Healthy Aging Through Community Partnerships: National Policy to Local Implementation

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~270 of these daily 65th birthdays will be in L.A. County . . .



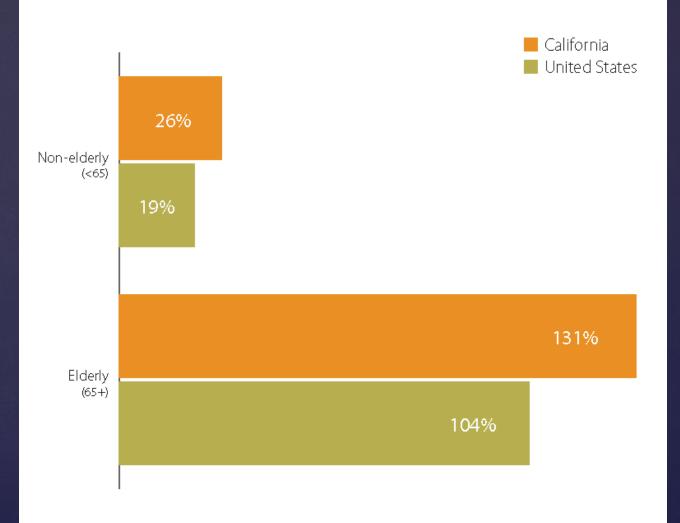
We will have over 2 million seniors in our midst (>18% of our community)!

Challenge and Opportunity:
With our diversity, track record, and
unprecedented collaboration

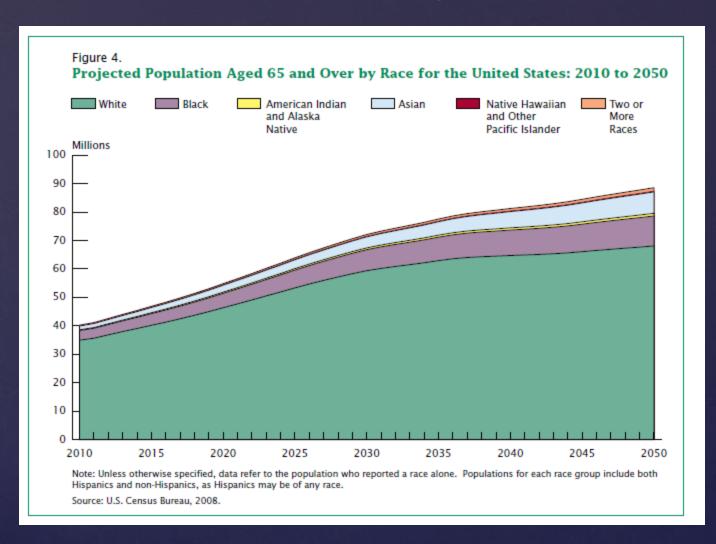
Los Angeles = model for nation

Projected Population Growth, Elderly vs. Non-Elderly,

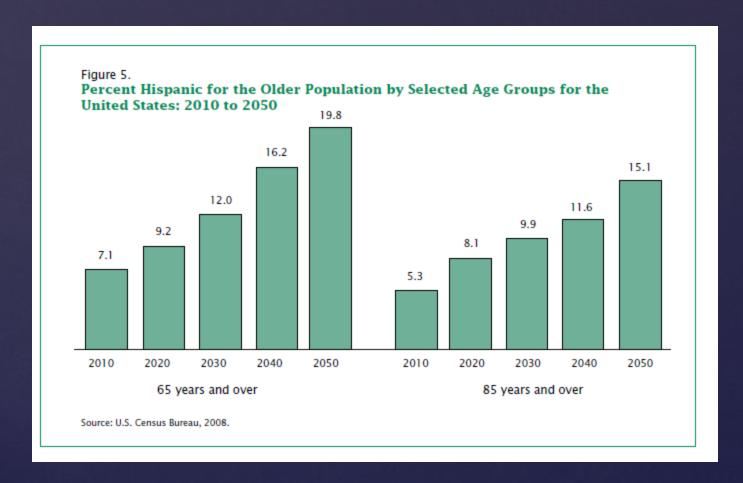
California vs. the United States, 2000 to 2030



