

Attachment 4 - Updated Project Abstract

Project Identifier Information

- 1) Grant Number: K01HP33450
- 2) Project Title: Geriatric Academic Career Awards
- 3) Organization Name: Boston University School of Medicine
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As the population ages, the proportion of older adults seeking treatment for opioid use disorder (OUD) is increasing across different settings: in the hospital, in the clinic, at home, and in the post-acute and long-term care setting. Dr. Rossana Lau-Ng is a geriatrician and clinician educator who practices in skilled nursing facilities and sees an increasing number of patients with OUD who require skilled services after an acute hospitalization. Recognizing the need to improve the care of this patient population in the post-acute and long-term care setting, she sets out to do so with the support of her Geriatric Academic Career Award.

She is studying the challenges and barriers that patients with OUD face in the admission process into a skilled nursing facility. Results from this study is used to inform the learning objectives of her educational curriculum aimed at improving long-term care staff competence in the care of older adults with OUD. She is also developing an opioid tool specific to the rehabilitation patient as a potential resource and support tool for staff and providers in long-term care.

As part of her ongoing professional development, she continues to seek out opportunities to build upon her leadership skills. She has participated in programs such as the Leading Innovations in Health Care and Education at Harvard Macy Institute, Emerging Leaders in Aging Program at Tideswell, and the Career Advancement and Leadership Skills for Women in Healthcare program at Harvard Medical Center. She applies these skills and lessons to her work as a clinician educator and in the post-acute and long-term care setting. Dr. Rossana Lau-Ng has identified a need to support the care of older adults with OUD in post-acute and long-term care. Applying her expertise and skills in this space, she continues to contribute and advance the field of geriatrics.