



# **INTRODUCTION THE GCC AGING & GEROSCIENCE CONSORTIUM**

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*Gulf Coast Consortium (GCC) Aging and Geroscience Consortium*

*Meet and Greet*

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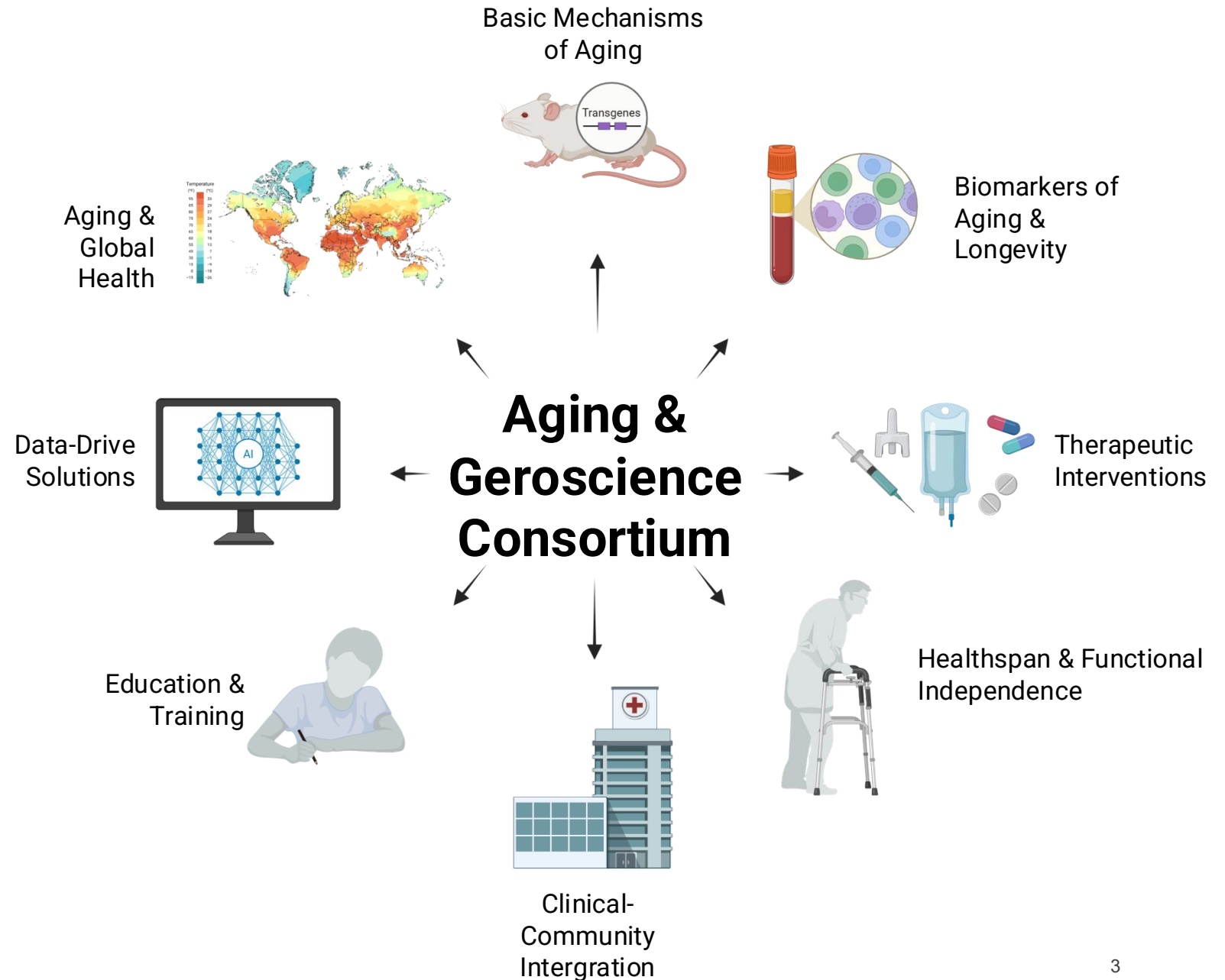
## Mission

This consortium aims to tackle the biological, clinical, and societal complexities of aging and enhance the quality of life for older adults across the Gulf Coast region and beyond



# Strategic Focus Areas

*Goal: Foster a robust, collaborative research environment that accelerates discovery, facilitates training and workforce development, and translates findings into real-world impact.*



# Participation Across all GCC Institutions

- **Over 200 researchers** across all 8 GCC institutions indicated interest
- Representation from **a multidisciplinary group of researchers** ranging from:
  - Molecular biologists
  - Non-Human Primate Biologist
  - Geriatricians
  - Population & Public Health Researchers
  - Neuroscientist
  - Immunologist
  - Policy Experts
  - *And many more*



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# 3 Large Aging Centers Represented with Leadership Across 4 GCC Institutions

## Aging Center Representation

**UTMB**  
SEALY CENTER ON AGING

**UT HEALTH HOUSTON**  
INSTITUTE ON AGING

**BAYLOR COLLEGE OF MEDICINE**  
HUFFINGTON CENTER ON AGING

## Aging and Geroscience Consortium Leadership



Alan Landay, PhD, VP of Team Science & Professor, University of Texas Medical Branch – Chair



Hui Zheng, PhD, Director of Huffington Center on Aging & Professor, Baylor College of Medicine – Co-Chair



George Taffet, MD, Vice Chair for Education & Professor of Medicine, Houston Methodist – Co-Chair



Andrew Pickering, PhD, Core Director of the Institute of Aging & Associate Professor, UT Health Houston – Co-Chair

# Emerging Opportunities and Initial Programming



**MULTI INSTITUTIONAL  
AGING GRANTS**



**VIRTUAL  
BIOREPOSITORY**



**DPRIT FUNDING**



**JOINT  
CONFERENCES**



**MENTORING  
INITIATIVES**