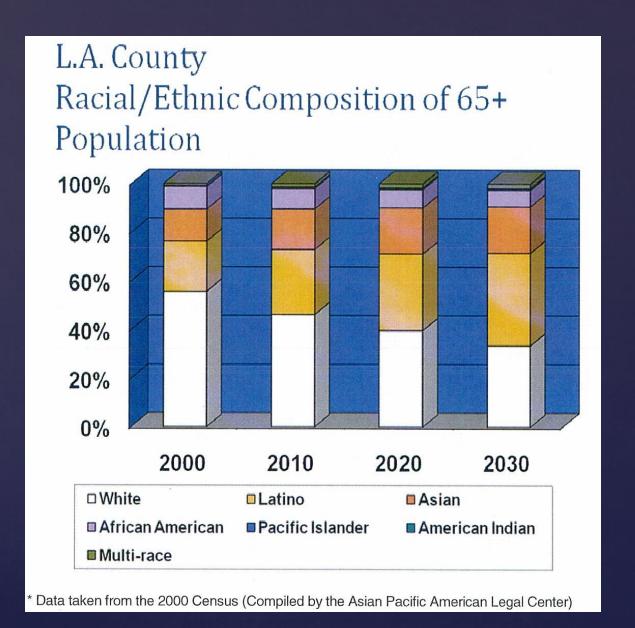
Seniors are Becoming More Diverse



Latino Seniors are Fastest Growing Sociodemographic Group



Los Angeles Leads the National Diversity Trend



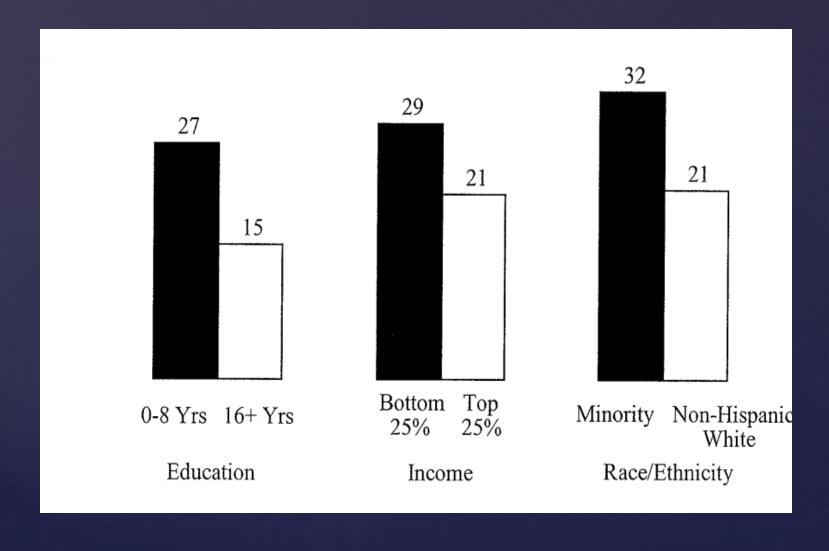
Los Angeles Seniors are Vulnerable

- 54% do not have enough income to meet their most basic needs as measured by the Elder Index.
- Large proportion uninsured:
 - 14% without medical insurance
 - 61% without dental insurance
- One-third of L.A. County seniors have limited English proficiency

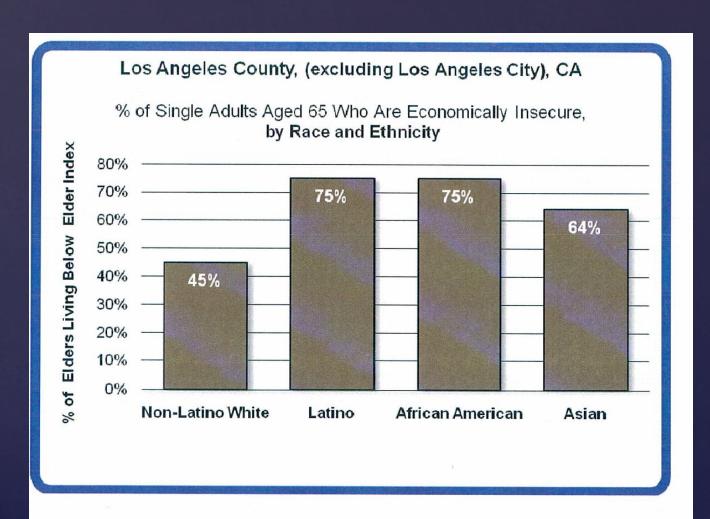
Age

- Being poor and/or non-white is bad for your health
 - violation of principles of fairness and justice
 - Eliminating health disparities is public health imperative
- Major Risk Factors for Poor Health:
 - Low Education
 - Low Income/Wealth
 - Non-white Latino
 - African American
 - Asian-American
- Disparities peak in middle age and do not shrink

Senior Disability Rates by Education, Income, and Race/Ethnicity



Economic Insecurity Disproportionately Afflicts Latino/non-White Seniors



What Causes Health Disparities in Seniors?

