

IU GERIATRICS e-news for AUGUST 2007

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

Dr. Counsell Named Hartford Senior Geriatrics Leadership Scholar



[Steve Counsell, MD](#), has been named one of five inaugural Senior Scholars in the [Hartford Senior Geriatrics Leadership Scholars Program](#), a development program for accomplished leaders in academic geriatrics.

The new scholars are program directors who have led a geriatrics program for 6 or more years. Dr. Counsell was selected on the basis of the quality of his individual career development plan, commitment to the future of geriatrics, including mentoring future leaders in the field, and potential for national leadership beyond geriatrics.

During the grant period from July of 2007 through April of 2009, the scholars will complete a program that includes participation in a group learning process, the Hartford National Leaders Colloquium; a 360-degree evaluation with individual feedback; executive coaching for goals assessment, personal strategic planning, implementation, midcourse correction, and maintenance; networks for learning with senior national advisors and peers; and attendance at Annual Geriatrics Leadership Retreats.

The specific goals of this program are to inform accomplished leaders in academic geriatrics about further opportunities for career advancement, to guide them in their advancement in prominent positions on the national stage, and to maintain them as role models and resources for future leaders of academic geriatrics. Congratulations, Dr. Counsell!

IU Geriatrics Hosts Dr. Kenneth Covinsky

On August 14th and 15th, IU Geriatrics faculty, fellows, and staff joined Visiting Professor [Kenneth Covinsky, MD, MPH](#), in sessions that explored mutual interests in clinical services such as Acute Care for Elders (ACE) units, research topics such as prognostic measures, and activities in education and training that enhance the geriatric fellowship and junior faculty development.

Dr. Covinsky, pictured right, is the Edmund G. Brown Sr. Endowed Chair in Geriatrics and Professor of Medicine in the Division of Geriatrics at the University of California, San Francisco. He is also a staff physician at the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Dr. Covinsky also made two presentations during his visit. He presented "What can functional status tell us about the older patient?" at Medicine Grand Rounds and "Prognostic measures in older patients" at the Regenstrief Institute Work in Progress on August 15, 2007.



[Greg A. Sachs, MD](#), pictured left, attended Medicine Grand Rounds on August 15, his first day as Division Chief of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics.

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Beeson Scholar **Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH**, Class of 2005, and **Chris Callahan, MD**, attended the Annual Meeting of the [Paul B. Beeson Career Development Awards in Aging Research Program](#) held June 21-24, 2007, at the Tarrytown House Estate and Conference Center in Tarrytown, New York. The meeting brought together Scholars, mentors and other leaders in academic medicine and aging research to review research progress of Scholars, encourage dissemination of their findings, and enhance development of scholarship and leadership.

Dr. Callahan is a former Beeson Scholar and is Dr. Boustani's local Beeson mentor.

Chris Callahan, MD, wrote "Graying of American Raises Red Flags," as a contributor to an Aging Issues feature in the Voices section of the *Indianapolis Star* on July 15, 2007.

Cathy Schubert, MD, presented "What is Geriatrics and Why Do We Need It?" on August 16th, Senior Day at the Indiana State Fair. Dr. Schubert made the presentation in the Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion which was designed to be an interactive experience for attendees to learn more about their health and how to lower their risk of disease.

Dr. Schubert is medical director of Clarian Health Systems' Senior Health Center at Methodist and of Clarian's Nursing Home Service.

PRESENTATIONS

Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH, and **Gene Lammers, MD, MPH**, presented "RAPID - PC" at the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians Annual Scientific Assembly held July 25-29, 2007, at French Lick, Indiana. RAPID-PC stands for Recognizing and Assessing the Progression of Cognitive Impairment and Dementia in Primary Care. Drs. Boustani and Lammers presented "Current State of Dementia Care & Research in Indiana," Dr. Boustani presented "The PREVENT Study: A Cadillac Model of Dementia Care in Primary Care," and Dr. Lammers presented "Translating PREVENT Into Your Practice: Caring for your patients with Dementia."

The RAPID - PC presentations and related materials are available online and are initiatives of IDND, the [Indianapolis Discovery Network for Dementia](#), which was founded by Dr. Boustani in 2006.

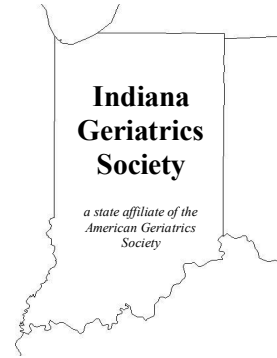
ANNOUNCEMENTS

IU Geriatrics Conference

Diane W. Healey, MD, will present "Osteoporosis in the Elderly & Practical Considerations" at the IU Geriatrics Conference on Wednesday, September 5, 2007, from 7:30-8:30am in Wishard's T2008 A&B. Dr. Healey is co-medical director of the St. Vincent Hospital Institute on Aging/Center for Healthy Aging, volunteer assistant professor of clinical medicine at the IU School of Medicine and co-president of the Indiana Geriatrics Society.

IGS First Fall Conference

Want to connect with professionals involved with the care of older adults from all around Indiana? Need a geriatrics update on osteoporosis, diabetes, delirium, dementia, and insomnia? Attend the [Indiana Geriatrics Society's](#) First Fall Conference which will be held Saturday, September 15, 2007, at the Fountains Banquet and Conference Center in Carmel. Information about the conference and a [registration form](#) are available on the IU Geriatrics website. If you're interested in becoming part of IGS, please contact Kathy Frank at (317) 630-8183 or [click here to send E-Mail](#)



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. The summit is geared for primary care physicians. 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