Those over age 65 who self-reported as socially isolated were more likely to have a future hospital admission or emergency room visit. The study is published in the peer-reviewed journal *Population Health Management*.

"These results are novel for 2 reasons," states David Mosen, Ph.D., MPH, Kaiser Permanente Center for Health Research, and coauthors. "It is the first study to find that social isolation was predictive of future hospital admission and ED utilization among a population of Medicare Advantage members ages 65 and older. Second,