Correlates of Exercise Adherence
- R01 Swerdlow Mito DNA / Haplogroup J and AD



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## Jill Morris, PhD



- Assistant Professor of Neurology
- Director of the KU ADC Pilot Grant Program
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- Researching energy metabolism and cognitive decline

# Cells-to-systems metabolism

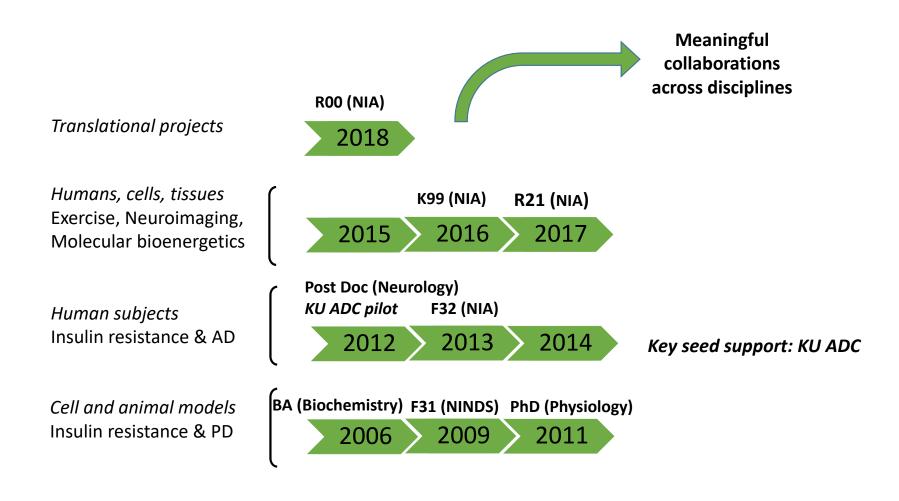


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# Growing as a translational researcher



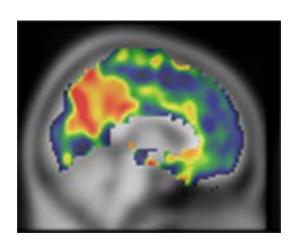
### Growing as a translational researcher



# Increased neuropathology and disease progression in prediabetic subjects



### **Cognitively Normal**



Prediabetes increases regional cerebral amyloid

#### MCI

Measure	Timepoint	Normoglycemia	Impaired Glycemia	p-value (2yr ∆)	
MCI to AD converters	Baseline	N/A	N/A	0.015	
	2yr ∆	32.7% (16.4%/yr)	47.9% (24.0%/yr)		
CDR-SB	Baseline	1.56 (0.86)	1.61 (0.84)	0.044	
	2yr ∆	1.35 (1.9)	1.88 (1.9)		
Global Cognition	Baseline	-0.615 (0.55)	-0.761 (0.61)	0.019	
	2yr ∆	-0.193 (0.55)	-0.366 (0.58)		
Whole Brain Volume	Baseline	0.677 (0.027)	0.672 (0.02)	0.024	
	2yr ∆	-0.012 (0.007)	-0.0152 (0.009)		
Hippocampal Volume	Baseline	0.655 (0.90)	0.642 (0.08)	0.439	
	2yr ∆	-0.0152 (016)	-0.0194 (0.019)		

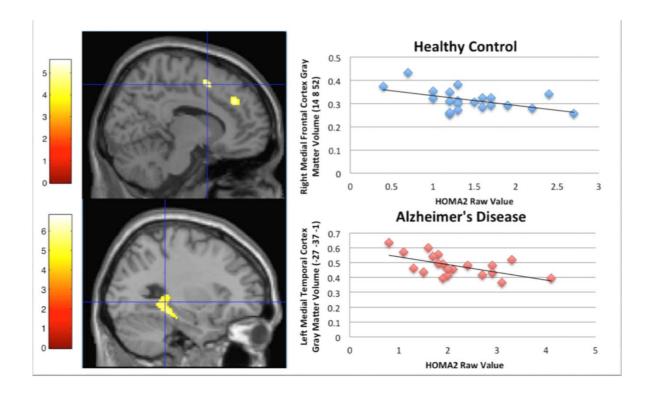
Prediabetes increases disease progression in MCI

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Morris et. al. 2016, NBA; Morris et. al. 2014, NBA

# Peripheral IR tracks with decreased brain volume

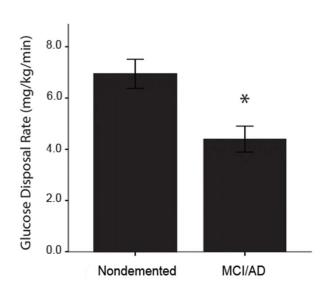












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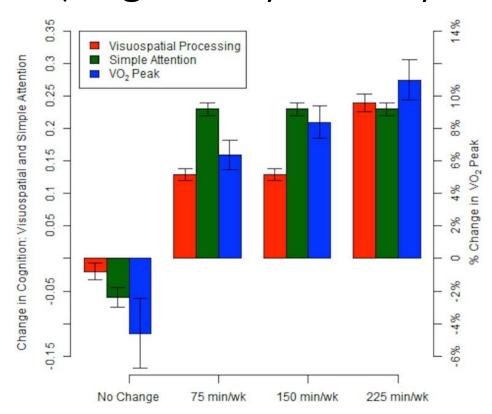
### Exercise in Aging and AD

- BAP (Brain Aging Project: 2006-2008)
  - Longitudinal observational study, ND and AD
- TEAM (Trial of Exercise on Aging and Memory: 2008-2013)
  - Exercise trial, cognitively healthy elderly
- ADEPT (Alzheimer's Disease Exercise Program Trial: 2010-2015)
  - Exercise trial, probable AD
- APEX (Alzheimer's Prevention through Exercise: 2014-ongoing)
  - Exercise trial, cognitively healthy elderly "at risk" for AD





### TEAM (Cognitively healthy elderly)





## ADEPT (Alzheimer's Disease)

	Timepoint	Stretching and Toning Control	Aerobic Exercise	Arm by Timepoint Interaction	
Memory Composite	Baseline	-2.8 (1.4)	-2.5 (1.4)	$X^2 = 0.82$ (2) p = 0.66	
	Week 13	-2.8 (1.5)	-2.3 (1.5)		
	Week 26	-2.7 (1.7)	-2.3 (1.7)		
Executive Function Composite	Baseline	-1.34 (0.85)	-1.12 (0.82)	$X^2 = 2.6(2), p = 0.27$	
	Week 13	-1.25 (0.94)	-1.09 (0.86)		
	Week 26	-1.33 (0.97)	-1.20 (0.90)		
Disability Assessment for Dementia	Baseline	91.2 (8.0)	88.0 (12.3)	$X^2 = 8.2(2), p = 0.02$	
	Week 13	89.5 (12.8)	89.8 (12.5)		
	Week 26	86.7 (13.3)	89.5 (13.7)		
Cornell Scale for Depression in Dementia	Baseline	7.4 (3.8)	8.6 (5.1)	$X^2 = 1.3(2), p = 0.51$	
	Week 13	8.1 (4.4)	8.4 (4.6)		
	Week 26	7.8 (4.4)	7.8 (5.2)		

Mean (standard deviation) unless otherwise noted.