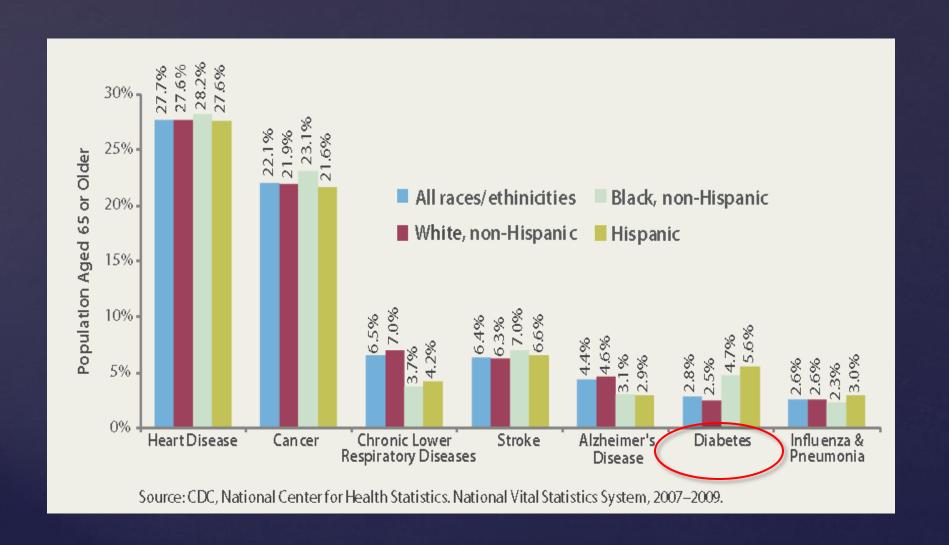
- Variations in access, receipt and quality of care
- Variations in onset, progression and recovery associated with disease and disability (examples= hypertension, stroke, diabetes)
- Early life experiences including behaviors (smoking) and exposures to toxins and infections
- Differential housing quality

History and Culture Drive Health Disparities

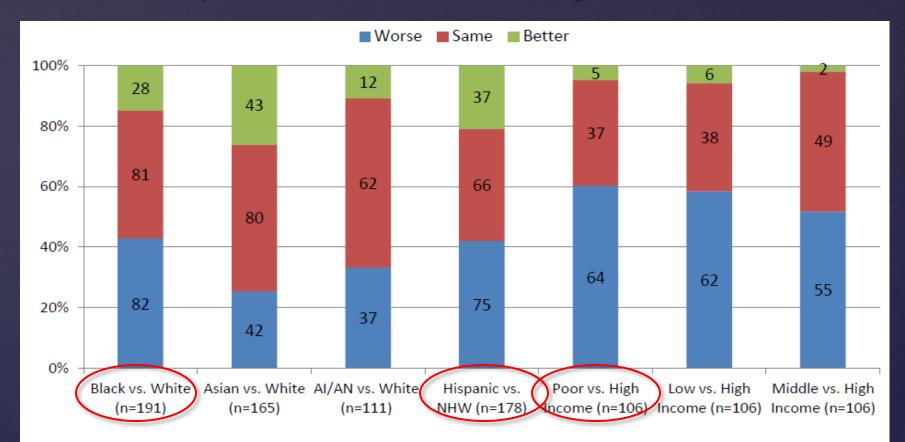
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African American senior participating in L.A. CAPRA
 Center focus group

The Burden of Chronic Disease



Disparities in Quality of Care



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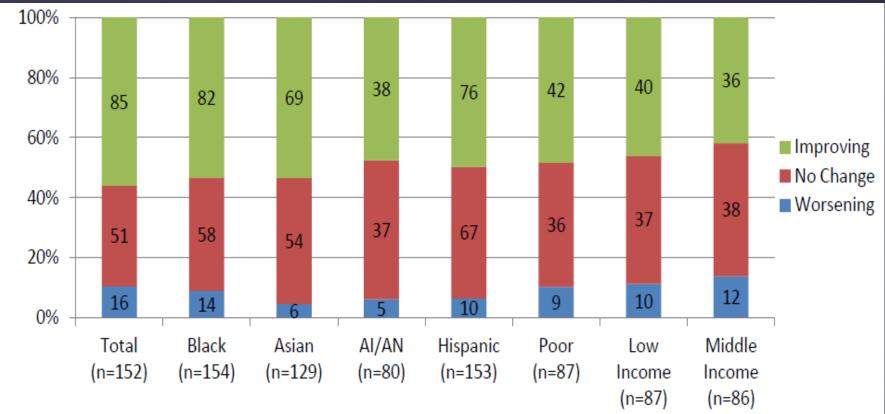
Better = Population received better quality of care than reference group.

