

IU GERIATRICS e-news for **March 2003**

The **IU Geriatrics Program** and the [IU Center for Aging Research](#) invite you to *Medicine Grand Rounds Wednesday, March 12, when Visiting Professor Peter Boling, MD, presents "Can Home Care Improve Quality and Reduce Costs?"* Grand Rounds meets at 8:15am in Wishard's Myers Auditorium.

Dr. Boling is Professor of Internal Medicine, Divisions of General Medicine and Geriatrics; Director, Long Term Care Program, Medical College of Virginia of Virginia Commonwealth University; Richmond, Virginia. Please review this month's "Announcements" about Dr. Boling's noon presentation March 11 at the Roudebush VA Medical Center.

ACE is 5! Join in the celebration of this 5-year anniversary by visiting the Acute Care for Elders Unit at Wishard on Tuesday, March 25, 3-5pm. Special remarks of appreciation will be made at 3:30pm in the unit dining area. Please stop by to congratulate and thank the talented and dedicated staff members whose work in ACE enhances the care of older adults admitted to Wishard.

PUBLICATIONS

Boustani M, Sloane P. [Should residential care/assisted living facilities institute falls prevention programs for their residents?](#) Annals of Long-Term Care 2003 Feb;11(2):39-44.

Champion V, Maraj M, **Hui S**, **Perkins AJ**, **Tierney W**, Menon U, Skinner CS. [Comparison of tailored interventions to increase mammography screening in nonadherent older women](#). Prev Med. 2003 Feb;36(2):150-8.

Saywell RM Jr, **Champion VL**, Zollinger TW, Maraj M, Skinner CS, Zoppi KA, Muegge CM. [The cost effectiveness of 5 interventions to increase mammography adherence in a managed care population](#). Am J Manag Care 2003 Jan;9(1):33-44.

Lahiri DK, **Farlow MR**, Sambamurti K, Greig NH, Giacobini E, Schneider LS. [A critical analysis of new molecular targets and strategies for drug developments in Alzheimer's disease](#). Curr Drug Targets. 2003 Feb;4(2):97-112.

PRESENTATIONS

William M. Tierney, MD, presented grand rounds, "Information technology to improve medical decisions," at Northwestern University School of Medicine, January 24, 2003, in Chicago.

Gregory Gramelspacher, MD, David Moller, PhD, and Mary Ciccarelli, MD, presented a workshop entitled, "Caring for the Dying Poor: A Home-Based Educational Curriculum for Residents and Students" on Feb 7th at the 15th Annual Assembly of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine at the Royal Pacific Resort in Orlando, FL..

Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH, presented "Untangling Agitation: Looking Inside the World of Dementia" in the Dementia Update Session at the 14th Annual Challenges in Geriatric Practice Conference held February 20-21, 2003 in Chapel Hill. The conference was presented by the University of North Carolina School of Medicine Program on Aging and the Carolina Geriatric Education Center.

Christopher Callahan, MD, presented "The Origins and Future of Geriatric Services Research" February 28 at the Spring 2003 Seminar Series of the Program on Health Outcomes at University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. The seminar series is a University-wide program whose purpose is to improve health outcomes through targeted research and evidence-based education and practice.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Usha Subramanian, MD, MS, and Colleen A. McHorney, PhD, attended the 2003 National Meeting of the Veterans Administration Health Services Research and Development Service February 12-14 in Washington, DC. The meeting brought together researchers, clinicians and policy makers to spotlight current efforts and consider challenges and opportunities posed by a diverse group of 25 million-plus US veterans who span five generations.

Linda S. Williams, MD, chaired the first-ever Outcomes Research Symposium at the American Stroke Association 28th International Stroke Conference held February 13-14 in Phoenix. She also made a platform presentation, "Development of the Stroke-specific Quality of Life (SS-QOL) Scale: Item and Domain Reduction." Co-authors were **Colleen A. McHorney, PhD**, and **Tim Stump, MS**.

Holly Hendrickson, MD, passed the fall re-certification examination for the Geriatrics Certificate of Added Qualifications. She is a primary care physician at Westside Health Center and a member of the IU Geriatrics Program's Geriatrics Interest Group.

Colleen A. McHorney, PhD, attended the February 2003 session of the AHRQ Health Care Quality and Effectiveness Study Section. The HCQER Study Section reviews R01/R18 and R03 grant applications related to the quality and cost-effectiveness of health care, including clinical outcomes studies, as well as studies to develop/test quality measures, methods, tools and indicators.

Steven Counsell, MD has accepted the invitation to join the Editorial Board and serve as one of 5 editors for the 6th Edition of the Geriatrics Review Syllabus: A Core Curriculum in Geriatric Medicine. The "GRS" is a comprehensive self-assessment program developed by the American Geriatrics Society and contains the latest developments in geriatric medicine for those who wish to expand and update their knowledge and skills in the field.

Chris Callahan, MD, attended the SGIM Council Winter Retreat in San Diego February 6-7 and is serving a three-year term as a member of the SGIM National Council.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visiting Professor Peter Boling, MD, will present "Aging of the Organs: Physiologic and Anatomic Changes with Aging that Impact Clinical Practice" at the VA Department of Medicine Clinical Staff Luncheon Conference at Noon, Tuesday, March 11, 2003, room C1202.

Greg Gramelspancher, MD, will present grand rounds, "Palliative Care and Cancer," to the IU Cancer Center March 14, 7:30am in the Cancer Pavilion Education Center, RT 101.

The IU Geriatrics Conference on March 19 features Craig Wilson, MD, clinical geriatrician and director of St. Vincent Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program. He will present "Preventive Care in Older Adults" in Wishard T2008 A&B from 7:30-8:30am.

Join Aging Research Work in Progress March 25, 8-9am, to critique posters your colleagues will display at national meetings of the Society of General Internal Medicine and the American Geriatrics Society. Please note a change of location--for this special session only--to the Regenstrief Institute 5th floor classroom.

The IU Geriatrics Conference on April 2 features **Cathy Schubert, MD**, Geriatric Medicine Fellow. She will present "Dementias other than Alzheimer's" in Wishard T2008 A&B from 7:30-8:30am.

The Clinical Rehabilitation Psychology program invites you to a colloquium on Friday, April 11, from 11:00 - 12:00, when John L. Woodard, PhD, presents "Functional Neuroanatomy of Working Memory in Alzheimer's Disease and Healthy Aging." Dr. Finch is Associate Professor of Psychology, Finch

University of Health Sciences/The Chicago Medical School. The colloquium will be held in IUPUI Science Building Room LD 136, next door to LD 137 classroom.

IU GERIATRICS electronic news is published monthly by the IU Geriatrics Program and the IU Center for Aging Research. To unsubscribe, reply to this email and enter "unsubscribe IU Geriatrics E-news" in the subject line. For other comments, email Kathy Frank, RN, MSN at katfrank@iupui.edu or Nancy Nienaber Buchanan at nnienaber@regenstrief.org.