The National Institute on Aging has awarded $2,179,963 to Kyriakos S. Markides, PhD, Annie and John Gnitzinger Professor of Aging, Professor of Preventive Medicine and Community Health at UTMB, and Senior Fellow of the Sealy Center on Aging, for the grant "The Texas Resource Center on Minority Aging Research (RCMAR)." Established in collaboration with UT Austin, the Texas Resource Center on Minority Aging Research (RCMAR), will provide an infrastructure that facilitates the development of research on aging in minority populations and developing researchers from underrepresented minorities. The program runs from September 30, 2018 to June 30, 2023. Other Sealy Center on Aging investigators include include Kristen Peek, PhD; Rebeca Wong, PhD; Yong-Fang Kuo, PhD; Kenneth Ottenbacher, PhD, OTR; and Karl Eschbach, PhD.

The center is designed to address the broad, complex, and interrelated array of factors associated with health disparities. Risk factors, diagnosis, progression, response to treatment, caregiving, and overall quality of life may be affected by race, ethnicity, gender, socioeconomic status, age, and other factors. Disparities in health status and medical care are most acutely experienced by the older population since they are at the highest risk for most diseases and disability. To eliminate health disparities, a widely established national priority, requires research that includes a special focus on the distribution of disease and disability between racial and ethnic groups in society.

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