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American Geriatrics Society 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting



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Terrell Receives 2008 AGS New Investigator Award

Congratulations to IUCAR Affiliated Scientist [Kevin Terrell, DO, MS](#) who received a 2008 Merck/AGS New Investigator Award on May 2 at the 2008 Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Geriatrics Society in Washington, DC.

The award is presented to individuals whose original research reflects new and relevant research in geriatrics and to recognize individuals who are committed to a career in aging research. Dr. Terrell's research was "Clinical trial using computerized decision support to reduce potentially inappropriate prescribing to older ED patients."

Dr. Terrell is an assistant professor of Emergency Medicine at the IUSM and an affiliated scientist at the Regenstrief Institute, Inc.



Torke Wins Best Ethics Poster

IUCAR Center Scientist [Alexia M. Torke, MD, MS](#), was awarded the best poster in the ethics category for "The Burden of Decision Making for Hospitalized Older Adults." Dr. Torke and colleagues conducted a retrospective EMR review that examined the frequency that decisions required informed consent for 3 major categories of decisions in medical and surgical patients over a 3-year period.



Sachs Wins Best Ethics and Quality of Life Paper

IUCAR Center Scientist [Greg A. Sachs, MD](#), made an oral presentation and was senior author of "Variable Assessments of Decisional Capacity in Cognitively Impaired Subjects" which was judged the best paper in the ethics and quality of life category.

The research examined whether the capacity of cognitively impaired persons to make specific research enrollment decisions is assessed differently by research assistants and family caregivers, whether either group's assessments vary with project risk and whether adding assessments of caregivers to those of research assistants would result in more persons being judged capable of making enrollment decisions autonomously.

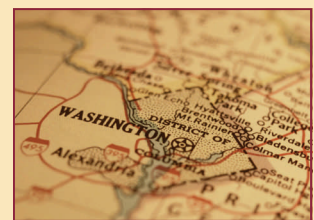
IU Geriatrics at AGS

Geriatrics health care providers, researchers and educators gathered at the 2008 AGS Annual Scientific Meeting held April 30 - May 4 in Washington, DC.

The Annual Meeting is the premier forum for the latest information on clinical geriatrics, research on aging, and innovative models of care delivery.

Attending from IU were:

Robin Beck, MD
Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH
Ella Bowman, MD, PhD
April Brown, BA
Chris Callahan, MD
Steve Counsell, MD
Larissa Dimitrov, MD
Kathy Frank, RN, DNS
Sergey Gorbachev, MD
Gene Lammers, MD, MPH
Douglas K. Miller, MD
Stephanie Munger, BS
Arif Nazir, MD
Greg A. Sachs, MD
Cathy Schubert, MD
Vijaya Sudanagunta, MD
Gayathri Suresh, MSIII
Kevin Terrell, DO, MS
Alexia Torke, MD, MS



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April Brown and Ella Bowman



Vijaya Sudanagunta, Sergey Gorbachev,
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POSTERS (presenting author)

Beck R, A Arizmendi, C Purnell, B Fultz, C Callahan. House Calls for Seniors: Building and Sustaining a Model of Care for Homebound Seniors



Doug Miller

Miller DK, Malmstrom TK, Wolinsky FW. Predictors Of Change In Grip Strength Over Three Years In The African American Health Project

Munger S, Boustani M, Parr J. The effectiveness of donepezil in preventing delirium and post-operative cognitive decline following orthopedic surgery

Munger S, Boustani M, Parr J. The feasibility and barriers to enrolling hip fracture patients in a delirium study

Terrell KM, Perkins AJ, Dexter PR, Callahan CM, Miller DK. Clinical trial using computerized decision support to reduce potentially inappropriate prescribing to older ED patients - Presidential Poster Session

Torke AM, Siegler M, Abalos A, Moloney R. Do physicians rely on patient wishes to make surrogate decisions in the hospital? - Presidential Poster Session

Torke AM, Sachs GA, Helft P, Petronio S, Callahan CM. The Burden of Decision Making for Hospitalized Older Adults - Presidential Poster Session

PRESENTATIONS



Malaz Boustani

Robin Beck, MD, presented "House Calls for Seniors in Indianapolis" at the Healthcare for Low-Income Seniors Special Interest Group.

Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH, presented "Indianapolis Discovery Network for Dementia - IDND" at the workshop, Translating Dementia Discovery to Dementia Delivery.

Greg A. Sachs, MD, presented "When is Quality Improvement Human Subjects Research?" at the symposium, Ethics and Quality Improvement Activities in Healthcare.

Kevin Terrell, DO, MS, presented "Proposed Quality Indicators for Transitional Care between Long Term Care and Emergency Departments (and Back)" at the workshop, Constructing Quality Indicators for the Care of Older Patients Visiting Emergency Departments.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES



Malaz Boustani spoke at the Junior Faculty Research Career Development Special Interest Group and workshop.

Malaz Boustani chaired the Clinical Research in Dementia Special Interest Group. The meeting featured a round-table discussion on the current controversies in dementia research and clinical care and focused on the complexity of managing aggression related to dementia at primary care, long-term care, and non-psychiatric hospital settings.

Chris Callahan, MD moderated the workshop, Translating Dementia Discovery to Dementia Delivery. The workshop provided information on the translational cycle from discovery to delivery, the process of building or participating in local practice-based research networks, and the barriers and facilitators of connecting the two worlds of geriatric research and geriatric care.



Steve Counsell

Chris Callahan moderated the Epidemiology paper session which described new original research in geriatrics focusing on epidemiology.

Steve Counsell, MD, spoke at the “AGS Washington Update” symposium in his role as AGS Public Policy Committee Chair. The symposium presented the American Geriatrics Society's federal policy agenda and efforts and offered attendees an opportunity to discuss key issues on the legislative agenda with AGS staff and its federal lobbying firm.

Steve Counsell chaired a meeting of the Healthcare for Low-Income Seniors Special Interest Group. The group of geriatrics professionals seeks to disseminate practical solutions and innovative geriatrics team care models and advocate for public policy change to better address the needs of this population.



Chris Callahan

Douglas K. Miller, MD, moderated the workshop, Constructing Quality Indicators for the Care of Older Patients Visiting Emergency Departments. The session provided attendees information and skills to create consensus about quality indicators for emergency care of older adults.

IU Geriatrics thanks **Sergey Gorbachev, MD**, for faculty, fellows and staff photos on pages 2 and 3.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The IU Geriatrics Conferences which are held on Wednesdays, 7:30-8:30am in Wishard's T2008 A&B, have concluded for the academic year. The 2008 - 2009 conferences will resume in September. Visit the [IU Geriatrics website](#) for speakers, dates and topics.



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