

RURAL GERIATRICS CAREER CONVERSATIONS



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Exploring the world of geriatrics through conversations with leading geriatric specialists.

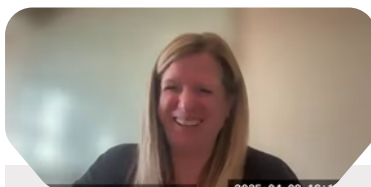


Each conversation features an expert who shares their unique journey and passion for working with older adults, offering inspiration for aspiring healthcare professionals. Whether you're considering a career in healthcare or seeking a way to contribute to caring for older adults, this conversation series provides a look into the exciting and fulfilling field of geriatrics. Join us on a journey to uncover opportunities for growth and learn how to make a meaningful impact in this essential field!



**DR. EMMA BJORE, MD,
GERIATRICIAN, AND
PETER SKORCZ, BSN, RN**
Geriatric Providers in
Primary Care

"Being on a geriatric team in a rural area, we have been encouraged to build our lane, make this our project and make it our business! It feels like a mission rather than a job!"



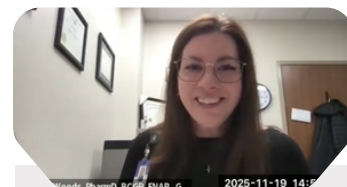
**DR. CHRISTINE
MCKIBBIN, PHD.**
Professor of Psychology at
the University of Wyoming
and Director of WyCOA

"Clinical service training is the future of mental health care. A challenge is to do research and clinical trials in rural areas. I have had to get creative. Its a thrilling challenge to pursue how we do this well in our communities!"



**THERESA ROBINETT,
MOT, OTR/L.**
Occupational Therapist and
Instructor at Casper College

"I try to talk to students in the OT field about the valuable role we can play in a persons life in the later stages. If we can help keep the older adult more independent, we can help facilitate resilience and keep them in their home and keep them safe!"



**TONJA WOODS,
PHARM.D, BCGP, FNAP.**
Geriatric Pharmacist and
Instructor at the University
of Wyoming.

"As a pharmacist I look to help people live better lives. I am trying to help them meet their goals and it's important to find out more about them beyond a medical diagnosis and medications, perhaps what's most important to them. I believe that we are all truly just walking each other home."



MELISSA KEITH, BSW
Medical Social Worker at
Iverson medical Group

"Asking do you have any thoughts on what I can do with this, or what would be the best approach. think a team approach is amazing so wouldn't we want to use that to give the best care that we can to folks?"

OTHER WYCOA OPPORTUNITIES AND OFFERINGS FOR STUDENTS!

- **Rural Geriatrics Career Network:** Connect and network over Zoom!
- **Geriatrics Career Resources Collection:** For training and development
- **Student Success Resource Guide:** Connecting campus and community
- **Aging Minor:** to complement any Major at UW!
- **Wyoming Family Practice Geriatric Fellowship**

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