Same = Population and reference group received about the same quality of care.

Worse = Population received worse quality of care than reference group.

Note: For each measure, the most recent data available to our team were analyzed; for the vast majority of measures, this represents data from 2008, 2009, or 2010.

Quality of care is improving ...



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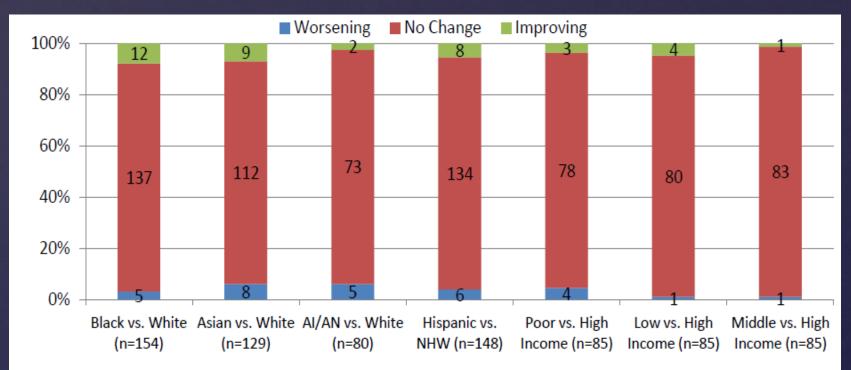
No Change = Quality is not changing or is changing at an average annual rate less than 1% per year.

Worsening = Quality is going in a negative direction at an average annual rate greater than 1% per year.

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... but disparities in quality of care are not changing



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Table 1: Health Needs in Los Angeles County

Percent of respondents	with need
Insurance	
Does not have medical insurance or HMO	14%
Does not have dental insurance	61%
Does not have prescription drug insurance	47%
Affordability	
Needs, but is not able to afford medical care	9%
Needs, but is not able to afford dental care	18%
Needs, but is not able to afford prescription drugs	9%
Needs, but is not able to afford vision care (glasses, cataract surgery)	13%
Needs, but is not able to afford hearing care (hearing aids, implants)	11%
Prevention services	
Has not had a dental exam in last three years	31%
Has not had a flu shot in the last year	33%
Has not had a pneumonia shot in the last ten years	51%
Has not had a physical exam in the last three years	22%
Physical exercise	
Interested in physical exercise	54%
Medication management	
Has problems with paying for prescription medications	14%
Has problems with refilling prescription medications	6%
Has problems with understanding doctor's prescription medication orders	5%
Has problems taking pills on time	8%
Health infor mation	
Would like information about health promotion and disease prevention activities (nutrition counseling, medication management)	33%



Academic Health Center

Community

UCLA Division of Geriatrics

- Resource Center for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR)
- Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI)
- · Biodemography Center
- · Clinical Scholars Program
- Older Americans Independence Center (OAIC)

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Staff

Reyes (Center Administrator), Lee (Evaluation Manager), Project Assistant, Webmaster

Key Collaborators

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City of L.A. Dept. of Aging

- Multipurpose Senior Centers (MPCs)
- · Case managers
- L.A. County Community and Senior Services
- Community and Senior Centers

