

IU GERIATRICS e-news for APRIL 2007

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

“If I had six hours to chop down a tree, I'd spend the first hour sharpening the ax.” Abraham Lincoln
Preparation was the strategic word for IU Geriatrics in April as our faculty and staff members prepared to participate in the annual national meetings of the American Geriatrics Society and the Society of General Internal Medicine. Look for details about our presentations, participation in workshops and symposia, and contributions on national committees in the May e-news.

Faculty investigators with the IU Center for Aging Research sorted through files in their offices and boxed up the contents to prepare for the move with the Regenstrief Institute to the Indiana University Health Information and Translational Sciences (HITS) building.

IUCAR moves to HITS

On Monday April 30, 2007, faculty scientists and staff members of the IU Center for Aging Research moved into their new offices at the Indiana University Health Information and Translational Sciences (HITS) building.

The 166,000-square-foot building houses health science researchers from nine divisions affiliated with the Indiana University School of Medicine, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and Regenstrief Institute, Inc.

The Center for Aging Research continues its alliance with the Regenstrief Institute and will be located within the Institute's office expansion to HITS.

Visit the [IUCAR website](#) for a link to updated contact information for faculty and staff.



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Indiana Geriatrics Society's Holds First Spring Conference

On March 13, 2007, the Indiana Geriatrics Society welcomed about 50 members and guests at its first dinner meeting held at the Fountains in Carmel. **Dr. Chris Callahan** provided a presentation on “Caring for Older Adults With Mood Disorders in Primary Care.”

The IGS is a new state affiliate of the American Geriatrics Society, with a mission to promote professional development, recognition, and to further enhance the care of older adults in Indiana provided by the interdisciplinary team.

IGS officers and committee chairs affiliated with IU Geriatrics are:

Ella Bowman, MD, PhD - Secretary

Noll Campbell, PharmD, GCP - Treasurer

Glenda Westmoreland, MD, MPH - Education Committee Chairperson

Michael Sha, MD - Public Policy Committee Chairperson

Kathy Frank, RN, DNS - IGS Representative to the AGS Council of State Affiliate Representatives (COSAR)

Information about the American Geriatrics Society affiliates may be found on the AGS site at www.americangeriatrics.org/affiliates/indiana/index.shtml.

PUBLICATIONS

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SAVE the DATE!

**Indiana Geriatrics Society
Fall Conference**

**September 15, 2007
7:30am - 3:30pm
Fountains in Carmel**

*Discounted for
IGS members!*

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Congratulations to **Kathy Frank, RN, DNS**, who has been awarded membership in the Honor Society of Nursing, [Sigma Theta Tau International](#). Dr. Frank is IU Geriatrics Program Administrator and adjunct assistant professor of nursing in the IU School of Nursing.

Membership is by invitation to nurse leaders exhibiting exceptional achievements in nursing and to baccalaureate and graduate nursing students who demonstrate excellence in scholarship. Sixty-one percent of active members hold master's and/or doctoral degrees. Forty-eight percent are clinicians, 21 percent are administrators or supervisors and 20 percent are educators or researchers.



Jesse Stewart, PhD, has been named an Affiliated Scientist with the IU Center for Aging Research. Dr. Stewart has been an assistant professor in the Department of Psychology at IUPUI since August 2006.

His primary research area is cardiovascular behavioral medicine, focusing on relationships between psychosocial factors and cardiovascular diseases. His main interest in this area is the influence of negative emotions (depression, anxiety, and hostility/anger) on the development and progression of coronary artery disease. A recent publication is:

Stewart JC, Janicki DL, Muldoon MF, Sutton-Tyrrell K, Kamarck TW. [Negative emotions and 3-year progression of subclinical atherosclerosis](#). Archives of General Psychiatry 2007;64:225-33.

Read more about Dr. Stewart's research on his [department webpage](#).



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Visit the [IU Geriatrics Website](#) for topics to be presented at the IU Geriatrics Conferences on May 30th and June 13th.

Noel Campbell, PharmD, CGP, will speak at the IU Geriatrics Conference on May 30, 2007, from 7:30-8:30 am in Wishard T2008 A&B. Dr. Campbell is a Geriatric Certified Pharmacist, Clinical Specialist-Geriatrics at Wishard Health Services, and is affiliate assistant professor of pharmacy practice in the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at Purdue University.

Lyle Fettig, MD, will speak at the IU Geriatrics Conference on June 13, 2007, from 7:30-8:30 am in Wishard T2008 A&B. Dr. Fettig is the Robert and Marilyn Gramelspacher Fellow in Medical Ethics and Palliative Care in the Department of Medicine, IU School of Medicine.

Michael Sha, MD, will present "Elder Abuse" at the IU Geriatrics Conference on June 20, 2007, from 7:30-8:30 am in Wishard T2008 A&B. Dr. Sha is a geriatrician and assistant professor of clinical medicine in the Division of General Internal Medicine & Geriatrics at the IU School of Medicine.