GSA’s New Orleans Briefing Schedule Covers Hot Topics for Healthy Aging

Three press briefings designed to better inform reporters about issues affecting America’s aging population have been scheduled for The Gerontological Society of America’s upcoming 66th Annual Scientific Meeting. This five-day gathering will take place from November 20 to 24 at the Sheraton New Orleans and New Orleans Marriott. The events listed below will take place in Salon 821 at the Sheraton. Media representatives are invited to register for the meeting free of charge.

**Luncheon Press Briefing: “Hot Topics for Healthy Aging: Adult Vaccinations, Over-the-Counter (OTC) Medication Behaviors, and OTC Sleep Aid Use/Sleep Health”**
Thursday, November 21, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.

GSA has firmly established itself as a connector and convener of multiple stakeholders for projects that focus on under-researched areas in the field of aging. By sharing information gathered in 2013 through workgroups, publications, summits, and white papers, this briefing will provide insight on findings from three major GSA initiatives: The National Adult Vaccination Program, OTC Medication Behaviors of Older Adults, and OTC Sleep Aids and Sleep Health in Older Adults.

**Luncheon Press Briefing: “The Longevity Dividend: Geroscience Meets Geropolitics”**
Friday, November 22, 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.
*Co-sponsored with the American Federation for Aging Research*

Can one year of clock time be matched by less than one year of biological time? Presented in partnership with the American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR), this panel will discuss the contemporary pursuit of scientific means to extend the period of healthy life by slowing aging in people (The Longevity Dividend Initiative) and some of the obstacles that stand in the way of what many consider to be one of the most exciting breakthroughs in the history of science and public health.

**Luncheon Press Briefing: “The Commission on Long-Term Care's Final Report: A Discussion with Committee Members”**
Saturday, November 23, 11 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

The Commission on Long-Term Care was created by the American Taxpayer Relief Act — the so-called "fiscal cliff" law — to advise Congress on how long-term care can be better provided and financed for the nation's older adults and people with disabilities, now and in the future. Two members of the commission and its staff director will discuss the proposed solutions and recommendations developed by the commission in its final report, as well as the alternative plan proposed by five members who did not vote for the final report. The speakers will address ideas for moving forward and the challenges that face a comprehensive approach to long-term services and supports.

Complimentary press registration information and an online meeting planner are available at [www.geron.org/press](http://www.geron.org/press). Badges can be picked up in the Press Room (Salon 821) at the Sheraton.

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The Gerontological Society of America (GSA) is the nation's oldest and largest interdisciplinary organization devoted to research, education, and practice in the field of aging. The principal mission of the Society — and its 5,400+ members — is to advance the study of aging and disseminate information among scientists, decision makers, and the general public. GSA’s structure also includes a policy institute, the National Academy on an Aging Society, and an educational branch, the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education.