Partners in Care Foundation

 Staff team of case workers and community organizers

African American Older Adult Research Hub

 Watts Labor Community Action Committee

Chinese Older Adult Research Hub

 Chinatown Service Center

Japanese Older Adult Research Hub

 Little Tokyo Service Center

Latino and Korean Older Adult Research Hub

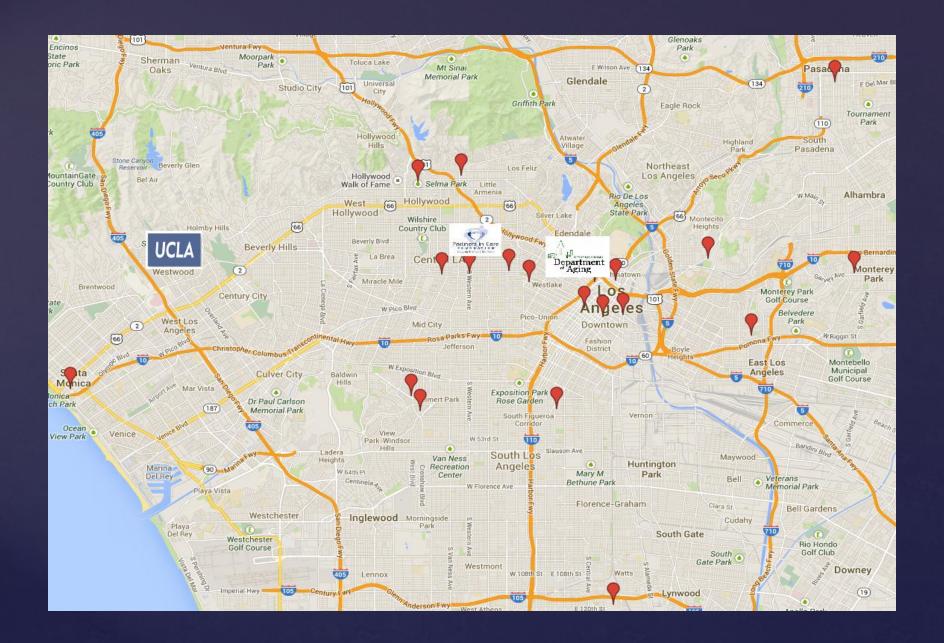
- St. Barnabas Senior Services
- Hollywood Multipurpose Senior Center

National Academic Community

Community Action Board National Advisory Board National Administration for Community Living

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Worth the Walk

- Culturally-tailored behavioral stroke risk factor reduction/walking intervention for high-risk seniors from 4 racial/ethnic groups: Korean, African American, Chinese, Latino
- Integrate intervention into LA aging services network/senior centers by training in-house case managers
- Randomized trial with mean steps/day as primary outcome
- Identify and evaluate barriers and facilitators to successful integration of the intervention into the aging services network
- Emphases: cultural-tailoring and sustainability

"I walk to relax my mind and exercise my body, that's...that's what walking does for me." –77 year old African American man at WLCAC

"I feel that this is a good idea. If the community can promote the event and invite seniors to join, it will be great. We can create a slogan such as "Walk to good health." Walking as a group with a common goal is much better." —65 year old Chinese woman at Chinatown Service Center

"It is a very good class...very interesting. I am very happy because I arrived as an 80 year old and am leaving like a 15 year old." -80 year old Latina at SBSS/Hollywood









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As We Follow the Lives of 12 Contestants
Taking Strides Towards a Life That's









THURSDAYS AT 8:30 PM STARTING JUNE 7TH

A Presentation of the
The UCLA Community Academic Partnership for Research in Aging
&
The City of Los Angeles Department of Aging









Episodes available on LA Cityview 35 website and YouTube (http://www.youtube.com/user/DOCKAISERTV)

Media Intervention: On the Move



Promoting Community Activities (including evidence-based programs)



Conclusions

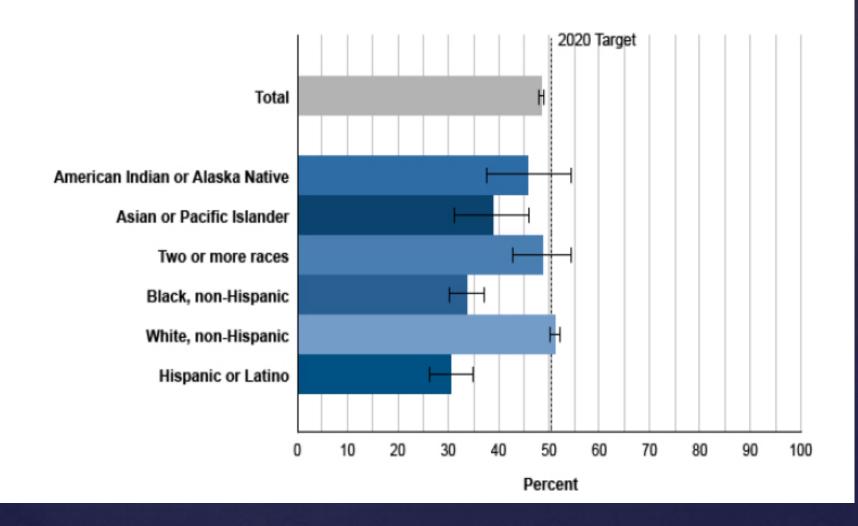
- Aging population is rapidly growing and becoming more racially/ethnically diverse
- Nonwhite and low SES seniors are disproportionately burdened by multiple chronic conditions and poor care quality
- Quality Improvement ≠ Disparities Reduction
 - Seniors are not one-size-fits-all
 - More targeted/tailored efforts needed at the local level
- L.A. CAPRA Center and community-academic partnerships can be part of the comprehensive approach to making L.A. the model for the nation in *innovative*, sustainable programs that improve the quality of life of seniors