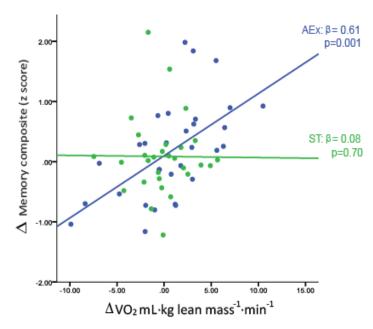
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# AD subjects: fitness and memory/brain benefit are positively linked



#### Overall:

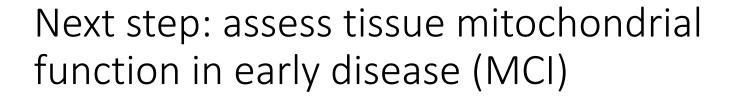
- Individuals who do improve fitness with AEx improve memory and hippocampal volume
- AD subjects: more variable response to exercise
  - Modest fitness gain (3% AD vs 8% in ND)



Do differences in cellular energy metabolism play a role?

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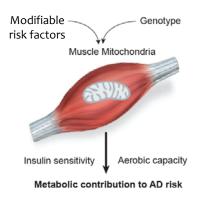
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Aging and Disease Mitochondria (R21 AG056062)

Multidisciplinary collaboration: Dr. John Thyfault, Dr. Morris and Dr. Swerdlow



- Non-brain targets may affect AD susceptibility via lifestyle, genetics, or other factors
- Muscle mitochondrial function has not been measured in MCI or AD
- Fitness is partially dependent on muscle mitochondrial content and respiratory function, and declines in AD

# MCI subjects exhibit impaired mitochondrial function in muscle

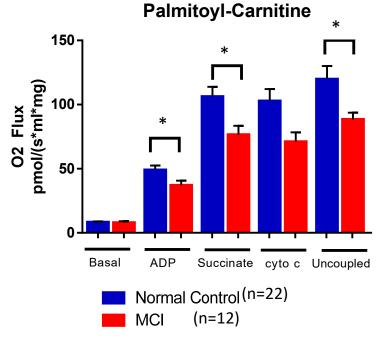




Muscle Biopsy Procedure



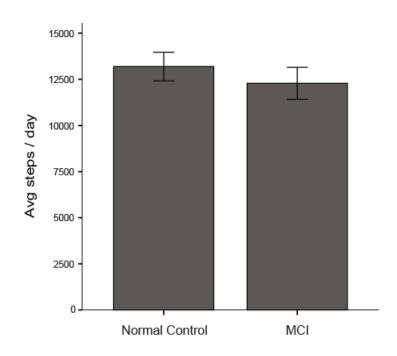
Muscle fiber bundle





## No difference in activity levels







#### Future work

- Cross sectional mitochondrial function + relationship with fitness
  - H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> emission, mitochondrial and respiratory chain content, transcriptional regulation of biogenesis, morphology, -omics, etc
  - Cells to systems relationships
- Exercise trials: bioenergetics, metabolism, vascular, neuroimaging
  - Mechanisms
  - Acute exercise
  - Better trial design



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- Investigating vascular contributions to brain aging and neurologic conditions

# Vascular Contributions to Brain Health

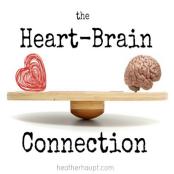


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## Pathway to AD Research





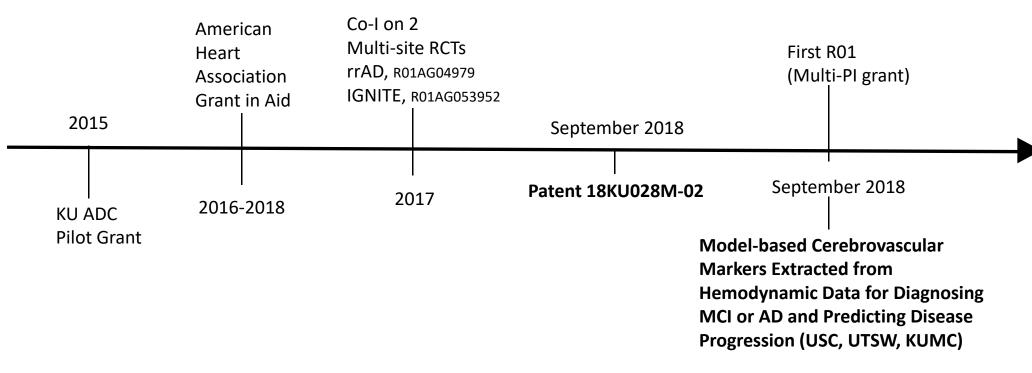
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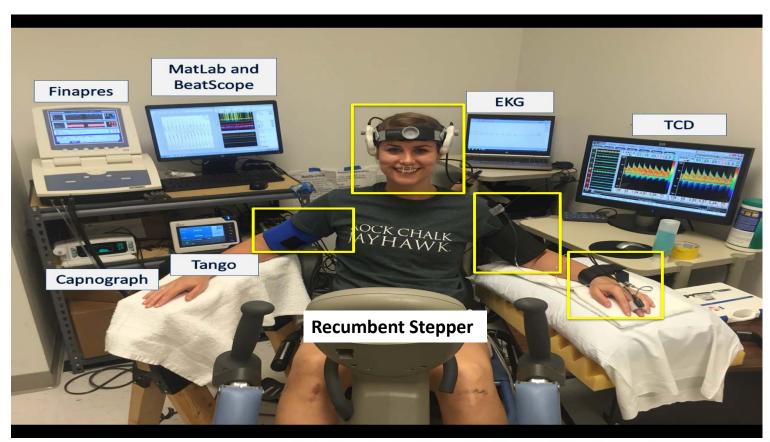
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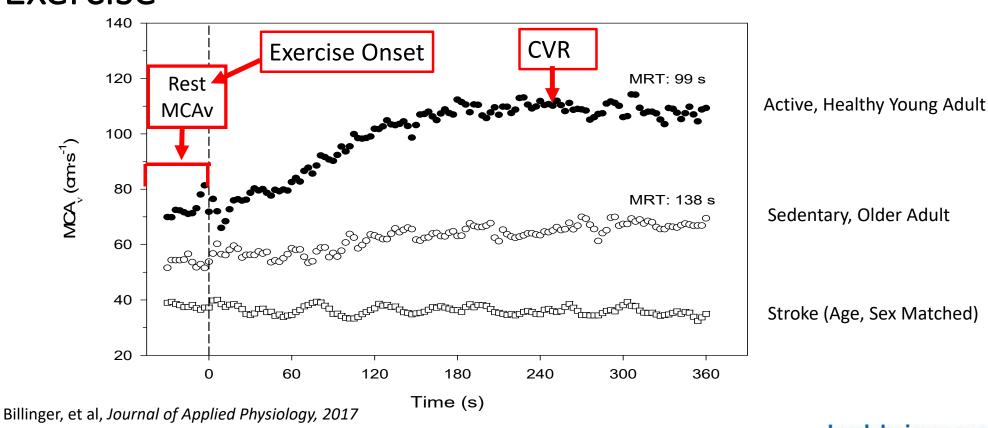
### Brain Blood Flow Velocity to Exercise





