

IU GERIATRICS e-news for September 2007

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

Remembering Dr. David C. Wilcox

Family, friends and colleagues of Dr. David C. Wilcox joined employees of IU Medical Group on August 23, 2007, at the new Epler Parke primary care practice to honor Dr. Wilcox with a memorial dedication.

Dr. Wilcox was an assistant professor of medicine at the IU School of Medicine for 18 years. At the time of his death on July 29, 2006, he was medical director of Lockefield Village Health & Rehabilitation Center and was a geriatrician at IU Geriatrics and at the IUMG-PC Banta Road office.

When the Banta Road office relocated to Epler Parke, IUMG-PC honored Dr. Wilcox's service as a humble and compassionate physician with a plaque for the new office. His IUMG colleagues fondly remember him when they refer to their new workplace as the Wilcox center.



Pictured at the dedication ceremony from left are IU Geriatrics Director Dr. Steve Counsell, Epler Parke Anchor Physician Dr. Wynter Vik, Dr. Wilcox's wife Vicki Wilcox, and IU Medical Group's CEO Dr. John Fitzgerald.

IU Geriatrics Hosts Community Advisory Board



The IU Geriatrics Cabinet hosted a luncheon meeting with the [IU Geriatrics Community Advisory Board](#) on September 7, 2007, at University Place Conference Center. The board serves in an advisory capacity to IU Geriatrics, the IU Center for Aging Research, and the [IU Roybal Center](#). **Steve Counsell, MD**, pictured second from left, moderated the meeting.

Members of the board in attendance, left to right above were: Russell Blowers, Senior Minister Emeritus, East 91st Street Christian Church; Duane Etienne, President and CEO, CICOA Aging & In-Home Solutions; John Pipas, President and Chief Executive Officer, VNS Healthcare System; and Jeffrey Darnell, MD, Professor of Medicine (retired), IU Geriatrics and IU School of Medicine. Additional CAB members are Virginia Caine, MD, Director, Marion County Health Department; and Angela Barron McBride, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean Emerita & Distinguished Professor, IU School of Nursing.

Also attending the meeting were **Robin Beck, MD, Douglas K. Miller, MD, Glenda Westmoreland, MD, MPH, Kathy Frank, RN, DNS.**

GRANT

Ella Bowman, MD, PhD, and Cathy Schubert, MD, have been awarded [Geriatrics Academic Career Awards](#) (GACA) from the Health Resources and Services Administration of the US Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of the award is to increase the number of junior faculty at accredited schools of allopathic and osteopathic medicine and to promote the development of their careers as academic geriatricians who emphasize training in clinical geriatrics, including the training of interdisciplinary teams of health professionals.

The GACA is an individual career development award and provides support of approximately \$200,000 over the three-year project period.

Dr. Bowman's GACA project title is "Creation of a Hospital-To-Home Clinical and Teaching Model." Her primary mentor is **Greg Sachs, MD**, with **Glenda Westmoreland, MD, MPH**, as co-mentor and Bruce Leff, MD, associate professor of medicine, Johns Hopkins University, as consultant.

Dr. Schubert's project title is "Implementation of Comprehensive Geriatric Assessments for Older Adults with Cancer." Her primary mentor is **Glenda Westmoreland, MD, MPH**, with Michael Robertson, MD, associate professor of medicine in the Division of Hematology/Oncology, IUSM, and **Steve Counsell, MD**, as co-mentors.

Congratulations to our IU Geriatrics clinician-educators!



Dr. Bowman



Dr. Schubert

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PRESENTATIONS

Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH, Mary Guerriero Austrom, PhD, and Stephanie Munger, BS, attended the Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Conference held August 26-29, 2007, in Chicago, Illinois. Now in its 15th year, the annual conference provides care professionals with the opportunity to connect with peers, learn from aging experts, and participate in educational programs tailored to address the needs and demands of the profession.

Dr. Boustani was on the panel for the symposium, "Prevention and Treatment of Behavioral and Cognitive Symptoms of Dementia."

Drs. Austrom and Boustani were panel members on the symposium, "Diagnosis, Treatment and Management of Dementia in Diverse Primary Care Settings." They described the PREVENT study, conducted in Indianapolis primary care practices.

Dr. Boustani and **Ms. Munger** presented the "[Indianapolis Discovery Network for Dementia](#)" in an educational session on Community Collaborations: Building Networks to Better Serve At-risk Populations.

Youcef Sennour, MD, presented "Elder Mistreatment and Abuse" on September 28, 2007, at the Indiana State Medical Association's workshop, Family and Domestic Violence: Train-the-Trainer Seminar for Residency Programs, held in Indianapolis.

Alexia Torke, MD, presented an oral abstract entitled "Do physicians rely on patient wishes to make surrogate decisions in the hospital?" on September 29, 2007, at the Midwest Society of General Internal Medicine meeting in Chicago. The theme of the meeting was "Building Campus-Community Partnerships for Health."

Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH, presented "Selecting a Change and Evaluating Its Impact in a Complex Adaptive Health Care System" at the Tenth Biennial Regenstrief Conference held October 2-4, 2007 at Turkey Run State Park. The conference theme was Emerging Perspectives on Transformational Change in Healthcare Systems and was sponsored by Regenstrief Institute and the VA HSR&D Center of Excellence on Implementing Evidence-based Practice.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Michael Weiner, MD, MPH, attended Medinfo 2007 – 12th International Medical (Health) Informatics Congress held August 20-24, 2007 in Brisbane, Australia. Medinfo is the premier tri-annual international meeting for the medical informatics community.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IU Geriatrics Conferences

William R. Radez, J.D., MBA, Attorney at Law, will present "Physician's Role in Preparing a Physician Statement for Patient Legal Matters" at the IU Geriatrics Conference on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, from 7:30-8:30am in Wishard's T2008 A&B. Attorney Radez is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association and is a frequent speaker in the area of elder law.

Richard Kohler, MD, will present "Pneumonia in the Elderly" at the IU Geriatrics Conference on Wednesday, October 31, 2007, from 7:30-8:30am in Wishard's T2008 A&B. Dr. Kohler is professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Disease and is the vice chair for education in the Department of Medicine.

IDND Educational Summit

The first [Indianapolis Discovery Network for Dementia](#) Educational Summit, titled "RAPID - PC: Recognizing and Assessing the Progression of Cognitive Impairment and Dementia in Primary Care" will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2007, at the Fountains Banquet and Conference Center in Carmel. Registration is free, and free CME's are available. View the summit [flyer](#) for details. To register, call (317) 423-5606, or send an email to register@indydiscoverynetwork.com