



# AGING IN THE COMMUNITY INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

Join us for Aging in the Community, a joint international symposium! Through interdisciplinary talks and field-based site visits, we will explore practical, community-driven approaches to supporting older adults in aging societies.



**PUBLIC SYMPOSIUM (REGISTRATION REQUIRED)**  
**MAR 23 & 25 & 26, 2026**



**NAGOYA UNIVERSITY (HIGASHIYAMA & TSURUMAI)**  
**NATIONAL CENTER FOR GERIATRICS AND GERONTOLOGY**

## CHAIR AND FEATURED SPEAKERS



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# SYMPOSIUM SCHEDULE

## Aging & Community Medicine

### Symposium Day 1 — Monday, March 23, 2026

Venue: Symposion Conference Room, Toyoda Auditorium, Nagoya University (Higashiyama Campus)

09:00–09:15	Welcome Coffee	
09:15–09:30	Welcome Remarks / Welcome Speech	
09:30–09:50	Introduction	
09:50–10:10	<b>Itzel Bustos Villalobos</b> (A. Prof., International Medical Education, Nagoya Univ. GSM)	Japanese Insurance System
10:10–10:30	Break	
10:30–11:00	<b>Masahisa Katsuno</b> (Dean, Nagoya Univ. GSM; Prof., Neurology)	High-risk cohort of Lewy body disease
11:00–11:30	<b>Jan Busby-Whitehead</b> (Prof.; Chief, Division of Geriatric Medicine, UNC SOM & UNC Center for Aging & Health)	Interdisciplinary Training
11:30–12:00	<b>Masaaki Shibayama</b> (Advisor, Bureau of Economy and Industry, Aichi Prefectural Government)	Regional Comprehensive Care and the Digital Health Project in Aichi Prefecture
12:10–13:30	Networking Lunch (Universal Club) — <u>Invitation Only</u>	
13:30–14:00	<b>Jun-ichi Uemura</b> (A. Prof., Integrated Health Sciences, Nagoya Univ. GSM)	Daily Activity in Older Adults
14:00–14:30	<b>Meredith Gilliam</b> (A. Prof., UNC SOM & Eastowne Clinic)	Primary Care for Older Adults in the U.S.: Challenges and the Role of the Geriatrician
14:30–15:00	<b>Takashi Uematsu</b> (M.D., Dept. of Neurology, Nagoya Univ. Hospital)	Analysis of Visual Attention Characteristics in Parkinson's Disease Using Eye-Tracking Devices
15:00–15:15	Break	
15:15–15:45	<b>Yasuhisa Hasegawa</b> (Prof., Nagoya Univ.; Director, Nano-Life Systems Institute)	Assistance for Empowering Human Activities through Robotics
15:45–16:15	<b>Ryan Lavalley</b> (A. Prof., UNC SOM & Carolina Aging Network)	Multi-sector Partnerships and Planning for Aging
16:15–16:45	<b>Asuka Nakagawa</b> (Asst. Manager, Kita Ward Office, Nagoya City)	Evaluation of Dementia-Friendly Community Initiatives in Kita Ward, Nagoya City

### Symposium Day 2 — Wednesday, March 25, 2026

Venue: Education and Innovation Center, National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology (NCGG)

09:30–10:00	<b>Taiki Sugimoto</b> (Senior Researcher, Dept. of Preventive Gerontology, NCGG)	Japan-Multimodal Intervention Trial for the Prevention of Dementia (J-MINT): Efficacy and strategies for social implementation
10:00–10:30	<b>Claire Larson</b> (A. Prof., UNC SOM)	Long-Term Care in the US
10:30–11:00	<b>Daichi Shigemizu</b> (Prof., Medical Genome Center, NCGG)	Genomic research on dementia in the Japanese population
11:00–11:15	Break	
11:15–11:45	<b>Rei Otsuka</b> (Prof., Dept. of Epidemiology of Aging, NCGG)	The introduction of NILS-LSA (National Institute for Longevity Sciences – Longitudinal Study of Aging)
11:45–12:15	<b>Timothy Gee</b> (Medical Student, UNC SOM & UNC Center for Aging & Health)	Caregiving for Older Adults in the U.S.
12:15–12:45	<b>Kenji Kato</b> (Deputy Director, Assistive Robot Center, NCGG)	Robotics Empowering Physical Activity in Older Adults
12:45–13:15	<b>Christine Kistler</b> (A. Prof., Dept. of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh)	Advance Care Planning and Goals of Care Communication in the United States
13:15–14:15	Lunch Networking Event — <u>Registration Required</u>	
14:15–14:45	<b>Hidehori Arai</b> (President, NCGG)	Overview of the National Center for Geriatrics and Gerontology and the Future Direction of Geriatric Medicine in Japan
14:45–	Facility Tour — <u>Registration Required</u>	

### Symposium Day 3 — Thursday, March 26, 2026

Venue: Kakuyu Hall (2F), Nagoya University Graduate School of Medicine (Tsurumai Campus)

09:00–09:30	<b>Epifanio Bagarinao</b> (A. Prof., Brain and Mind Research Center, Nagoya Univ. GSM)	Aging and the Brain
09:30–10:00	<b>John Batsis</b> (A. Prof., UNC SOM & UNC Center for Aging & Health)	Using Technology for Health Promotion
10:00–10:30	<b>Takayuki Morikawa</b> (Prof. Emeritus / Designated Prof., Nagoya Univ.)	Toward the Society of No Mobility Divide - Social Implementation Projects of Smart Local Mobility at Nagoya University -
10:30–10:50	Break	
10:50–11:20	<b>Shintaro Oyama</b> (A. Prof., Nagoya Univ. Institute of Innovation for Future Society)	Fusing Digital Engagement with Community Pharmacy Networks: A Hybrid Model for Frailty Prevention and PHR Utilization
11:20–11:50	<b>Laura C. Hanson</b> (Prof., UNC School of Medicine)	Palliative Care Models in the United States
11:50–12:20	<b>Keisuke Maeda</b> (Prof., Aichi Medical University)	Geriatric Nutrition: An Emerging Frontier in Geriatric Medicine

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