

IU GERIATRICS e-news for OCTOBER 2006

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

Dr. Lammers Honored with Hulman Health Award

Congratulations to J. Eugene "Gene" Lammers, MD, MPH, who received a Tony and Mary Hulman Health Achievement Award in Geriatrics and Gerontology at the Indiana Public Health Foundation's annual awards banquet held on October 19, 2006, at the Westin Hotel.

The award, presented to Dr. Lammers by Clarian Senior Vice President Norm Tabler, is Indiana's "Premier" health award in recognition of Indiana's citizens and organizations whose efforts have resulted in a significant improvement to the human race. By partnering with the IU Geriatrics Program, Dr. Lammers helped to bring about a joint program involving Methodist and IU geriatricians working together to expand geriatric care at Clarian and also advance geriatrics training and aging research activities. Colleagues from IU Geriatrics, Clarian Health Partners, and the IU Center for Aging Research were on hand to pay tribute to Dr. Lammers.

In September Dr. Lammers was promoted to the newly created position of Medical Director for Senior Patient Safety and Quality at Clarian Health Partners. He will provide geriatric medicine expertise and manage quality improvement initiatives within the Clarian hospitals and its partner institutions. Congratulations from your colleagues at IU Geriatrics!



Enjoying the Hulman pre-dinner festivities are Dr. Gene Lammers and his wife Cecilia.

Welcome New Faculty, Dr. Ella Bowman

On October 1, [Ella H. Bowman, MD, PhD](#) joined the IU Geriatrics faculty. Dr. Bowman's new role is medical director of the Acute Care for Elders (ACE) Unit & Consult Service, at Wishard Memorial Hospital, and is an assistant professor of clinical medicine. Dr. Bowman is particularly interested in the care of frail hospitalized patients with multiple co-morbidities and the hazards of hospitalization. She holds special interest in palliative care, end of life issues, and in diagnosing and treating delirium and behavioral disturbances associated with dementia.

Dr. Bowman is certified in both Geriatric Medicine and Hospice and Palliative Care, and looks forward to being able to combine both of these in her service at Wishard Hospital.



Welcome Geriatrics Fellow, Dr. Yusef Hazimeh

Yusef Hazimeh, MD, joined the IU Geriatrics Fellowship Program in October of 2006. He is a graduate of the American University of Beirut, Lebanon and received additional training at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine. Most recently, he completed an internal medicine residency at SUNY, Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York.



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PRESENTATIONS

Youcef Sennour, MD, presented "Geriatrics Special Interest Group" at the American College of Physicians (ACP) Indiana Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting held November 17-18, 2006, in Indianapolis. The presentation focused on geriatrics practice and education and elaborated on the [Geriatrics Education Network of Indiana \(GENI\)](#) project.



PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Teresa Damush, PhD, attended the 112th Annual Meeting of [AMSUS](#) which is the Society of the Federal Health Agencies. The meeting was held November 5-10, 2006 in San Antonio, Texas, and featured the theme, "Health 2015: Actionable Strategies for Caring for our Warriors, Veterans and Country." With a focus of protecting the nation, the topics for sessions included public health issues and initiatives among the federal health agencies and chemical, biological and radiation surveillance.

Originally a membership organization for surgeons and physicians, AMSUS is now comprised of professionals serving in the full spectrum of healthcare disciplines in the US Army, Navy, Air Force, Public Health Service, Department of Veterans Affairs, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, Air Force Reserve, Army National Guard, Air National Guard, and the Coast Guard.

Michael Weiner, MD, MPH, has been appointed to the Steering Committee of the [National Science Foundation Workshop: Frontiers in Health Information Delivery](#). This is a national workshop focusing on key challenges involved in delivering high-quality digital health information directly to citizens and healthcare providers. The Principal Investigator of this work is [Javed Mostafa, PhD](#), Victor H. Yngve Associate Professor of Information Science, Associate Professor of Informatics, and Director of Laboratory of Applied Informatics Research at Indiana University.

Michael Sha, MD, FACP, served as the Program Chair for the American College of Physicians (ACP) Indiana Chapter Annual Scientific Meeting held November 17-18, 2006, in Indianapolis. He currently is the Secretary-Treasurer for the Chapter and is a candidate for Chapter Governor with results announced in late January of 2007.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Askiel Bruno, MD, will present "Preventing Stroke Recurrence" at the IU Geriatrics Conference held December 6, 2006, from 7:30-8:30 am in Wishard T2008 A&B. Dr. Bruno Professor of Neurology and Director of the Director of Stroke Program at the IU School of Medicine.