

IU GERIATRICS e-news for APRIL 2005

The IU Geriatrics Program and the [IU Center for Aging Research](#) call your attention to a recent publication from the IMPACT Study. **Chris Callahan, MD**, and the IMPACT Investigators are the first to report that successful treatment of depression in older adults also improves their ability to perform tasks critical to independent living. In addition to the publication of study results in the *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* (see e-news PUBLICATIONS) media interviews with Chris found their way to [WebMD Medical News](#), the AGS public education resource site [Aging in the Know](#), and [USA Today](#).

GENI Principal Investigator **Glenda Westmoreland** traded in her MD/MPH for game show hostess credentials as she led PGY 1 residents in a game of "Geripardy" in two CARE Retreat sessions in February and March. In addition to testing their knowledge of geriatric medicine in the game show format, the residents interacted with a panel of older adults and heard a case presentation and mini lectures. IU presenters were **Drs. Alejandro Arizmendi, Robin Beck, Youcef Sennour, Malaz Boustani**, Rich Frankel, and PGY 1 Resident Andrew Overhiser.

The CARE Retreat increases knowledge about caring for older adults by primary care residents and faculty statewide and is an activity of the "Geriatrics Education Network of Indiana (GENI): A Statewide Dissemination of Geriatrics Education."

GRANTS

Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH, received an educational grant from Forest Pharmaceuticals to support the Second Annual Alzheimer's Summit in Assisted Living held April 7, 2005, at the Marten House in Indianapolis. The event theme was "Breaking the Dementia Code: Caring for Residents in Assisted Living."

As a keynote speaker, Malaz presented "Macro-Management: The Big Picture" which focused on designing assisted living community systems to care for residents with Alzheimer's and related dementias.

Mary Guerriero Austrom, PhD, presented "Why Detect Alzheimer's?" in a welcoming keynote Summit address.

AWARD

Congratulations to **Bruce Grau, RN, GNP**, who has been selected House Call Provider of the Year by the American Academy of Home Care Physicians. The committee, consisting of previous winners, was unanimous in its vote. The award honors pioneering clinicians who are bringing house calls back into the medical care mainstream and will be presented at the AAHCP Annual Scientific meeting May 12, held in conjunction with the 2005 American Geriatrics Society national meeting in Orlando, Florida. We're proud of you, Bruce!

PUBLICATIONS

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PRESENTATIONS

Michael Weiner, MD, MPH, presented "Specialty Consultations for Underserved Populations" at the Indiana University [Faculty Development Program in Underserved Medicine Leadership](#), in Indianapolis on March 17, 2005. The program, created in the IUSM's department of family medicine, aims to produce physician leaders who can serve the needs of underserved populations, train future physicians for leadership and service, advocate for the needs of the uninsured and underinsured, and develop innovative systems to meet growing health care needs.

Teresa Damush, PhD, kicked off National Public Health Week with her presentation, "Promoting Exercise among Older, Clinical Populations: Alzheimer's Disease, Breast Cancer and Osteoporosis" April 4, 2005, at the IU School of Medicine's Department of Public Health seminar series. The national series theme, "Empowering Americans to Live Stronger, Longer!" featured topics that promote disease prevention, early diagnosis, and disease management to reduce disability.

IU Geriatrics personnel **Chris Callahan, MD, Teresa Damush, PhD, Kathy Frank, RN, DNS, Siu Hui, PhD, and Wanzhu Tu, PhD**, presented research posters to the Regenstrief Institute, Inc. Board of Directors at the annual board meeting and poster session on April 7, 2005 in the atrium of the Medical Science Building. Additional poster authors included **Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH, Dan Clark, PhD, Steve Counsell, MD, Hugh Hendrie, MB, ChB, DSc, Doug Miller, MD, and Glenda Westmoreland, MD, MPH**.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Kevin Terrell, DO, and **Doug Miller, MD**, have been invited to serve on the [Society for Academic Emergency Medicine](#)'s (SAEM) new Geriatric Emergency Medicine Task Force. SAEM's mission is to promote the development of research and education in emergency medicine. Among the five objectives of the task forces are the development of a consensus conference on geriatrics, developing new resources for educational curriculum and training materials regarding the emergency care of the elder person, and developing undergraduate and graduate curricular materials to accompany using new technologies.

Steve Counsell, MD has been appointed to serve a three year term as Chair of the Public Policy Advisory Group (PPAG) of the American Geriatrics Society. Dr. Counsell has served on the PPAG for the past 7 years including the last 3 years as Vice Chair. In this new role, he will be rotating off the AGS Education Committee after 10 years of service.

Among the IU Geriatrics and the IU Center for Aging Research personnel attending the Second Annual Alzheimer's Summit in Assisted Living on April 7, 2005, were **Padma Chimata, MD; Leo Solito, MD; Dawn Butler, MSW, LSW; Meredith Devlin, LSW, MSW; Bridget Fultz, MA; Vicki Jerome, LPN; Linda Kirchhoff, MSW, LSW; Steve Lind, NS, LCSW; Debra MacKenzie; Trish Moore, MSN, CNS; and Stephanie Munger, BS**.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Polly Baker, PhD, will present a SCORE Lecture, "Smart-Space Technologies for Information Exploration: Research Activity in the Visualization and Interactive Spaces Lab," on April 26, 2005, 8:30-9:30am in the Regenstrief Institute 6th floor boardroom. Dr. Baker is the director of the [Visualization and Interactive Spaces Lab](#) at IUPUI. Her research investigates the design and application of sophisticated, highly interactive visual environments for data exploration and learning.

Joanne Wojcieszek, MD, will present "Parkinson's Disease" at the May 18 IU Geriatrics Conference held from 7:30-8:30am in Wishard T2008 A&B. Dr. Wojcieszek is associate professor of clinical neurology, IUSM.

The June 1 IU Geriatrics Conference features William C. Hine, Jr, DDS. His presentation, "Oral Health in Older Adults" will be held in Wishard T2008 A&B from 7:30-8:30am. Dr. Hine is director of the General Practice Residency and the Division of Hospital Dentistry in the Department of Oral Surgery and Hospital Dentistry, IU School of Dentistry.