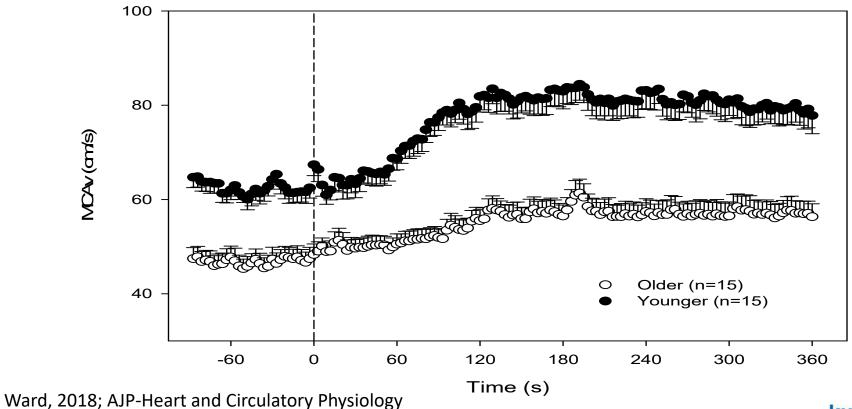
# Brain Blood Flow Velocity Response to Exercise





# Age and Brain Blood Flow Velocity Response to Exercise





## A Brain "Exercise Stress Test"



# Trial for Assessing Cerebrovascular Regulation (TrACR) in Older Adults



**APEX** (Burns: R01AG043962)

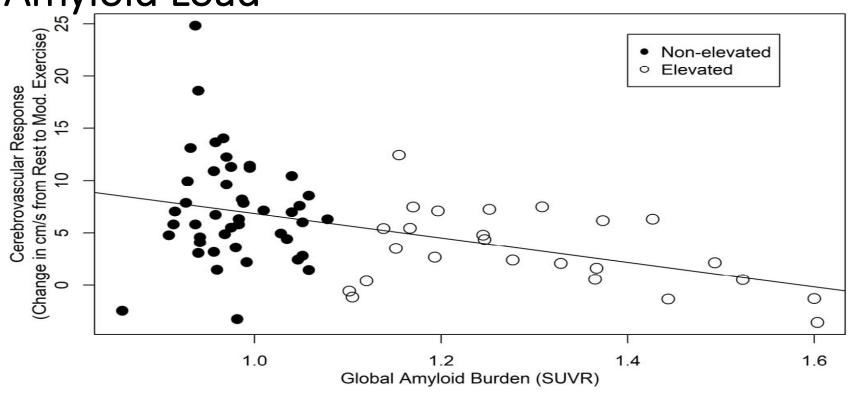
- Well characterized (cognitive, physical function)
- PET scan for Amyloid status (non-elevated/elevated)
- Neuroimaging core for MRI
  - White matter lesions (WML)

Billinger Lab (Billinger, KU ADC Pilot, 2015; AHA Grant-in Aid, 2016)

- Vascular risk
  - ASCVD score
  - Peripheral vascular measures (BP, Flow-mediated dilation, FMD)
  - Cerebrovascular regulation, CVR

Blunted CVR to Exercise with Increased Amyloid Load

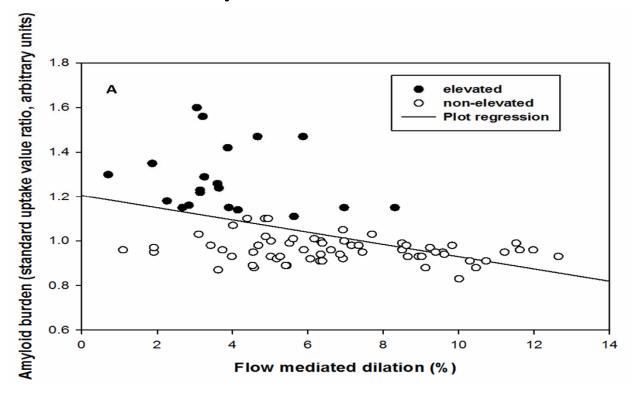




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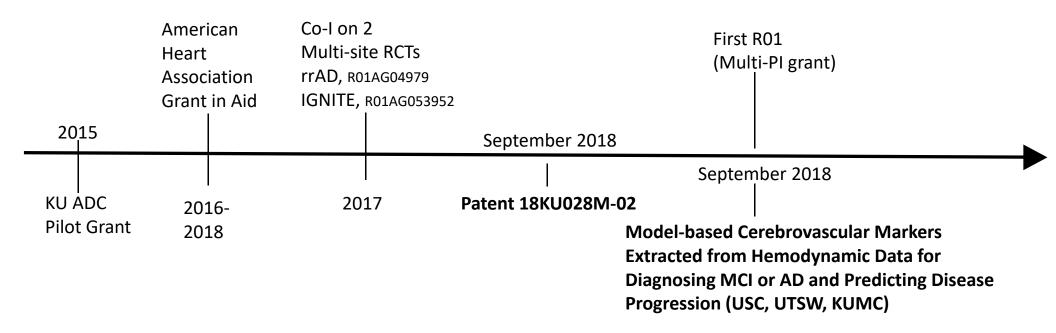
# Endothelial Function Diminished with Increased Amyloid Load





### Forward Momentum in AD Research





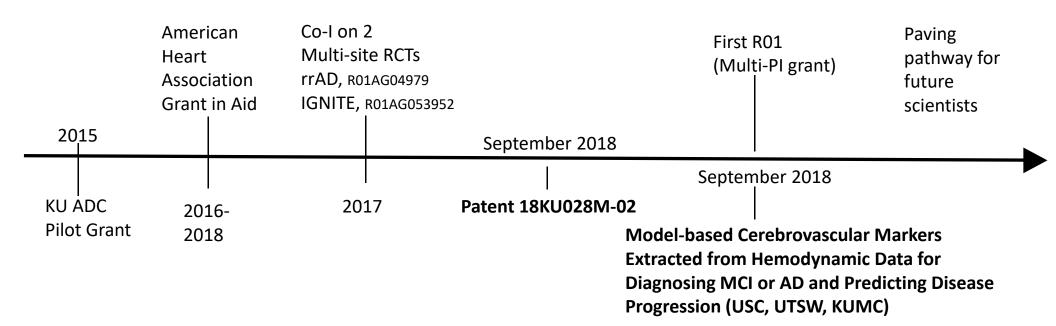
# Model-based Cerebrovascular Markers Extracted from Hemodynamic Data for Diagnosing MCI or AD and Predicting Disease Progression

