STATE OF THE GERIATRICIAN WORKFORCE

Geriatricians are physician experts in pioneering advanced illness care for older people, with a focus on championing interprofessional teams, eliciting personal care goals, and treating older people as whole persons.

As we live longer, access to a geriatrics-trained workforce will be key to ensuring we can contribute to our communities for as long as possible. According to the Health Resources & Services Administration, which tracks data on the workforce we need as we age, the supply of geriatricians is projected to decrease modestly between 2018 and 2030 but demand will grow more steeply.

Research shows that 30% of people 65-years-old and older need care from a geriatrician, and that each geriatrician can care for up to 700 patients. This translates to a larger demand for geriatricians—both nationally and region by region across the U.S.

**Fast Facts**

- **Certified Geriatricians** 7,123
- **Full-Time Practicing Geriatricians** 8,220

**Baseline demand above is constructed from the current need for, and not the utilization of, geriatricians nationwide. Much of the data above are based on projections from the Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA's) National Center for Health Workforce Analysis (NCHWA) interactive Workforce Projections Dashboard.**
WHAT WE NEED

More Geriatrics Experts

More Geriatrics Training for the Whole of Our Health Workforce

More Public Education to Empower Older Adults & Caregivers

Health Policy that Can Support Us All as We Age

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