

IU GERIATRICS e-news for OCTOBER 2005

The IU Geriatrics Program and the [IU Center for Aging Research](#) continue to grow! This month the e-news welcomes new employees **Taseer Cheema, MD**, and **Andrea Elliott** to the program.

Dr. Taseer Cheema arrived in Indianapolis in September to join the IU Geriatrics Fellowship Program. He completed an internal medical residency at Woodhull Medical Center Municipal Hospital in Brooklyn, NY, in June 2005. Prior to residency, Dr. Cheema was a research associate, participating in NIH-funded projects, at St. Vincent's Medical Center of Richmond, Staten Island, NY.



Andrea Elliott joined IU Geriatrics in October to fill a new program position, Geriatrics Academic Coordinator. Among her many duties are the provision of support to the Hartford Center of Excellence in Geriatric Medicine and the Geriatrics Medicine Fellowship Program. She will coordinate communications among a variety of geriatrics initiatives and activities, including a new IU Geriatrics website. For the past 3 years she worked at the Association for Practical and Professional Ethics on the IUB campus.



Congratulations to [Glenda Westmoreland, MD, MPH](#), who received a long-term contract with the Indiana University School of Medicine effective July 1, 2005. This long-term appointment is granted to those clinical rank faculty members whose professional characteristics indicate that they will continue to serve with distinction in their appointed roles. Dr. Westmoreland completed medical training as well as health services research and geriatrics fellowships at IU and joined the faculty in 1995. She is currently an associate professor of clinical medicine.



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PRESENTATIONS

Chris Callahan, MD, presented "Closing the Gap Between Knowledge and Practice: Late Life Depression and the Tools of Health Services Research" at the IU Cancer Center research conference on September 23, 2005.

Hugh Hendrie, MB, ChB, DSc, presented "Risk Factors Related to African Americans and Dementia" at the Branch Out Kentucky conference held October 9-10, 2005 in Lexington, Kentucky. Dr. Hendrie discussed the NIA-funded [Indianapolis-Ibadan Dementia Project](#) which has explored incidence rates and

risk factors for Alzheimer disease and dementia in Nigeria's Yoruba and in African Americans in Indianapolis.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Kevin Terrell, DO, MS, left in photo, met as a member with the Geriatric Emergency Medicine Task Force during the [American College of Emergency Physicians](#) Annual Scientific Assembly Meeting held in Washington, DC, on September 27, 2005. Joining the meeting by conference call was task force member **Doug Miller, MD**, right in photo. Photo by Tim Stump.



Michael Weiner, MD, MPH, was interviewed and quoted in the article "What's up, e-doc?", a cover story about consumers consulting the Web for medical or health information that appeared in the October 4, 2005 *Indianapolis Star* Healthy Living section. He also appeared on Fox 59 Morning News, live on October 10 in an interview about health information on the Web.

Hugh Hendrie, MB, ChB, DSc, has been selected as a member of the Steering Committee for a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention initiative to create a national public health action plan to address healthy brain issues. Committee members will advise the CDC on the Plan's direction and substantive issues and will collaborate with the Alzheimer's Association and other national, state and local partners to create the Plan. In 2004, Congress provided funding to support the CDC's efforts to partner with experts in the field to address lifestyle issues related to brain health.

Steve Counsell, MD, Director of the Hartford Center of Excellence in Geriatric Medicine at IUSM, has been appointed to the new American Federation for Aging Research (AFAR)/John A. Hartford Foundation Geriatrics Centers of Excellence Network Resource Center Advisory Group. The goal of the Center is to facilitate the continued development of academic geriatric medicine and its practitioners, by identifying and disseminating the best practices in geriatrics career development. Other Advisory Group invitees are Hartford CoE Directors, Joe Ouslander, MD, Emory University; George Taffet, MD, Baylor University; Mary Tinetti, MD, Yale University; and Rebecca Silliman, MD, Boston University. Other members include Dan Duffy, MD, ABIM; Jane Potter, MD, University of Nebraska; Judy Salerno, MD, NIA; and Gregg Warshaw, MD, University of Cincinnati.

Kathy Frank, RN, DNS, has been named a fellow of the [Institute of Action Research for Community Health](#). IARCH was established in 1990 at the Indiana University School of Nursing which is the location of The World Health Organization Collaborating Center in Healthy Cities. The purposes of IARCH are to promote, develop, and conduct interdisciplinary research relevant to community health issues in the state, the nation, and in the world; to provide new opportunities for community health research, public service, and education for students and faculty; and to collaborate with communities in identifying solutions to their health concerns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meg Gaffney, MD, will present "Update in Dermatology for Older Adults" at the November 2nd IU Geriatrics Conference held in Wishard T2008 A&B from 7:30-8:30am. Dr. Gaffney is a practicing dermatologist and clinical associate professor in the Department of Medicine.

Marguerite Shepard, MD, will present "Updates in Management of Menopause" at the November 30th IU Geriatrics Conference held from 7:30-8:30am in Wishard T2008 A&B. Dr. Shepard is Professor Emerita, Division of Reproductive Endocrinology, Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology.