

# IU GERIATRICS e-news for JUNE 2007

A newsletter from [IU Geriatrics](#) and the [IU Center for Aging Research](#)

## AWARDS

IU Geriatrics congratulates Dr. Hugh Hendrie, Dr. Michael Sha and Dr. Youcef Sennour who are recent recipients of prestigious awards.

Professor of Psychiatry [Hugh Hendrie, MB, ChB, DSc](#), has been honored with the Jack Weinberg Memorial Award for Geriatric Psychiatry from the American Psychiatric Association. He received the award at the 2007 APA National Meeting on May 21 in San Diego.

The annual award honors a psychiatrist who has demonstrated special leadership or who has done outstanding work in clinical practice, training, or research initiatives in geriatric psychiatry anywhere in the world.

Dr. Hendrie served as chair of the school's Department of Psychiatry from 1975 to 2000. While chair he developed and directed a section of geriatric psychiatry, one of the first in the United States.

He is an internationally respected researcher in psychogeriatrics and the epidemiology of dementia. His work focuses on risk factors for Alzheimer's disease and other aging-related brain diseases, especially in African-Americans and Africans. In 2001, Dr. Hendrie joined the Regenstrief Institute and the IU Center for Aging Research where he collaborates with research colleagues studying the aging brain.



[Michael Sha, MD](#), is the recipient of a [2007 Trustee Teaching Award](#) from Indiana University. Dr. Sha is one of 37 IU School of Medicine recipients who were selected by a review committee which used the criterion of excellence in teaching, including the review of student and/or course evaluations.

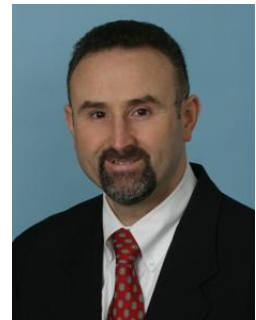
Recipients of this prestigious "best teacher" award receive a stipend, have their names displayed on a plaque, and are recognized at award ceremonies at IUSM, IUPUI, and the medical school commencement in May.

Dr. Sha is assistant professor of clinical medicine and a geriatrician at the Roudebush VA Medical Center where he precepts medical students, internal medicine residents, and geriatric medicine fellows. He is also a member of the IU Geriatrics Fellowship Executive Committee.



[Youcef Sennour, MD](#), is the recipient of a Department of Medicine Teaching Award for the 2005-2006 academic year. The award is presented in the form of an educational bonus and is based on criteria that include the quantity and the quality of teaching as judged by fellows, residents and medical students who participate in the department's feedback system that evaluates clinical teaching activities. Dr. Sennour's learners placed a high value on his teaching, thus earning him a spot in the top 20% of teachers.

Dr. Sennour is a geriatrician, an assistant professor of clinical medicine, medical director of the Acute Care for Elders (ACE) Consult Service at Methodist Hospital, and associate director of the IU Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program.



## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES at SGIM Annual Meeting

The Society of General Internal Medicine held its 30th Annual Meeting April 25-28, 2007, in Toronto Canada. The meeting's theme was "The Puzzle of Quality: Clinical Educational and Research Solutions." The IU Geriatrics display about our program welcomed meeting visitors in the exhibition hall.

Faculty attendees with ties to IU Geriatrics were **Chris Callahan, MD, Steve Counsell, MD, and Michael Weiner, MD, MPH.** **Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH,** was a member of the annual meeting's scientific abstract review committee for Aging/Geriatrics/End-of-Life Issues.

**Chris Callahan, MD**, judged geriatrics posters in the 4th Annual Visiting Professor Program in Geriatrics and Gerontology poster session. The program raises the visibility of aging-related research and education among SGIM members, particularly junior faculty, fellows, and other trainees through a series of sponsored educational and mentorship activities during the annual meeting.

**Steve Counsell, MD**, presented "Effectiveness of the GRACE Model of Primary Care for Low-Income Seniors: a Randomized Controlled Trial," during a plenary session. Co-authors were **Chris Callahan**, Amna Buttar, **Dan Clark**, **Wanzhu Tu**, Tim Stump and **Gretchen Ricketts**.

**Teresa Damush, PhD**, was a co-author of the scientific abstract "Depression and Anxiety have Independent and Additive Adverse Effects on Pain and Disability in Primary Care Patients with Chronic Musculoskeletal Conditions." Additional authors were Matt Bair, Jingwei Wu, Jason Sutherland, and Kurt Kroenke.

Dr. Damush was also a co-author on "Gender Differences in Pain-Specific Disability, Beliefs and Behavior among Primary Care Patients with Chronic Pain." Co-authors were DaWana Stubbs, Erin Krebs, Matt Bair, Jingwei Wu, Jason Sutherland, and Kurt Kroenke.

## GRANT

Principal Investigator Arlene Schmid, PhD, OTR, has received funding from the [IU Roybal Center](#) for a pilot study, "The Exploration of the Development of Fear of Falling After Stroke."

Falls are considered the most common medical complication after stroke, with 22-39% of the acute stroke population falling before discharge from the hospital. Inpatient falls are a predictor of falls once discharged and are related to decreased participation in activities, increased depression, and increased pressure on caregivers.

The specific aims of the pilot are to survey post-stroke individuals to (1) determine the prevalence of fear of falling (FoF) after stroke; (2) assess the longitudinal course of FoF and its impact on mental and physical health; and (3) appraise how stroke survivors manage FoF and falls and how caregivers are affected by possible falls.

Dr. Schmid is a postdoctoral Health Services Fellow in the IU Center for Implementing Evidence-Based Practice at the Roudebush VAMC and is acting assistant professor in the IU Occupational Therapy Department at IUPUI. The IU Roybal Center is located in the Center for Aging Research and is funded by the National Institute on Aging.



Dr. Schmid and project mentor Dr. Hugh Hendrie

## PUBLICATIONS

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## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Kevin Terrell, DO, MS**, moderated and presented at a 2-hour consensus conference on May 19 at the 2007 [Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Meeting](#) in Chicago. The conference was entitled "Quality Geriatric Emergency Care: Preparing for the Future." Following a didactic on information and skills necessary to generate consensus about quality indicators, Dr. Terrell identified quality indicators for geriatric emergency care. The objective was to draw on the expertise of the conference's diverse group of emergency physicians, geriatricians, and emergency department nurses to modify previously developed quality indicators for transfers in both directions between nursing homes and emergency departments.

**Douglas K. Miller, MD**, also attended the annual meeting.

**Steve Counsell, MD**, gave an invited presentation at the [15th Annual Medicaid Managed Care Congress](#) held in Baltimore, MD, June 14-15, 2007. He spoke on the "Effectiveness of the [Geriatric Resources for Assessment and Care of Elders \(GRACE\) Model of Primary Care](#) for Dual Eligible Seniors" as a part of the half-day symposium on Dual Eligible and Special Needs Plans: Integration & Coordination of Medicaid & Medicare.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Kenneth Covinsky, MD, MPH, will present "What can functional status tell us about the older patient?" at Medicine Grand Rounds on August 15, 2007, 8:30-9:30am in Wishard's Myers Auditorium. Dr. Covinsky is Professor of Medicine and the Edmund G. Brown, Sr. Endowed Chair in Geriatrics in the Division of Geriatrics at the University of California, San Francisco. He is also a staff physician at the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center.