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**SPEAKING TOPICS:**

**USE OF PHYSICAL RESTRAINTS AND SIDERAILS  
NURSING HOMES**

**PREVENTING FALLS & INJURIES**

**EDUCATING NURSES ON CARE OF OLDER ADULTS**

Dr. Elizabeth A. Capezuti is an associate professor in the Division of Nursing in The Steinhardt School of Education of New York University. She also serves as co-director for the John A. Hartford Foundation Institute for Geriatric Nursing at New York University.

As a researcher, Dr. Capezuti has been instrumental in identifying ways to improve care of frail older adults, particularly focusing on reducing the use of restraints and reducing falls and associated injuries. She has published extensively on these topics, and her research has been used to draft both state legislation and federal regulations related to nursing home care.

Dr. Capezuti serves on several national boards and is a consultant to the Hospital Bed Safety Workgroup of the United States Food and Drug Administration and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. She was designated the 1997 Virginia Stone Scholar by the American Nurses Foundation, inducted as a 1999 Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing, chosen as the 2001 recipient of the Otsuka/American Geriatrics Society Outstanding Scientific Achievement for Clinical Investigation Award, and selected as a 2003 Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America.

Dr. Capezuti, a nationally certified nurse practitioner, received her doctoral degree in nursing from the University of Pennsylvania in 1995. She served from 1984 through 2000 on the faculty of the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing, where she received the 1995 Provost's Award for Distinguished Teaching. From 2000 to 2003 she held the Independence Foundation-Wesley Woods Chair in Gerontologic Nursing at Emory University.

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