- Multi-site trial (USC, Vasilis Marmarelis; KU, Billinger; UTSW, Rhong Zhang)
- Leveraging existing infrastructure with P30/ADC
  - OR Core, Clinical Core, NeuroImaging Core
- Baseline Measures for 25 ND, 25 MCI, 25 Early AD
  - Neuropsych testing
  - PET Scan (Amyloid-Florbetaben)
  - WML
  - Vascular Hemodynamics (TCD, MAP, NIRS)
- Repeated yearly except PET (3-year follow up)



### Forward Momentum in AD Research KUNGERER





## Future AD Scientists

#### Post doctoral Fellows



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### Debra Sullivan, PhD, RD

- Chair of the Department of Dietetics and Nutrition
- Midwest Dairy Council Professor in Clinical Nutrition
- Understanding the impact of nutrition and weight loss on disease processes

## Nutrition and Brain Health



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Chair & Midwest Dairy Endowed Professor of Clinical Nutrition

Department of Dietetics and Nutrition

### Nutrition at KU ADC



- ~2008
  - Neuroimaging Core
    - In-Young Choi, PhD
    - Phil Lee, PhD
  - Measure cerebral glutathione
    - Potent antioxidant
  - Added food frequency questionnaire
    - Exploratory study



## Dairy intake is associated with brain glutathione concentration in older adults<sup>1–3</sup>

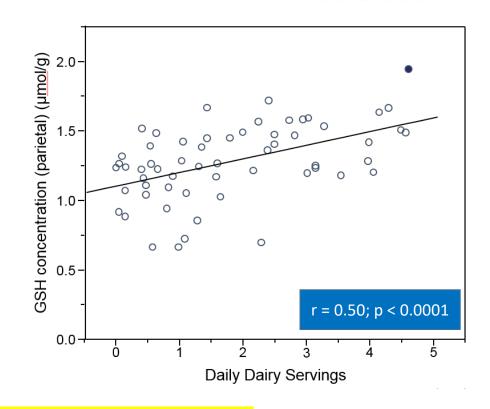
In-Young Choi, Phil Lee, Douglas R Denney, Kendra Spaeth, Olivia Nast, Lauren Ptomey, Alexandra K Roth, Jo Ann Lierman, and Debra K Sullivan

- Observational Study
- Funding: Dairy Research, Inc.
- n = 60 participants
- Cognitively normal older adults

# Cerebral Glutathione Levels and Dairy Intake



	GSH-frontal r <sub>s</sub>	GSH- parietal r <sub>s</sub>	GSH-fronto- parietal r <sub>s</sub>
Dairy (servings/d)	0.394	0.500	0.465
Milk (servings/d)	0.402	0.437	0.437
Cheese (servings/d)	0.165	0.374	0.275
Yogurt (servings/d)	0.006	0.024	-0.025
Calcium (mg/d)	0.280	0.328	0.328
Riboflavin (mg/d)	0.245	0.230	0.273
Vitamin D (μg/d)	0.135	0.187	0.177



Ongoing RCT Milk Intervention. Funding: Dairy Research, Inc.

<sup>\*</sup> p < 0.05

## Nutrition at KU ADC



- ~2011
  - Added food frequency questionnaire to KU Alzheimer's Disease Center (ADC)
     APEX study
- 2013 Principal Investigator
  - Feasibility of the ketogenic diet in individuals with Alzheimer's disease.
  - Pilot Funding:
    - KU Alzheimer's Disease Center







### A high-glycemic diet is associated with cerebral amyloid burden in cognitively normal older adults

Matthew K Taylor, 1,3 Debra K Sullivan, 1,3 Russell H Swerdlow, Eric D Vidoni, Jill K Morris, Jonathan D Mahnken, 2,3 and Jeffrey M Burns<sup>3</sup>

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#### ABSTRACT

Background: Little is known about the relation between dietary intake and cerebral amyloid accumulation in aging.

Objective: We assessed the association of dietary glycemic measures with cerebral amyloid burden and cognitive performance in cognitively normal older adults.

Design: We performed cross-sectional analyses relating dietary glycemic measures [adherence to a high-glycemic-load diet (HGLDiet) pattern, intakes of sugar and carbohydrates, and glycemic load] with cerebral amyloid burden (measured by florbetapir F-18 positron emission tomography) and cognitive performance in 128 cognitively normal older adults who provided eligibility screening data for the University

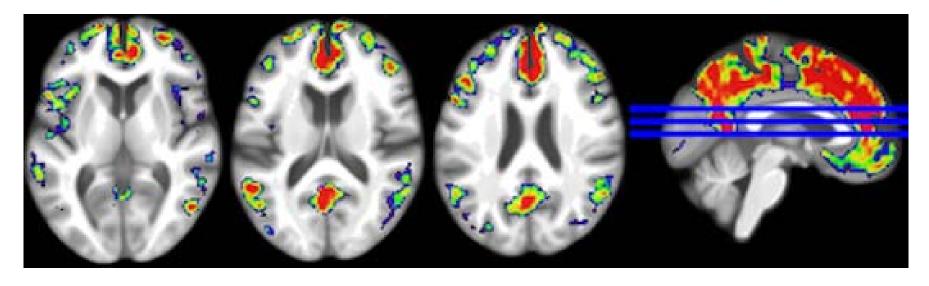
Molecular imaging techniques with the use of positron emission tomography (PET) with an amyloid-specific ligand allow for the detection of cerebral amyloid in those with AD (2). This technique is increasingly used as a research tool to detect the molecular pathology of AD in cognitively unimpaired individuals, of whom 20-40% have evidence of cerebral amyloid deposits and are thus considered to be at higher risk of developing AD (3). These individuals are the target of interventional trials to prevent or delay the onset of AD, with an increasing interest in lifestyle behaviors, including dietary approaches (4).

Current studies show that impaired glucose metabolism and peripheral hyperglycemia are associated with a higher risk of

# High Glycemic Load Diet Pattern associated with Cerebral Amyloid



Visualization of Relationship between Amyloid & HGL Diet Pattern n = 128

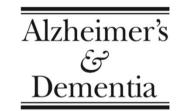


Standardized β values are projected on the MNI152 anatomical template, with warmer colors representing regions of greater association with HGLDiet.

