

IU GERIATRICS e-news for DECEMBER 2006

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

Indiana University Pioneers Gero-informatics Fellowship

An innovative training program, the Indiana University Gero-informatics Fellowship, is currently interviewing applicants for its inaugural class of fellows. The program will provide training in gero-informatics, the application and study of medical informatics in geriatric medicine.

The fellowship is directed by Associate Professor of Medicine [Michael Weiner, MD, MPH](#), who leads the Gero-informatics Program at Indiana University and at the IU Center for Aging Research. The training program will also draw on the expertise and resources at the Regenstrief Institute, Inc.



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IU Geriatrics to Host Visiting Professor Dr. Marcantonio

Edward R. Marcantonio, MD, SM, Professor of Medicine at the Harvard Medical School will visit IU Geriatrics on February 27-28, 2007. Dr. Marcantonio is Director of the Cognition and Health Program at the Hebrew Rehabilitation Center for Aged, and Director of Research in the Division of General Medicine and Primary Care at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston.

The broad goal of Dr. Marcantonio's research is to use the techniques of clinical epidemiology and outcomes research to improve the quality of health care for older persons. His major topical focus has been the interaction between physical health and cognitive function. Dr. Marcantonio has performed important observational and intervention studies of delirium in elective non-cardiac surgery, hip fracture, post-acute care, and cardiac surgery.

SAVE the DATE

Edward Marcantonio, MD, MSc
will present
Medicine Grand Rounds

**"Confusion about Confusion:
Delirium in Older Patients"**

February 28, 2007, 8:30am
Wishard's Myers Auditorium

PUBLICATIONS

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PRESENTATIONS

Chris Callahan, MD, was a visiting professor and presented "A Primary Care Physician's Guide to Caring for Older Adults with Mood Disorders" at the Department of Family and Geriatric Medicine Grand Rounds, University of Louisville, in Louisville, Kentucky on November 10, 2006.

Michael Weiner, MD, MPH, was invited to present in the Applications of Informatics scientific session panel that reported on "[Electronic health records: high quality electronic data for higher quality clinical research](#)" at the Annual Meeting of the American Medical Informatics Association held November 11-15,

2006 in Washington, DC. The [AMIA](#) annual meetings feature programs of scientific papers, posters, tutorials and other educational events that provide information about cutting-edge work in health care informatics.

Michael Weiner, MD, MPH (L), and Wanzhu Tu, PhD (R), were co-authors of “[Effects of a multilevel pharmacy-based intervention on medication adherence and health outcomes in low-income patients with heart failure: results of a randomized, controlled trial\(pdf\)](#)” which was presented by Dr. Mick Murray at the American College of Physicians Foundation 5th Annual National Health Communication Conference held November 29, 2006 in Washington, DC. The [ACP Foundation](#) is focused on finding practical and evidence-based solutions to the problems of low health literacy.



PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

[GRACE](#) team members **Steve Counsell, MD, Carrie Bone, GNP, and Dawn Butler, MSW** made a site visit December 5-6, 2006 to Hartford, Connecticut to meet with the clinical and administrative leadership of Evercare's Medicare Advantage Special Needs Plan.

The team learned about Evercare's Program for Dually Eligible Members in Connecticut, including their three-tiered care management model as employed by nurse care managers to improve quality of care and reduce unnecessary resource use. As GRACE research study results become available, the GRACE team is considering methods of translating its care management intervention for use potentially by a local Medicare Advantage health plan.

Greg Arling, PhD, and Steve Counsell, MD, as a part of their activities with the Indiana Medicaid Medical Advisory Cabinet, traveled to Lansing, Michigan with a team from Indiana Medicaid and the Division on Aging. They met with state associates December 7, 2006 to learn about the process used by Michigan for transitions of nursing facility residents to home and community-based services. Of special interest was Michigan's use of the Minimum Data Set-Home Care instrument to assess individuals for nursing facility transition and track client characteristics and outcomes statewide for use in future policy decision-making.

IU Geriatrics geriatricians shared their expertise in recent Ask the Doctor? columns by Shari Rudavsky in the *Indianapolis Star*. **Gene Lammers, MD, MPH**, addressed “[Shingles is a pain; vaccine may prevent it](#)” in the December 26, 2006 edition, and **Youcef Sennour, MD**, discussed falls in “[Seniors face more risk of injury from falls in winter](#)” in the January 2, 2007 edition. The column follows a Q&A format and is a weekly feature in Tuesday's Healthy Living section.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Larry Cripe, MD, will present "Clonal Myeloid Disorders in Older Individuals" at the IU Geriatrics Conference on January 17, 2007, from 7:30-8:30 am in Wishard T2008 A&B. Dr. Cripe is associate professor of medicine in the Hematology/Oncology Division of the Department of Medicine, IUSM. Read Dr. Cripe's contribution entitled, “[Hope Is the Thing With Feathers](#)” in *JAMA*'s A Piece of My Mind feature in the October 18, 2006, issue.

Guest Speaker Diane Healey, MD, will present "Osteoporosis in the Elderly: Practical Considerations," at the IU Geriatrics Conference on February 7, 2007, from 7:30-8:30 am in Wishard T2008 A&B. Dr. Healey is Co-Medical Director of the [St. Vincent Hospital Institute on Aging](#).