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PREVENT Honored by Johns Hopkins Medicine for Excellence in Dementia Care

On behalf of the PREVENT Study Team, **Chris Callahan, MD**, accepted the Johns Hopkins Medicine 6th Annual Award for Excellence in Dementia Care on March 24, 2007, at the school's 13th Annual Update on the Treatment of Alzheimer's and Related Disorders: Defining the Standard of Care, held in Baltimore.

The award honored the [JAMA publication](#), "Effectiveness of Collaborative Care for Older Adults with Alzheimer Disease in Primary Care: A Randomized Controlled Trial," which described the outcomes of the [PREVENT clinical trial](#) which was conducted in local primary care settings.

Dr. Callahan presented the award lecture, "Delivering Effective Dementia Care in the Primary Care Setting," which reviewed the challenges and opportunities to improve the quality of care provided to older adults with Alzheimer's disease in the primary care setting. He also described recent results of system-level interventions, including the PREVENT trial.

PREVENT stands for Providing Resources Early for Vulnerable Elders Needing Treatment (for Memory Loss).



Congratulations to **Michael Sha, MD, FACP**, who is the new Governor-Elect Designee of the of [Indiana chapter](#) of the American College of Physicians. Dr. Sha will start his 4-year term in the Spring of 2008. He has served as a member of the chapter's Governing Council for almost 10 years, working on major issues confronting the profession and the Chapter, and has taken a leadership role in the development of Indiana ACP Services and in solidifying the financial footing of the Chapter.



Medicare Managed Care Expert Visits IU Geriatrics

IU Geriatrics hosted a visit by [Kyle Allen, DO](#), Chief of Geriatric Medicine and Medical Director for Geriatrics and Post-Acute Services at Summa Health System, Akron, Ohio on Friday, March 23, 2007.

Drawing on 12 years of experience with Medicare Managed Care at Summa Health System, Dr. Allen provided consultation on the topic to Clarian, Wishard and IU Geriatrics administrators and providers. He also made a lunch presentation titled, "Geriatrics Models of Care in Medicare Managed Care."

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Youcef Sennour, MD, has been named Associate Director of the IU Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program.

As Chair of the Public Policy Advisory Group for the American Geriatrics Society (AGS), **Steve Counsell, MD**, met with AGS leaders and staff in New York City March 12-13, 2007, for the Society's first annual public policy planning meeting to set the [AGS public policy agenda](#) for 2007-2008.

AGS leaders spent much of the first day of the meeting examining policy issues that are currently the focus of the Society's policy work and identifying new ones. The second day of the meeting, the group brainstormed possible strategies to address policy areas. AGS staff will communicate the work plans and outcomes of the summit to all AGS members.



Dr. Linda Williams Named New Research Coordinator for VA Stroke QUERI

Linda Williams, MD, has been named the VA Stroke QUERI Research Coordinator. The mission of the [VA Stroke QUERI](#) is to reduce stroke risk and maximize the functional status and quality of life of veterans with stroke by systematically implementing clinical research findings and evidence-based guidelines into routine clinical practice.

Formerly the Stroke QUERI Clinical Coordinator, Dr. Williams' additional roles on the QUERI includes involvement in the QUERI Operations Committee, the Implementation Core, and leader of the post-stroke depression workgroup. Dr. Williams' role as Chief of Neurology at the Roudebush VAMC helps to link the Stroke QUERI to front-line clinicians and managers.

Alejandro Arizmendi, MD, **Muna Jneidi, MD**, and **Andrea Elliott** attended the 30th Annual Symposium of the [American Medical Directors Association](#) (AMDA) held March 29-April 1, 2007, in Hollywood, Florida. IU Geriatrics was one of 75 exhibitors at the event. AMDA is the professional association of medical directors and physicians practicing in the long term care continuum.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The symposium, Rheumatic Diseases in the Elderly will be held on Friday, April 27, 2007, from 7:30am – 4:15pm in the Riley Outpatient Center's Ruth Lilly Learning Center. On the symposium faculty is IU Geriatrics' **Youcef Sennour, MD**, who will present "Rheumatic Diseases in the Elderly: Impact on Function and Quality of Life." Registration is available online at <http://cme.medicine.iu.edu>.

IU Geriatrics Conferences will not be held on April 25 and May 2 due to the SGIM and AGS national meetings.