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### Featured Article

# Feasibility and efficacy data from a ketogenic diet intervention in Alzheimer's disease

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## Ketogenic Diet Participants and Study Design



• Participants: 15 individuals with AD + Study Partners enrolled

7 CDR 0.5

4 CDR 1

4 CDR 2

All 4 CDR 2s dropped and 1 CDR 0.5 dropped due to caregiver burden

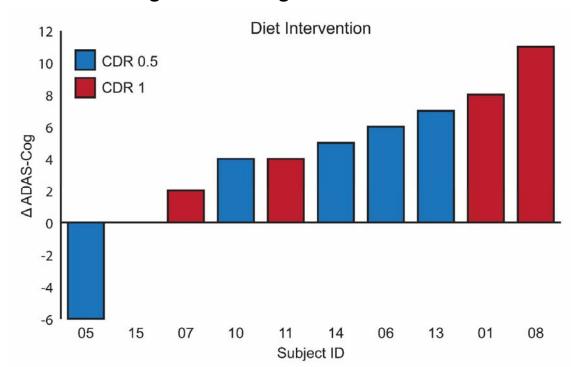
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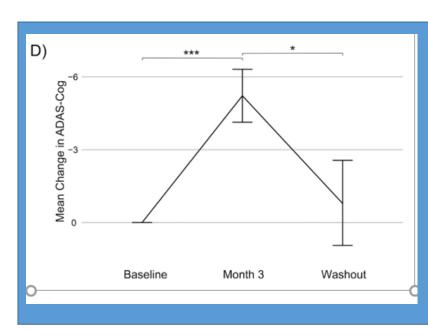
# Ketogenic Diet Cognitive Results



### Individual Change in ADAS-Cog Scores from Baseline - 3 Months



### **Mean Change in ADAS-Cog Scores**



<sup>\*</sup>Participant 05 was diet intervention compliant, but not protocol compliant as cholinesterase inhibitor therapy was discontinued

## Ketogenic Diet Status



- 1 R01 AG060733-01A1
- Validation and Mechanistic Interrogation of Metabolism Targeting for AD
- MPI
  - Russell H. Swerdlow
  - Debra K. Sullivan
- RCT (n = 80)
  - MCT-supplemented Ketogenic diet
  - Therapeutic Lifestyles Diet
- 24<sup>th</sup> Percentile





- 2016 Pilot Funding: KU ADC
- Establish whether it is feasible for older adults with and without cognitive impairment to adopt and maintain a Mediterranean diet pattern for 6 weeks.
- Evaluate the acceptance and sustainability of the MedDiet pattern

# Feasibility trial of a Mediterranean diet pattern to prevent cognitive decline (n=30)

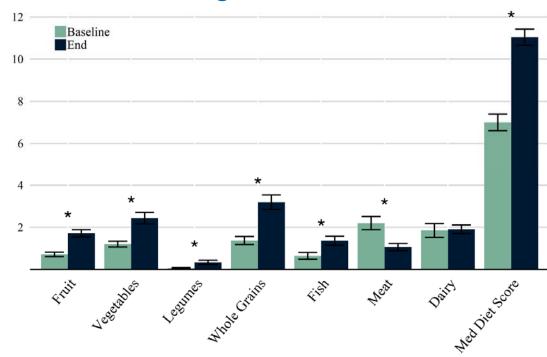


**Demographics and Feasibility** 

	Probable AD N = 12	Cognitively Normal N = 18
Age (years)	77.4 ± 3.9	71.6 ± 5.2
Gender (%Male)	75%	29.4%
Completion Rate	80%	94%
Food box adherence	100	100

Reasons for attrition: change in health status and time burden.

### **Change in Diet Intake**

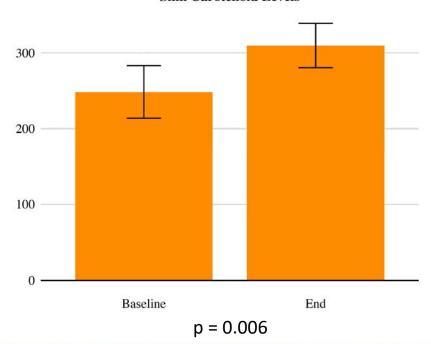


# Biomarker of Fruit/Vegetable Intake "Veggie Meter"



### **Subset: Change in Skin Carotenoid Levels (n=12)**

#### **Skin Carotenoid Levels**





## NICE STUDY



### **N**utrition Interventions for Cognitive **E**nhancement

"Enhanced Mediterranean Diet for Alzheimer's Disease Prevention"

- 1 R01 AG060157-01
- MPI
  - Debra K. Sullivan
  - Jeffrey M. Burns
- RCT (n = 200)
  - Enhanced Mediterranean diet pattern
  - Low Fat diet pattern
- Awarded 9/30/2018 5/31/2023

# Training Future Researchers



- · Lauren Ptomey, PhD, RD
  - PhD Weight management in IDD
  - R01 Remote exercise in IDD
- Matthew Taylor, PhD, RD, LD
  - PhD ketogenic diet
  - Post doctoral fellow
  - K01 submission February 2019
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# Empowering Community Through Science and Care



## · Mission ·

To improve the lives of patients and families with Alzheimer's disease by eliminating the disease through research into its treatment and prevention

# · Core Values ·

Meaningful Work

Always Improving
Driving Innovation
Empowering Community

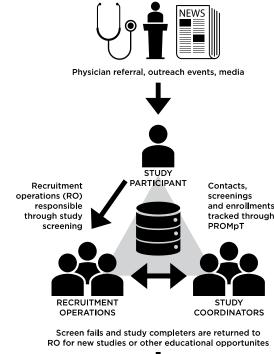


## Overview

- Recruitment Innovation to Speed Trials and Improve Experience
  - Centralized model
  - Real-time recruitment metrics
- Translating Clinical Research to Lifestyle Modification Support
  - Aerobic exercise (TEAM, ADEPT, APEx), ketogenic (KDRAFT), and Med. diet (NICE)
  - Lifestyle Empowerment for Alzheimer's Prevention (LEAP! / LEAP!Rx)
- Engagement & Empowerment Through Knowledge
  - AD education developed and delivered with the community
  - Building collaborative care networks throughout KS

# Adopted CRO-like model shifting burden off study coordinators

- Major investment in centralized recruitment infrastructure and personnel (Vidoni et al., 2018)
  - 4x increases in participation inquiries
  - 54% decrease in enrollment time
  - Real-time recruitment metrics via R/Shiny
  - EMR research referral and e-consent for medical record release







- Translational education program on AD-risk reduction through lifestyle modification
- Empowers successful behavior changes that promote brain health and overall wellness
- Provides evidence-based recommendations on nutrition, physical activity, and more for brain health
- 1300+ individuals have taken the LEAP!

