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New Findings from “Center for Home Care Policy & Research” Released Today at Gerontological Society of America’s Annual Scientific Meeting
-- Alzheimer’s Risk and Duration of Disability, Managing Chronic Illness at Home, Assessing Home Care Quality, and Retaining Older Nurses are Among Topics to be Presented --

New York, NY – Today, Center for Home Care Policy & Research investigators will present new findings to improve the quality and outcomes of health services at home; help people manage chronic conditions; and inform public policies that impact home-based care at the Gerontological Society of America’s 61st Annual Scientific Meeting “Resilience in an Aging Society: Risks and Opportunities” in National Harbor, Maryland.

Researchers from the Center of Home Care Policy & Research (underlined) will present new data on Monday, November 24th at the following paper, symposia and poster sessions:

- **Understanding the Complexity of Hypertensive African American Home Care Patients: Challenges to Intervention;** Penny Feldman, Margaret McDonald, Timothy Peng, Janice Mongoven, Ernesto Henriquez, Theresa Schwartz; *Poster*; 10:00 AM
- **Hospital Discharge Medication Reconciliation Problems among Older Adults with Heart Failure;** Janice Foust; M. Naylor; M. Bixby; S. Ratcliffe; *Paper*; 11:45 AM
- **Assessing the Quality of Care Provided to the Diverse Home Health Population** Christopher Murtaugh; D. Terkay; K. Jung; *Symposium*; 11:45 AM
- **Defining Distinct Groups of Home Health Patients and Measuring Their Quality of Care;** Christopher Murtaugh; *Symposium*; 12:07 PM
- **Implications of Home Health Agency Specialization in Different Types of Patients;** Timothy Peng; *Symposium*; 12:29 PM
- **Unpacking the Meaning of Hours of Care in Long Term Care;** Prvu-Bettger; J. Sochalski; C. Zubritsky; Janice Foust; *Symposium*; 5:18 PM
- **Strategies for Retaining Older RNs in the Workplace: An Analysis of the National Sample of Survey of Registered Nurses;** Peri Rosenfeld; *Paper*; 5:22 PM

- **Older Adults Perceptions of Social Support: Are There Differences Between Home and Nursing Home Settings?** Jennifer Mongoven, Janice Foust, Shivani Chopra, Keren Abina-Sotomayor, Lori King; *Symposium*; 5:54 PM
- **Risk of Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias and Duration of Disability in Later Life;** Christopher Murtaugh; B. Spillman; *Symposium*; 6:45 PM

Approximately 7.6 million people currently receive home care from 83,000 providers because of acute illness, long-term health conditions, permanent disability, or terminal illness. In 2007, annual expenditures for home health care were projected to be \$57.6 billion.

To speak with a Center for Home Care Policy & Research investigator, or to get more information on the presentations and room locations, contact Deane Beebe, communications manager, Center for Home Care Policy & Research at 212-609-5783 or deane.beebe@vnsny.org.

The Gerontological Society of America’s 61st Annual Scientific Meeting “Resilience in an Aging Society: Risks and Opportunities” conference program is available online at <http://www.agingconference.com>.

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The [Center for Home Care Policy and Research](#) conducts scientifically rigorous research to promote the delivery of high quality, cost-effective care in the home and community and support informed decision making by policy makers, payers, managers, practitioners, and consumers of home and community based services. The Center has a close relationship with its parent agency, the [Visiting Nurse Service of New York](#), the largest nonprofit home care agency in the United States, which enables the Center to conduct research that is broadly applicable to real-world home care settings.