

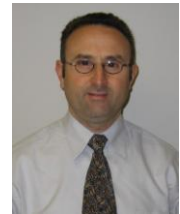
IU GERIATRICS e-news for AUGUST 2005

The IU Geriatrics Program and the [IU Center for Aging Research](#) welcome **Leo Solito, MD**, who joined the IU School of Medicine faculty on July 11, 2005. Leo has been appointed assistant professor of clinical medicine and has joined IU Medical Group-Primary Care.

His new duties include geriatrics primary care and consultation in the IU Center for Senior Health, inpatient consultation on Wishard's Acute Care for Elders (ACE) Unit, primary care to residents of local extended care facilities, and teaching "Introduction to Clinical Medicine" to medical students. Prior to completing a geriatric medicine fellowship at IU, Dr. Solito was in private practice for 8 years.



Steve Counsell, MD, presented progress made toward implementing "ACE Consults at Methodist Hospital" to the Methodist Quality Council on August 17th. As Director of the Geriatrics Center of Excellence at Clarian, Dr. Counsell described 2004 results of the ACE Consult Service led by its Medical Director, **Dr. Youcef Sennour**. In addition to marked improvements in the quality of care, both the length of stay and hospital costs were decreased in ACE Consult patients as compared to similar Methodist patients 70 or older not receiving an ACE Consult. Already in the first half of 2005, Dr. Sennour has seen nearly 150 new ACE Consults who have been referred to him by over 30 different Methodist attending physicians. Hats off to Dr. Sennour and his wonderful work with older patients at Methodist Hospital!



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PRESENTATIONS

Kathy Frank, RN, DNS, presented "Interdisciplinary Care of Older Adults" on July 29, 2005, during the *Best Practices in the Care of Older Adults* forum sponsored by the Central Indiana Gerontological Nurses Association. The two-day course presented social and clinical foci with content for health professionals, students, and for nurses preparing for gerontological certification.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Usha Subramanian, MD, MS, is serving as Chairman of the Roudebush VA Research and Development Committee for 2005-2006 year. Research studies conducted at the VA, enrolling VA patients, or using VA resources, must first be approved by the VA Research and Development Committee.

Glenda Westmoreland, MD, MPH, participated as a speaker in the IU School of Medicine's Faculty Enrichment and Educational Development (FEED) Series held August 17 and sponsored by the Department of Medicine. The series conducts quarterly offerings on key topics to provide an opportunity for the department faculty to improve their teaching skills in a collegial and fun environment.

The leadership of the Association of Directors of Geriatrics Academic Programs (ADGAP) recently appointed **Steve Counsell, MD**, to the ADGAP Nominating Committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Noll Campbell, PharmD, GCP, will present "Adverse Drug Reactions" at the September 21 IU Geriatrics Conference from 7:30-8:30am in Wishard T2008 A&B. Dr. Campbell is a Geriatric Certified Pharmacist, Clinical Specialist-Geriatrics at Wishard Health Services, and is Affiliate Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice in the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Purdue University.

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