

## NYU BOLD PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:



### Please include a brief bio here.

Michael Temporal, MD is a family physician and geriatrician at Billings Clinic, Montana. Graduated from the University of Missouri Kansas City, completed family medicine training at UCSF/San Francisco General Hospital and Fellowship in Geriatrics at UCLA Multicampus Division of Aging. He has 30 years of teaching experience with former appointment as professor at Saint Louis University and now at Rosalind Franklin University. Has led program development as a residency program director and medical officer at a large FQHC health system before moving to Montana 10 years ago. His current clinical practice spans hospital, outpatient, long-term care, and hospice care.

### Please start by telling everyone a little bit about the work that you're doing.

We have been working on embedding screening tools and workflow for cognitive assessment and care planning into our Cerner EMR. We have developed an interdisciplinary team including an RN care manager, MSW social worker to work with primary and specialty teams and families to coordinate comprehensive geriatric assessment and cognitive assessment and management.

### What's the story behind why you're doing what you're doing?

I have been interested in geriatric medicine my whole life, following my family medicine dad in nursing homes, starting a geriatric student interest group, and learning about dementia from Jeff Cummings. Then have had the good fortune of working with great geriatric faculty at UCSF, UCLA, and Saint Louis University to create systems and comprehensive assessments that involve the team and are practical for primary care physicians and providers.

### Tell us about some parts of your projects that you're working on now that you are really excited about.

We are adapting our cognitive assessment and care planning for office-based care to home care and creating a care plan that includes direct advice and links to online and print resources for families to give consistent education and messaging.

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**For people who want to know more about your current work and programs, what are 1-2 pieces of information that you think is important for them to know?**

Cerner EMR assessment tools embedded that can be tracked over time. Useful template and quick text for capturing the components to meet the CMS requirements for 99483 Cognitive Assessment and Care Planning Services.

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**What would you tell someone who wanted to start a similar program like yours in their own setting (e.g., another state, county, or city)?**

Use the resources of your patient-centered medical home team and codify the data collection tools and gradually expand on the roles of whom you already have doing a lot of the patient and caregiver engagement to build a sustainable and scalable project within your primary care setting (or specialty care setting).