Session VI

New Directions from Different Vantage Points
Building and Implementing Evidence

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Objectives

- Continue to push boundaries
- Reflect on and integrate Summit’s major themes
- Identify areas possibly not addressed
- Identify novel models, approaches for building and implementing evidence from different perspectives

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**Cycle of Despair Created by a Focus Only on Cure**

[Diagram showing the cycle of despair with nodes: No Cure, Reduced quality of life, Nothing can be done, No hope, No referrals or outreach to care and services.]

Gitlin and Hodgson, 2018, Better Living with Dementia: Impacts on Individuals, Families, Communities and Societies, Academic Press
Principles

- No single solution, magic bullet or one point in time intervention, program, strategy that will/can address all unmet needs, over the disease trajectory, etiologies, race/gender/cultures
- Given multiple care and supportive service needs, care coordination and integration of care/services is imperative across clinical encounters, settings, professionals etc.
- Dementia care must reflect a blended model of social and medical approaches
- To be effective, strategies need to be identified through a systematic process involving assessment, treatment planning, implementation of specific care strategies tailored to individual/environmental needs/conditions, and evaluation of what works and what does not, followed by continuous opportunities for modification of treatment plans
- All health and human service professionals have a role in dementia care; there is not one professional group who can be the sole point of contact or provider or who “owns” dementia care
- Involvement of persons living with dementia and their caregivers in all aspects of care planning is essential
Implications

- Clinical considerations needing research attention
- Ways of involving community agencies, aging network, ADRC Centers, dementia associations in multi-site efforts to develop, test, implement and scale evidence
- Integrating social-medical care models and population-based care planning and role of technology
- Strategies for making a difference in research on dementia care and bringing evidence to practice (local, state, national)
- Implications for new ways of generating and implementing evidence; role of implementation science and new pipeline considerations