# Developing culturally appropriate versions of LEAP!



- African-Americans Aging With Grace
  - 47 times to over 700 individuals
- Latinos *¡Envejecimiento Digno!* (Perales, Ethn Health, 2018)
  - 12 times to 145 individuals
- Rural residents Wheat State LEAP! for rural KS (Blocker, in prep)
  - 71 rural KS residents completed 12 week intervention
  - Increased steps and dementia knowledge



Jaime Perales









Amber V



- KU Health System physicians prescribe LEAP! through EMR
- YMCA delivers LEAP!Rx over 12 weeks
- 52-week follow-up

# Empowering a More Dementia Capable and Research Ready Community



- Forget Me Not Play (in partnership with USAA/AAAA, GAP Foundation, and the KC Black Health Care Coalition)
  - Hosted two stagings (n=>500, n=311 completed post-performance surveys)
  - 93% agreed they had "a better sense of why African-Americans need to get involved in research"
  - 17 play attendees came to an Aging With Grace
  - 2 individuals enrolled in our Clinical Cohort



# Transforming Dementia Capability in the Region



- Leading Kansas City Collaborative for Dementia Capability (Ptomey/Vidoni ACL ALGG0009)
  - Implementing RDAD-KC program in the region to support persons with dementia or IDD and their caregivers. (adapted Teri et al., JAMA 2003)



 Trained over 200 formal caregivers and professionals on dementia and dementia-capable care

- Regional network of NTG Regional Affiliate Trainers (n=23)
- Enrolled 60 dyads in the RDAD-KC program
  - Reduced Unmet Needs and NPI-Q

# Create a More Dementia Capable and Research Ready Community



- We emphasize:
  - Collaboration with long-standing community organizations
  - Community-informed research and programs



# Innovating New Models of Care



- Aligning Primary Care practices with early detection protocols
- Integrating dementia education and support into provider practice workflow
- Connection disease disclosure to a wellness plan that includes research



# Community at the Core

- Improving, Innovating, and Empowering so that our work is meaningful to our region.
- Stakeholders benefit from and inform our work.
- Energy and experience that is transforming recruitment and education, making our region more dementia capable and research ready.



# Thanks to my great team!

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- Post-doctoral Fellow, KU ADC
- Expertise in epidemiology of aging and dementia
- Key architect and steward of community partnerships in the Latino community

Becoming an independent researcher in Latino AD disparities

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# My previous experience: 2006-2008





Psychometrist and data manager, stress-related projects



# My previous experience: 2009-2014







Site manager, COURAGE in Europe Project

- Perales J, Martin S, Ayuso-Mateos JL, Chatterji S, et al. Factors associated with active aging in Finland, Poland, and Spain. International psychogeriatrics. 2014 Aug;26(8):1363-75.
- Caballero FF, Miret M, Olaya B, **Perales J**, et al. Evaluation of affect in Mexico and Spain: psychometric properties and usefulness of an abbreviated version of the day reconstruction method. Journal of Happiness Studies. 2014 Aug 1;15(4):915-35.



# My previous experience: 2011-2012





Visiting PhD researcher, QoL in dementia research

- Perales J, Cosco TD, Stephan BC, Haro JM, Brayne C. Health-related quality-of-life instruments for Alzheimer's disease and mixed dementia. International Psychogeriatrics. 2013 May;25(5):691-706.
- Perales J, Cosco TD, Stephan BC, Fleming J, Martin S, Haro JM, Brayne C. Health-related quality of life in the Cambridge City over-75s Cohort (CC75C): development of a dementia-specific scale and descriptive analyses. BMC geriatrics. 2014 Dec;14(1):18.



# My previous experience: 2014-2016





Postdoctoral fellow, Latino Kick Buts

• Cupertino AP, Cartujano-Barrera F, **Perales J**, Formagini T, Rodríguez-Bolaños R, Ellerbeck EF, Ponciano-Rodríguez G, Reynales-Shigematsu LM. "Vive Sin Tabaco... ¡Decídete!" Feasibility and Acceptability of an e-Health Smoking Cessation Informed Decision-Making Tool Integrated in Primary Healthcare in Mexico. Telemed J E Health. 2018 Jul

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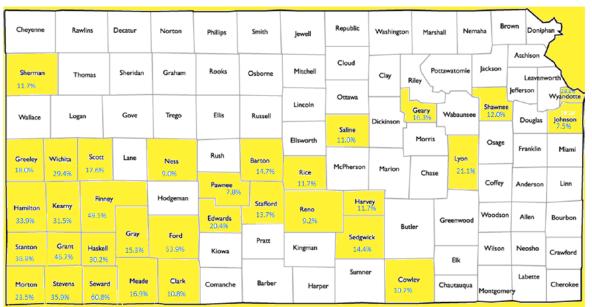
To become an independent dementia disparities researcher among Latinos







#### Latinos as Percent of County Population in the State of Kansas Latino Percent Equal To or More than 7%

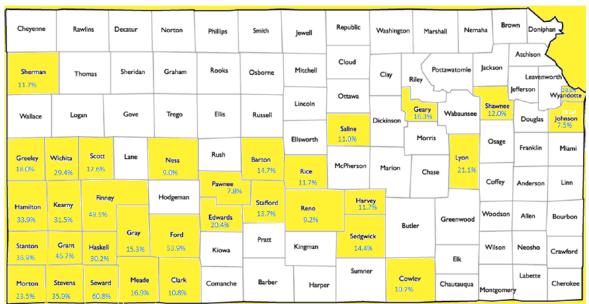


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Map prepared by: Juntos Center KUMC Preventive Medicine and Public Health on June 9, 2018

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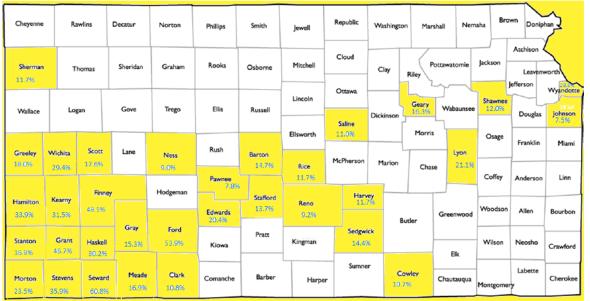
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#### **ADC Goals:**

- 1. Educate community on AD
- 2. Support recruitment
- 3. Coordinated care



## Addressing gaps to reach my goal

**NIA Diversity Supplement (P30)** 

Long term goal: Independent dementia disparities researcher among Latinos

**Goal 1.** AD clinical research methods

Goal 2. Collaborative networks

Goal 3. Skills to achieve research independence



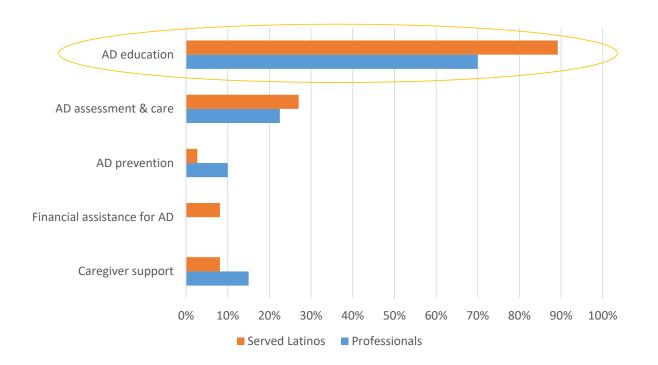
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#### 1. Our Latinos needed AD education







