Chronic pain is a debilitating and pervasive health concern that affects not only the individual sufferer, but also the family system at large. With the rapidly growing older population, adult children are becoming increasingly involved in the care of their aging parents. Surprisingly, research has not examined the impact of older parents’ chronic pain symptoms on their adult children. This talk will address the following questions: 1) Does chronic pain in older parents affect the parent – adult child relationship; 2) What factors may moderate the association between chronic pain and relationship quality; and 3) Does the personality of the chronic pain sufferer play a role in shaping caregiver health? Analyses of data from two separate large-scale studies will be presented, and suggestions for a research agenda on this topic will be discussed.

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Lunch will be served

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