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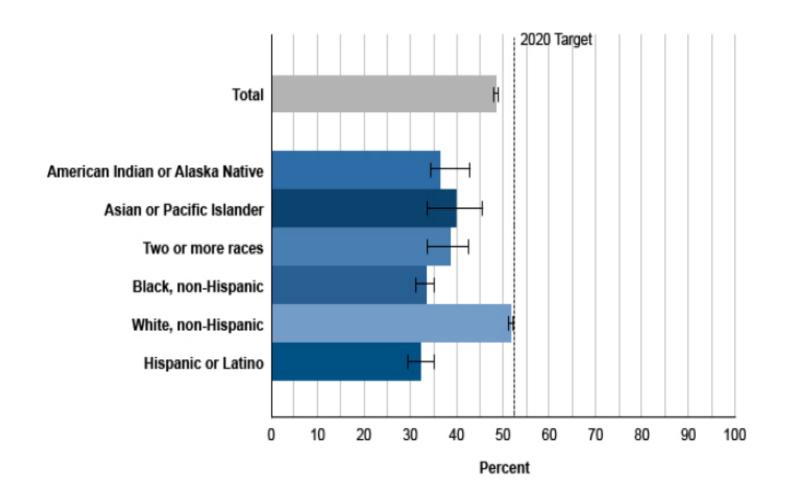
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Wellness Pathway Pilot Project

- Process examination of bidirectional care coordination/referral linkage between clinic and MPC
- Evidence-based classes offered in familiar community-based settings
- Window of opportunity with shifting dual eligible seniors to managed care
- Longer-term outcomes: patient health outcomes, cost-savings





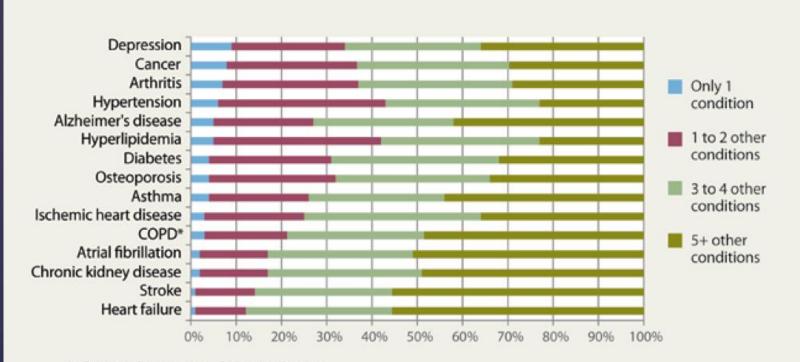




L.A. CAPRA Center

- Los Angeles Community Academic Partnership for Research in Aging (L.A. CAPRA) Center
- Launched in 2010 by National Institute on Aging
- Partnership between LA City Dept of Aging (Trejo), UCLA (Sarkisian, Mangione, Norris), Partners in Care Foundation (Simmons), and vast network of racially/ethnically representative leadership in local aging services network
- Mission: implement and test sustainable/scalable programs and new models of care that improve the quality of life of older adults
- 20 CAB members, 3 NAB members
- http://lacapra.med.ucla.edu/index.htm