### 1. I developed an AD educational tool KUNISTASIERES for Latinos

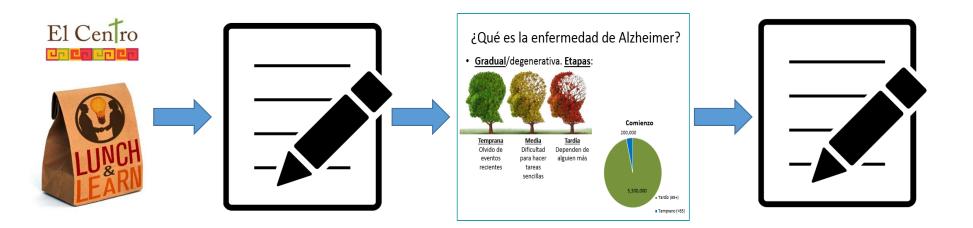




· Borrow-Sanchez, 2011

## 1. Envejecimiento Digno increases AD KUNISTASSECENTI TRE UNIVERSITY OF KANADA PRO knowledge

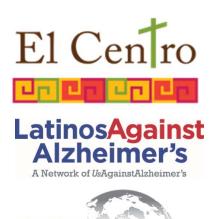




## 1. I harvested Envejecimiento Digno's success



**New amigos!** 



**ALZHEIMER'S PLATFORM** 

GLOBAL

#### **Publication!**



**Ethnicity & Health** 



SSN: 1355-7858 (Print) 1465-3419 (Online) Journal homepage: http://www.tandfonline.com/loi/ceth20

Feasibility of an Alzheimer's disease knowledge intervention in the Latino community

Jaime Perales, W. Todd Moore, Cielo Fernandez, Daniel Chavez, Mariana Ramirez, David Johnson, Jason Resendez, Carolina Bueno & Eric D Vidoni

### 1. I have educated >60 Latinos ever since













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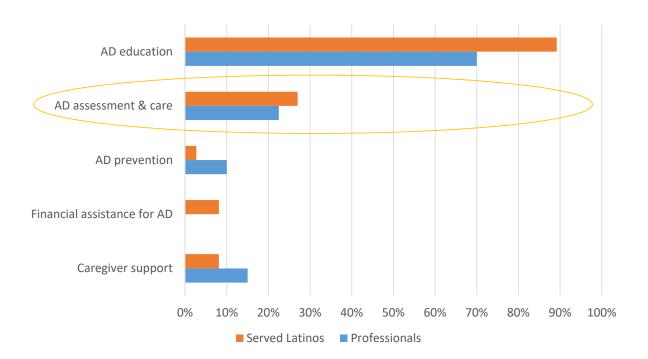
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**Latino Media** 

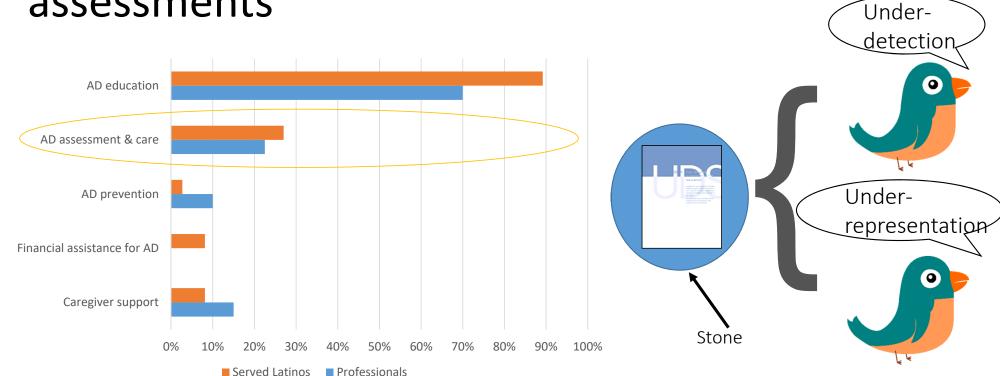
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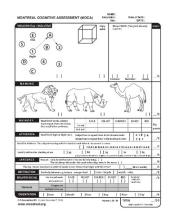
## 2. Our Latinos needed AD assessments







#### 2. I trained in AD assessment



Cognitive testing



Clinical dementia rating



Consensus meetings



## 2. I led the integration of UDS 3.0-SP













## 2. I promoted UDS as a chance to assess memory













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**Religious centers** 



Latino media



#### 2. I enrolled 30 Latinos in 10 months

Envejecimiento Digno increased research motivation

48 Latinos interested in Cohort

Recruited and assessed 30 Latinos in 10 months

Severe previous underscreening

Detected 3 undiagnosed individuals





#### **Recent Publications**

#### **Published**

- Perales, et al. (2018): Feasibility of an Alzheimer's disease knowledge intervention in the Latino community; Ethnicity & Health
- Burns, Watts, **Perales**, et al. (2018): The Impact of Creative Arts in Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Public Health Education; Journal of Alzheimer's Disease
- Perales et al. (2018): Cardiovascular health and cognitive function among Mexican older adults: cross-sectional results from the WHO Study on Global Ageing and Adult Health; International Psychogeriatrics
- Vidoni, **Perales**. (2017): Aerobic Exercise Sustains Performance of Instrumental Activities of Daily Living in Early-Stage Alzheimer Disease; Journal of Geriatric Physical Therapy

#### Under review

- **Perales** et al. (Submitted to Ethnicity & Health): Using a theater play as an Alzheimer's disease outreach strategy
- Perales et al. (Submitted to International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry): Cardiovascular health and dementia incidence among older adults in Latin America: results from the 10/66 Study.
- Perales et al. (Submitted to International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry): Risk of dementia and mild cognitive impairment among older adults in same-sex relationships

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#### Conclusions

KU ADC + Diversity Supplement = more independent AD disparities researcher

- Latino partnerships
- Clinical dementia assessment
- Leadership

We have been able to address some Latino AD disparities

- Knowledge
- Research participation
- Detection



#### Next steps

K01 on implementing AD services in primary care among Latinos (NIMHD)

- Training
  - Evidence-based AD care
  - Health systems research
  - Community based participatory research

# Moltes gràcies! ¡Muchas gracias! Thank you very much!



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#### Michelle Niedens, LSCSW

- Director, MyAlliance for Cognitive Health
- Premier regional resource for Alzheimer's care.
- 18 years with the Alzheimer's Assoc. Heart of America Chapter as Director of Education, Policy and Programming

## MyAlliance for Cognitive Health: Shifting the Point of Care



Michelle Niedens, L.S.C.S.W.

