

IU GERIATRICS *electronic news for July 2003*

The **IU Geriatrics Program** and the [IU Center for Aging Research](#) welcome three new geriatric medicine fellows to our program. **Sayed Asad Ali, MD, MPH**, completed an internal medicine residency program at Wright State University School of Medicine and holds a Masters in Public Health from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. **Alejandro Arizmendi, MD**, completed an internal medicine residency at Good Samaritan Hospital in Cincinnati where he was chief resident. **Sanjay Gupta, MD**, completed an internal medicine residency at the IU School of Medicine and is board certified by ABIM. He was an IUSM endocrinology fellow for the past two years.

These new fellows join **Cathy Schubert, MD**, who begins her second year as a geriatrics fellow. Cathy looks forward to learning more about acute rehabilitation and having more time for teaching.

The IU Geriatrics Program recently hosted a site visit by William J. Hall, MD, Director of the Division of Geriatrics, University of Rochester, and Co-Director for the John A. Hartford Foundation program, "Developing a New Generation of Academic Programs in Geriatrics." Dr. Hall reviewed our Geriatrics Program Development Award grant which involves primary care geriatrics teaching clinics, visiting professors, and health services research implementation at the Roudebush VA Medical Center. He reported that he was very impressed by our progress over the past year. The grant, now entering its second year, is led by Principal Investigator **Steve Counsell, MD**. A highlight of the site visit was the commitment by Robert Sabin, Director of the Roudebush VAMC, for support of a new geriatrician faculty position to further clinical, teaching and research activities in geriatrics at the VA.

AWARDS

Dr. Michael Murray and Dr. Thomas Inui at the Regenstrief Institute have been awarded a [John M. Eisenberg Memorial Lectureship on Therapeutics Research](#). The award is provided under the auspices of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and its Centers for Education and Research on Therapeutics program. As part of the lectureship, Richard Platt, MD, MS, will present grand rounds on November 19, 2003, 8:30 am in Wishard's Myers Auditorium. Dr. Platt is Professor of Ambulatory Care and Prevention and Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School and is Hospital Epidemiologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Platt's research involves use, safety and effectiveness of therapies, using health plans' defined populations, providers, delivery systems, and data. He will participate in a series of workshops and round table discussions on November 18. For more information, please contact Bev Clark at 630-7760.

PUBLICATIONS

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PRESENTATIONS

Michael Weiner, MD, MPH, was an invited speaker at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services conference, "Mining Performance Measures from Electronic Medical Records," held in Baltimore, Maryland, June 23-24, 2003. The conference was a collaborative effort to improve the quality of health care through the use of standardized clinical performance measures and brought together users and vendors with experience in integrating performance measures into electronic medical records.

Wendy Morrison, PhD, presented both oral and poster presentations of "A Comparison of Methods for Assessing Health Related Quality of Life in Patients with Heart Failure" at the International Health Economics Association meetings in San Francisco, California, June 15-18, 2003. Co-authors with ties to IUCAR are **Mick Murray, PharmD, MPH**, **Susan J. Bennett, DNS, RN**, and Neil Oldridge, PhD.

Teresa Damush, PhD, presented "The Importance of Exercise" to adult children caregivers attending a May seminar sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association Central Indiana chapter and the Indiana University Alzheimer Disease Center. The all day event was coordinated by **Mary Guerriero Austrom, PhD**.

Amna Buttar, MD, presented "Disease presentation in older adults," a grand rounds lecture to the Dow Medical College Department of Medicine, Karachi, Pakistan, on May 10, 2003. She also presented "Depression in older adults," a special lecture to the medical unit in Dow Medical College on May 12.

Amna Buttar, MD, presented "Hormonal Replacement Therapy," a lecture at the annual CME conference of the Association of Pakistani Physicians of North America, in Orlando, Florida, July 4, 2003.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Glenda Westmoreland, MD, MPH, and **Kathy Frank, MSN, RN**, are members of the Annual Meeting Program Committee for the American Geriatrics Society. They attended a planning meeting in late June in New York City and look forward to attending the [2004 scientific meeting](#) held May 17-21 in Las Vegas.

Michael D. Murray, PharmD, MPH, has been named a Fellow of the [International Society for Pharmacoepidemiology](#). The ISPE Board of Directors established the new membership category to recognize and advance leadership in the Society. Fellows must be a member for at least five years, present/author at least three papers or posters at the ICPE or in PDS, serve at least two years on at least one committee or the Board, evidence a passion for pharmacoepidemiology in one or more elected positions, committee chairs, or other roles, and be a member in good standing.

Steve Counsell, MD, served as a consultant to the The John A. Hartford Foundation and provided a final evaluation of the "Home Hospital National Demonstration" at the first of three sites, Fallon Community Health Plan, Worcester, MA. The Johns Hopkins Home Hospital model is an innovative program designed to provide acute care at home for older persons with pneumonia, CHF, COPD or cellulitis. The goals of the "Project at Home" are to provide acute care at home that is clinically comparable, less costly, and more satisfying to patients and caregivers than care provided in the hospital.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us at the next Aging Research Work in Progress July 22, 8:00-9:00am when **Michael Weiner, MD, MPH**, presents "A patient-based intervention to improve physicians' detection of geriatrics syndromes in primary care." WIP meets at the Roudebush VA Health Services Research & Development Service in D6005.

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