

# PATCH

## Mix of Diseases:

- 50% of the patients seen in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of PATCH had **end stage dementia**
- Other conditions include: frailty, failure to thrive, COPD, advanced heart disease, cancer, advanced cerebrovascular disease, end-stage neurological conditions such as Parkinson's.
- Other frequently seen comorbidities that need to be managed include: significant arthritis, pain, functional impairment, incontinence, skin breakdowns, peripheral vascular disease, gastrointestinal complaints and affective disorders.

## Patient Characteristics:

- Average age 87
- One third die at one year
- 80% African-American
- 80% female
- Difficulty leaving their homes for doctor's appointments
- Either functionally or cognitively impaired

## Profile of the Clinical Encounter:

- In-home visits
- Team visits which include: an attending, nurse practitioner, possibly social worker and sometimes, other trainees.
- Usually involve patient's family members
- Often include discussion of goals of care and advance medical planning