The Challenge of Multimorbidity

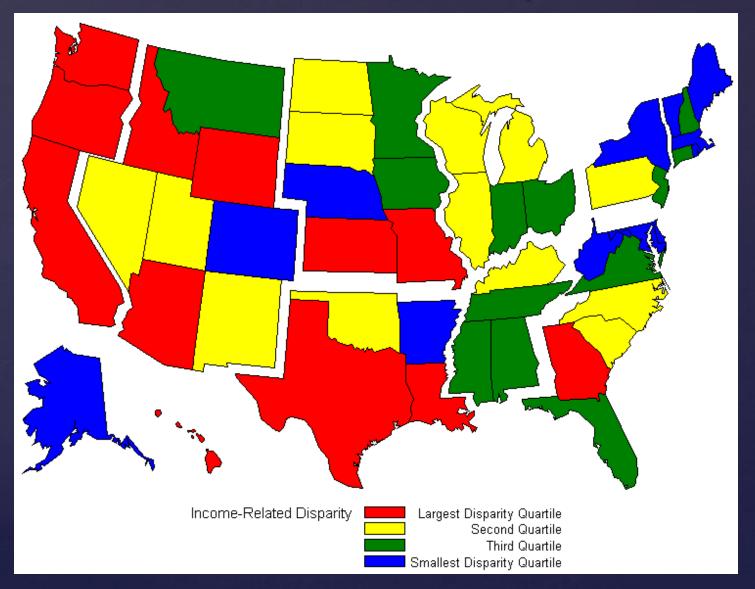


*chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Source: Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. *Chronic Conditions Among Medicare Beneficiaries*. http://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-

Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/Chronic-Conditions/Downloads/2012Chartbook.pdf

California Leads Nation in Income-related Disparities



"I'm 80 years old. And uh, I've talked to a lotta, I even heard on television and from other people like that, that black people in the United States normally have high blood pressure and strokes, because they, they're under pressure." -older African American male

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Silver Tsunami is Here!

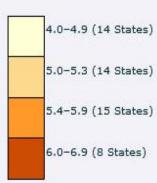
- By 2030, older adults will account for 20% of U.S. population
- First time in history more seniors than small children
- > 12 million seniors unable to live independently!!

Imperative to find ways to increase health, function and quality of life of seniors

Older Adult Health Outcomes Worse in California.

Physically unhealthy days (mean number of days in past month) aged 65 years or older (2010)





Data Source Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System

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Older Adult Population Is Becoming More Diverse

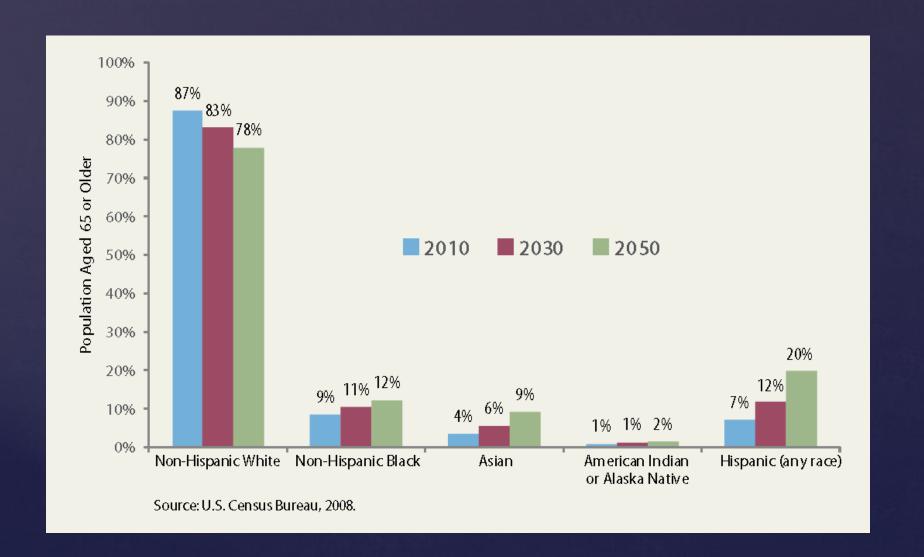
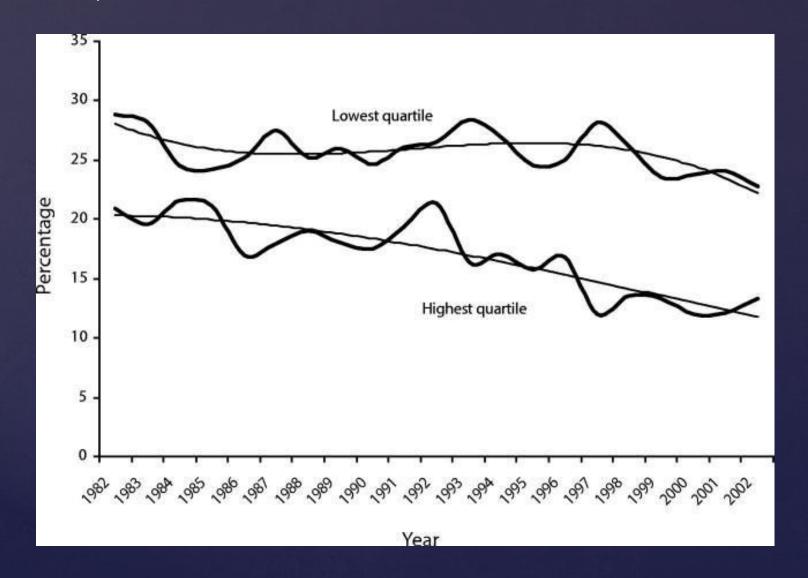


