

Can you help us improve dementia services to Latinos in primary care?

If so, help us by supporting a collaborative grant application focused on understanding how dementia detection and care services is provided among Latinos in primary care.

The University of Kansas Alzheimer's Disease Center is partnering with primary care clinics nationwide to develop and test a system to improve dementia detection and care among Latinos in primary care. Aims of the project include interviewing clinic staff and Latino dementia patients and families to understand what services are being provided in a diversity of clinics and identify areas of improvement. The knowledge gained from the interviews will help accommodate and test evidence-based recommendations to provide improved dementia detection and care among 100 Latinos in Kansas City primary care clinics.

This project is funded by NIH grant K01 MD014177-01A1

Primary care providers as well as Latino dementia patients and their relatives will have the opportunity to participate in 60-minute interviews. The interviews will gather information about the dementia detection and care services currently in place and how they could be tailored to address the unique needs of Latino patients and families. Interview questions may include:

- Primary care providers: 1) Can you describe the typical service a patient 65 and older would receive in a yearly visit? 2) How are people with dementia usually detected in this clinic? 3) Are there any particularities about that service with Latino patients?
- Dementia patients and their relatives: 1) Can you describe the dementia services received in this clinic? 2) What went well with these services and what could be improved?

The project research team will:

- Provide detailed information about the project and all planned activities
- Respond to all questions the clinic has promptly
- Conduct all interviews
- Compensate the providers and participants appropriately for their cooperation (\$40)

If you are willing to support our initiative, please:

1. Email Dr. Perales Puchalt indicating that you wish to participate in these interviews
2. If possible, let Latino families with dementia know of the possibility for them to contribute to improving dementia detection and care services



Jaime Perales Puchalt, PhD, MPH
Assistant Professor, KU Alzheimer's Disease Center
913-588-3716
jperales@kumc.edu