AGS CoCare®: HELP

New Site Implementation Support Award in Memory of Professor Tzvi Dwolatzky

Through funds generously contributed in memory of Professor Tzvi Dwolatzky, financial support will be awarded to two sites seeking to establish an AGS CoCare®: HELP program at their institution. These awards will cover half of the implementation subscription cost for two sites ready to implement AGS CoCare®: HELP.

Professor Tzvi Dwolatzky was a dedicated member of the Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP) community and a passionate advocate for improving the care of older adults. He led the HELP program at Rambam Health Care Campus in Haifa, Israel, and was deeply committed to advancing high-quality, age-friendly hospital care. His untimely passing was a profound loss to colleagues and the broader HELP community.

Overview

Through this award, two hospitals will receive financial support to partially cover their AGS CoCare®: HELP implementation subscription fee. Each hospital will receive funds to cover half of the implementation subscription ($2,500) with the expectation that the site will pay the other half of the implementation subscription ($2,500).

Applications will be evaluated based on the strength of the proposed implementation plan, organizational readiness, demonstrated leadership support, staffing plan, and the anticipated impact the HELP program will have on improving care for older adults.

Award Process and Requirements

- Award recipients must commit to paying half of the implementation subscription fee ($2,500).
- Following the two-year implementation subscription period, recipients must commit to maintaining an AGS CoCare®: HELP subscription for an additional two years at the standard annual subscription rate of $1,000 per year.

Timeline

- **Application deadline:** Friday, December 20, 2026
- **Financial Award Notification**: By the end of January 2027
- **Awarded Sites:** Purchase half of the implementation subscription ($2,500) by the end of February 2027
- **AGS CoCare®: HELP Implementation Subscription**: Activated by March 1, 2027

Submit Complete Application via email to Deena Sandos at dsandos@americangeriatrics.org
Please make sure to save this file with your typed in answers before emailing the completed application.

Application

Site Information

Hospital Name _____

Hospital Address _____

Number of beds at hospital _____

Primary Contact's Name _____

Primary Contact's Title/Role _____

Primary Contact Phone _____

Primary Contact Email Address _____

Impact Statement

- What is/are the primary reason(s) your organization is pursuing an AGS CoCare®: HELP program?

- How does implementing the HELP model align with your hospital's strategic priorities and/or quality improvement initiatives?

Implementation Plan

- What is the anticipated timeline for launching the program at your hospital?

- What are the key steps your team will take to prepare for implementation?

- How will the AGS CoCare®: HELP subscription and resources be incorporated into your implementation process?

- What are your plans for measuring program success and tracking outcomes?

Implementation Plan

Staffing

- Who will have day-to-day responsibility for coordinating and implementing the program?

- Who are the key interdisciplinary team members in place that will assist with program implementation?

- Do you have any plans for volunteer involvement and volunteer program management?

Leadership Support

- Which members of your hospital leadership team are actively supporting or committed to the program?

- Is there a specific executive or clinical champion that has been identified? If yes, who?

- How will your hospital leadership support implementation & program sustainability?

Optional Information

Please share any additional information that may strengthen your application:

☐ **By checking this box, we agree to the following commitment:**

If awarded, we understand that we are responsible for covering half the cost of the implementation subscription fee at $2,500, as well as committing to continue the AGS CoCare®: HELP subscription for an additional two years at the annual subscription rate of $1,000.

Financial responsibility:

- Implementation Subscription: Years 1 & 2 = $2,500
- Annual Subscription: Year 3 - $1,000
- Annual Subscription: Year 4 = $1,000