

IU GERIATRICS *electronic news for May 2003*

The **IU Geriatrics Program** and the [IU Center for Aging Research](#) congratulate our colleagues for their many professional contributions to the 26th Annual Meeting of the Society for General Internal Medicine held recently in Vancouver, British Columbia. See the details in "Presentations" below.

Older adults and caregivers discovered healthful and helpful information at the April Health Beat Health Fair presented by Senior Care at Wishard and WTHR Channel 13. Held at Glendale Mall, the fair offered seniors a variety of activities ranging from risk assessments for falls to depression screens to fitness-over-fifty demonstrations. Many Senior Care staff members volunteered to conduct assessments and provide information on topics such as advance directives, caregiver stress, and health insurance for seniors. IU Geriatrics thanks all who contributed to this successful event!

Homeowners in the near westside area of Haughville and Blackburn were left holding the bag on Saturday, April 19th. That's when medical students made [Spring House Calls](#) to help needy folks spruce up their homes and yards, and that's when senior homeowners received special goody bags put together by Student Geriatrics Interest Group members Srilatha Atluri and Becky Epstein. They were assisted by **Michael Sha, MD**. Thanks, SGIG!

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PRESENTATIONS

The Society for General Internal Medicine holds its 26th Annual Meeting April 30-May 3 in Vancouver, British Columbia. The theme was "Generalist Physicians as Agents for Change: Education and Research ~ Practice and Policy." The following colleagues made geriatrics-related presentations at SGIM.

Glenda Westmoreland, MD, MPH coordinated "Disparities in Health and Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Specific Populations" with the Geriatrics Interest Group. She was faculty participant in two workshops, a Clinical Medicine Workshop, "Musculoskeletal Problems and Immobility in Older Adults: Enhancing Diagnosis and Treatment Approaches for Primary Care Practitioners" and an Administration/Leadership/Career Development Workshop, "A Map of the (Clinician Educator) World:

Achieving Success While Doing What You Love." Glenda also provided mentoring in the One-on-One Mentoring program.

Greg Gramelspacher, MD, was a faculty participant in the End-of-Life Interest Group in Clinical Medicine.

Glenda Westmoreland displayed three posters: "Developing a web-based curriculum in geriatrics for primary care residents," with co-authors **Steve Counsell, MD**, and Debra Litzelman, MD; "Integrating medical students into an acute care for elders (ACE) service," with **Steve Counsell, MD**, and **Amna Buttar, MD**, and "Unannounced standardized patients to assess junior medical students' clinical skills and professionalism" with Debra Litzelman, MD.

Dan Clark, PhD, displayed the poster, "Providing self-management education and support to vulnerable elders according to guidelines: is it feasible?" Co-authors are **Steve Counsell, MD**, **Chris Callahan, MD**, **Tim Stump, MA**, **Amna Buttar, MD**, **Karen Bowers, RN**, and **Gretchen Ricketts, BSW**.

Usha Subramanian, MD, MS, displayed the poster, "Improving patient care and outcomes in heart failure: a controlled trial of computer-based care suggestions enhanced by patients' symptoms and their severity." The local co-author is **Bill Tierney, MD**.

Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH, displayed the poster, "The prevalence of dementia among vulnerable older adults attending an urban primary care clinic." Co-authors are **Chris Callahan, MD**, **Frederick Unverzagt, PhD**, **Bridget Fultz, MA**, **Mary Guerriero Austrom, PhD**, **Steve Counsell, MD**, **Siu Hui, PhD**, and **Hugh Hendrie, MB, ChB, DSc**.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Michael Murray, PharmD, MPH, was the guest speaker for the Gerontology Program Faculty Associates Luncheon, Purdue University Center on Aging Research in West Lafayette on April 18, 2003. His topic was "Improving Drug Use in Older Adults with Chronic Cardiovascular Disorders."

Gregory P. Gramelspacher, MD, was a guest on Sound Medicine on April 19, 2003. To listen to his radio interview on Palliative Care and view a list of resources on the topic, go to the show's web site at <http://soundmedicine.iu.edu/archive/2003/041903.html>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

On May 21 the IU Geriatrics Conference features Michael Wynn, PhD, Dept of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery. He will present "You Ain't Too Old to Dance to the Beat: The Aging Ear" in Wishard T2008 A&B from 7:30-8:30am.

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