## Statewide Community Care Network: MyAlliance for Cognitive Health



## Mission: Improve the health of all Kansans at-risk or living with dementia

#### What is MyAlliance?

- Tiered approach to dementia management
- Partnership with PCPs
- Protocols for early detection
- Social Work Navigators embedded in clinic for postdiagnosis support

#### **Towards a dementia-ready community**

- Streamlines access to optimal care
- Delivers right care to right patients

#### **Primary Care Physician Partner**

Diagnostic Tools, clinical care

Reach 100%

#### **MyAlliance Navigator**

Disease Education, Support and Resources linkages

Reach 50%

#### Co-Management Clinic

Multi disciplinary team lead by dementia specialized nurse practitioner

Reach 25%

ADC Memory Clinic

Reach 10%







### Key Features of MyAlliance

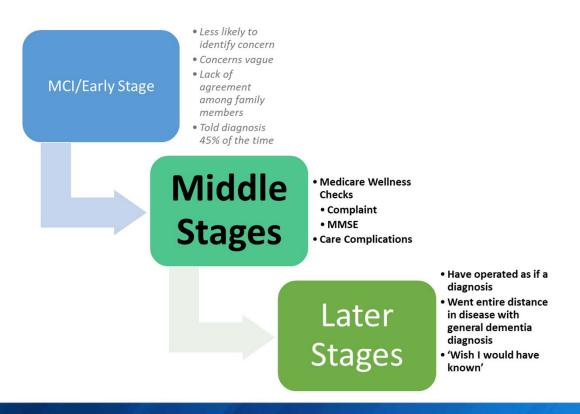
#### **Informed by**

- Minnesota Act On Alzheimer's
- KU Heart and Stroke Collaborative
- Indiana Healthy Brain Aging Center
- Johns Hopkins MIND at Home Project
- Cleveland Managed Care Project
- North Central Texas REACH II Program
- Kansas Bridge Project

- Self-sustaining
  - CMS Chronic Care Management (CCM) billing
- Research Recruitment Mechanism
  - Change the culture of recruitment in the community
- Education / Workforce development
- Early Recognition
- Shift support to Patient Empowerment Model

## Current Dementia Recognition in Primary Care





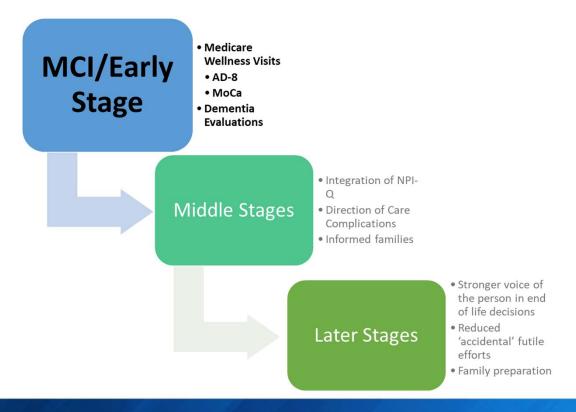


## Current screening tools utilized:

Cognitive Screen used in Annual Medicare Wellness Visit	Providers = 204
MMSE	165 (81%)
General Question then MMSE	12 (6%)
MoCa	15 (8%)
Slums	11 (5%)
Other	0

## Early Detection and Diagnosis of Memory Disorders by Primary Care





## Users vs. Non-Users of Community Resources – Lessons in the Literature



#### <u>Users</u>

- Care partners
  - More educated
  - Greater level of burden
- Patients
  - More cognitive and functional impairments
  - More behavioral problems
  - Reduced activities due to cognitive impairment

#### **Non-Users**

- Care Partners
  - > 70% of all care partners
  - Less depressed
  - More social supports
- Patients
  - Less cognitive and functional implications
  - Fewer behavioral problems

# Practice Based Semi Structured Interviews on Use of Care Coordination/Support



- 59% had either embedded social workers or care coordination/health navigation staff.
- Vast majority of Social Workers/Navigators report little to no experience with dementia.
- Utilized for imminent need.
- Focus on limited range of chronic conditions.





Changing language from "care plans" to "wellness plans"

#### **Navigator Roles**

**Care coordination** 

**Disease Education** 

**Post-diagnosis Emotional Support** 

**Driving and Safety** 

**Health Promotion** 

**Access community resources** 

Self Advocacy including active role in

decision making

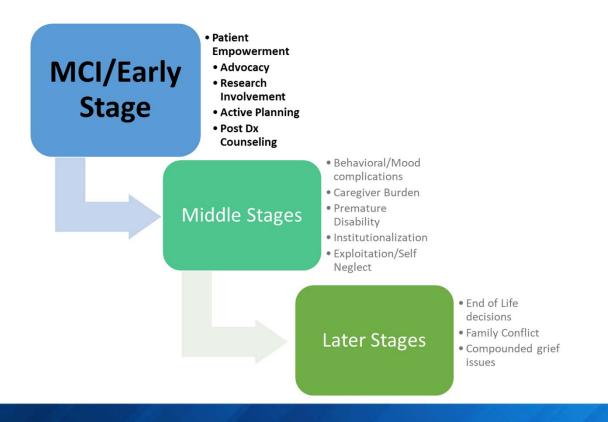
**Build support system capacity** 

**Design compensatory systems** 

Access to research opportunities

## Integration of Patient Empowerment Model







### Research Recruitment Components

- Sustainable research recruitment network
  - Built on a high-value clinical care program (funded via Medicare CCM codes)
- Increase access points to research
  - Patients
  - PCPs
  - Community Stakeholders
    - Black Health Care Coalition
    - El Centro
    - Expand research connections to community support networks
- Potential to change the culture of research participation for PCPs and Patients



#### **Educational Components:**

- Expand number of social workers with dementia specific focus.
  - Strengthen curriculum in social work programs in the region through partnership
    - Dementia Intensive (Joint effort of 8 Social Work Schools/Departments)
    - Participation in Integrated Health Scholars Project
  - MentorD
    - Provide year long dementia education and mentorship program for social workers
    - Modified version for adjunct navigators
    - Modified version for community health workers
- MyAlliance PCP partnerships
  - Use of Minnesota Act on Alzheimer's Provider Webinars
  - MyAlliance Provider Partners Program (Modified from Wash U curriculum)
  - Newsletter and Annual Dinners



### Educational Components (continued)

PAIRS (Inspired by Northwestern Buddy Program)

• 6<sup>th</sup> Year



Scott Koppel, MD, PhD Student



### Summary

- Develop a dementia capable community health system
- Increased opportunity to participate in research for patients and PCPs
- Proactive disease management
  - Early recognition, focus on wellness
  - Reduce health care costs
- Opportunity to train front line health care workers in dementia care



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