

UTHealth Houston Institute on Aging

The UTHealth Houston Consortium on Aging, established in 2010, has evolved into the UTHealth Houston Institute on Aging. This transition, announced in May 2023, consolidates the previous university-wide collaboration to better advance research, education, and clinical care for older adults. Researchers and physicians across all the schools at UTHealth Houston are prepared to take on this challenge with the newly established UTHealth Houston Institute on Aging, positioning the university to become a leader in aging and health care for older adults. The new institute will build on the foundation of the UTHealth Houston Consortium on Aging.

The UTHealth Houston Consortium on Aging was established in 2010 by the late Carmel B. Dyer, MD, to help meet the challenge of providing quality health care for the growing population of older adults in Houston. It is a university-wide collaboration which focuses on the expertise of all UTHealth Houston schools, encompassing medicine, nursing, dentistry, public health, biomedical informatics, and biomedical sciences.

Consortium members established centers of excellence to combat elder abuse and to support mobile and connected health, and distributed seed grants to new investigators. This foundational work inspired Dyer's novel age-friendly health care delivery model which greatly increased the quality of care for older adults while reducing costs. Sadly, Dr. Carmel Dyer, founding director of the Consortium on Aging, passed away May 4, 2021. However, the work of the consortium continues.