

IU GERIATRICS e-news for JANUARY 2005

IU Geriatrics and the [IU Center for Aging Research](#) continue to celebrate news of the program's designation as a "John A. Hartford Foundation Center of Excellence in Geriatric Medicine." The grant will build on our past collaborations and outstanding track record of stewardship with Hartford Foundation support. Read about the new Center's goals in the GRANTS section.

IU Geriatrics welcomes **Alex Arizmendi, MD**, to the IU School of Medicine faculty. Alex has been appointed assistant professor of clinical medicine and has joined IU Medical Group-Primary Care. His new duties include geriatrics consultation in the IU Center for Senior Health, the House Calls for Seniors program, and on Wishard's Acute Care for Elders (ACE) Unit. Alex will also provide primary care to residents of local nursing facilities. He completed an internal medicine residency at Cincinnati's Good Samaritan Hospital where he was chief resident and a geriatric medicine fellowship at IU and the Regenstrief Institute. Welcome, Alex!

GRANTS

In December, **Steve Counsell, MD**, announced that IU Geriatrics had been named a Center of Excellence in Geriatric Medicine by the John A. Hartford Foundation, the only national organization to award this designation. The grant provides approximately \$450,000 over three years and will help our program meet three goals identified in the application: to support the infrastructure to expand the size and scope of the IU Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program, to increase the number of fellows who seek to pursue careers in academic geriatrics, and to provide support for third year fellows and junior faculty pursuing careers as physician-scientists in aging research.

The Center will add three new geriatrics fellowship slots through matching funds from the IU School of Medicine, Cornelius and Yvonne Pettinga Chair in Aging Research, Mary Elizabeth Mitchell Chair in Geriatrics, Palliative Care Fellowship endowment, and Clarian Health.

PUBLICATIONS

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PRESENTATIONS

Christopher Callahan, MD, presented Grand Rounds, entitled "Late Life Depression," to the Center on Aging at the University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington on January 20, 2005. He also met with the program's geriatrics fellows and faculty members and discussed research in their areas of expertise.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Michael Weiner, MD, MPH, attended an [ATLAS.ti](#) Workshop January 14-15, 2005, in Santa Barbara, California. ATLAS.ti is a software tool for qualitative analysis of large bodies of textual, graphical, audio and video data. Mike will use the software in his current research to code and analyze data from focus groups of physicians who discussed the successes and challenges of inpatient geriatrics consultation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visiting Professor Jonathan F. Bean, MD, MS, will present "Mobility: Its Role in Health and Independence of Seniors," Monday, January 31, 2005, 1:00- 2:00 pm in Long Hospital Room 306. Dr. Bean is assistant professor of physical medicine & rehabilitation at the Harvard Medical School, and Medical Director of the Spaulding Cambridge Outpatient Center, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Visiting Professor Jonathan F. Bean, MD, MS, will present "Geriatrics, Rehabilitation and Sports Medicine: Developing Evidence-based Mobility Care," at Aging Research Work in Progress Tuesday, February 1, 8:30 – 9:30 am, in the Regenstrief Institute 6th Floor Boardroom. Dr. Bean's visit is sponsored by the Indiana University Center for Aging Research.

Angela Carbone, MD, will present "Exercise and Strategies to get People to Exercise" at the February 2nd IU Geriatrics Conference held in Wishard T2008 A&B from 7:30-8:30am. Dr. Carbone is clinical associate professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.

The February 9th IU Geriatrics Conference features **Padma Chimata, MD**. Her presentation, "Geriatric Rheumatology," will be held in Wishard T2008 A&B from 7:30-8:30am. Dr. Chimata is a geriatrics medicine fellow who is training in rheumatology and geriatrics.

James Edmondson, MD, will present "Hypercalcemia: New Options, New Questions" at the February 16th IU Geriatrics Conference held in Wishard T2008 A&B from 7:30-8:30am. Dr. Edmondson is professor of medicine in the Division of Endocrinology.

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