Figure 1. Age and Sex Structure of the Population for the United States: 2010, 2030, and 2050 Age 100 +Male Female Millions Millions Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008.

Percentage of the population 70 years of age and older with any disability among highest and lowest income quartiles, 1982–2002.



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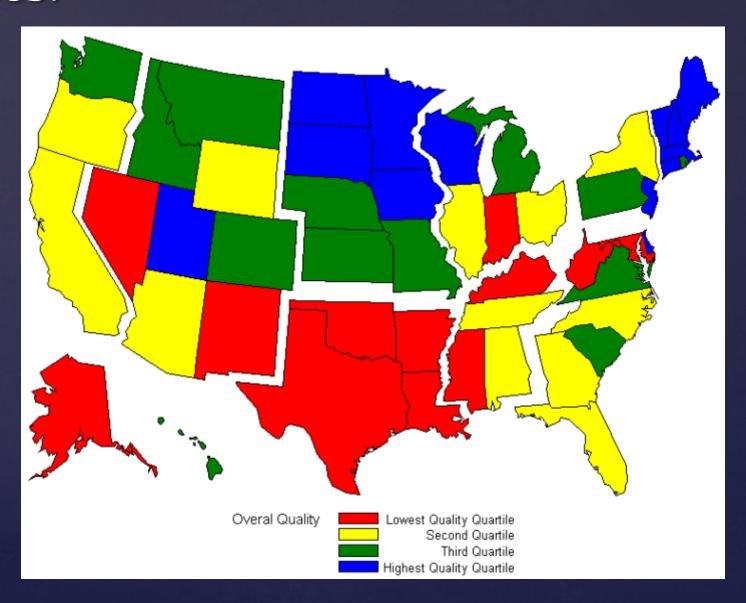
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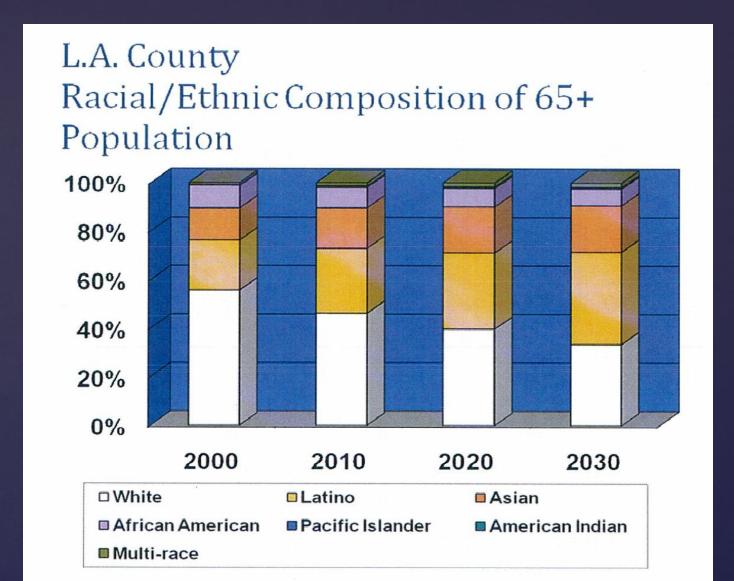
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The Nation is Aging

- Unprecedented growth in number and proportion of older adults driven by longer life spans and aging baby boomers
- Since January 1, 2011, and each and every day for the next 20 years, roughly 10,000 Americans will celebrate their 65th birthdays, doubling the older adult population to about 72 million
- By 2030, older adults will account for 20% of U.S. population (1 of every 5 Americans)

Quality of health care varies across states.





^{*} Data taken from the 2000 Census (Compiled by the Asian Pacific American Legal Center)

 In sum: proportion, estimated growth, and sociodemographic makeup of seniors in LA County mirror state & national characteristics.