

Save the Date: Free Event for Caregivers!

Understanding and Responding to Dementia Behaviors a Caregiver Conference

FREE full day IN-PERSON event
with remote Zoom uplink available

**For those who can attend in person:
Lunch, refreshments and printed handouts will be provided.**

**For those attending remotely, the Zoom link will be
given to you after registering on Eventbrite.**

A link to the digital version of the slides will be sent to all registrants prior to April 9.

Thursday, April 9, 2026 - 9 am to 3 pm Hawai'i time

**At The Queen's Conference Center, located at The Queen's Medical Center
1301 Punchbowl St., Honolulu 96813**

Advance Registration is required at this link:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/understanding-and-responding-to-dementia-behaviors-tickets-1985341075601?aff=oddtcreator&keep_tld=true

Presenters will cover:

- Overview of dementia: causes and prevalence
- Behavioral and Psychological Symptoms of dementia (BPSD)
- Benefits and importance of professional assessment and accurate diagnosis for the person experiencing memory loss and for those providing care
- Working as a team with healthcare providers for optimal quality of life
- Managing BPSD: Geriatricians' and Neurologist's Perspectives
- Emotional and Physical needs of people living with dementia that can lead to challenging behaviors
- Understanding and responding to behaviors as dementia progresses: practical tips for unpaid family caregivers
- Tips and Best Practices for Communication, Safety and Environmental Adjustments

For questions about the workshops or help registering contact: (808) 295-2624 or jmishan@hawaii.rr.com

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Presenters



Dr. Kamal Masaki is Professor and Chair of the Department of Geriatric Medicine at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, which is a John A. Hartford Foundation Center of Excellence in Geriatrics (one of 25 in the U.S.). She also serves as Academic Medical Director for Geriatrics at the Queen's University Medical Group, and Director of Research at Kuakini Medical Center. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine. She was elected to be a Fellow of the American Geriatrics Society. She has been doing aging and dementia research for over 35 years. Dr. Masaki has received numerous teaching and research awards and was selected by Hawai'i physicians to "The Best Doctors in America" 3 times. She is a co-author on over 325 publications in scientific journals.



Dr. Abraham Chyung, MD-PhD, is an Assistant Clinical Professor of Medicine at the John A. Burns School of Medicine, University of Hawai'i. He is a board certified neurologist specializing in memory disorders at the Neuroscience Institute, Queen's Medical Center. His professional ambition is to make Alzheimer's disease treatment available to the Kupuna community of Hawai'i. Towards that end, he has partnered with many groups like Catholic Charities Hawai'i, Alzheimer's Association, The Queen's Health Systems leadership, Primary Care doctors, Geriatrics Specialists, Mental Health specialists, and caregivers. He appreciates the support of everyone who shares the vision of making accessible early detection, diagnosis, and treatment to those afflicted by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.



Jessica Barry, MD has been working at The Queen's Medical Center Geriatric Services for 15 years. Born and raised in Kansas, she attended University of Kansas for undergraduate and medical school. Her Internal Medicine Residency was at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. Her Geriatric Fellowship was with University of Hawai'i John A. Burns School of Medicine. She aims to keep her older patients independent as long as possible while maintaining an optimal quality of life with proactive prevention, early diagnosis, and targeted treatment. She and her husband from Hawai'i have two children. She is passionate about dementia education for lay people and health professionals. In her free time, she ferries the children to their activities and squeezes in running and reading novels.



Dorothy Colby is a Certified Positive Approach to Care™ (PAC) Trainer and national Mentor, with more than 25 years of professional and personal experience caring for people with dementia and training caregivers. The PAC trainings created by Teepa Snow share dementia care techniques that provide essential information for unpaid and professional caregivers on how to have a positive and meaningful relationship with loved ones living with all forms of dementia. Dorothy is Director of Community Engagement for Hale Ku'ike Memory Care Homes at Nu'uuanu, Bayside & Pali locations.