

IU GERIATRICS e-news for JANUARY 2006

[IU Geriatrics](#) and the [IU Center for Aging Research](#) invite you to attend a special IU Geriatrics Conference on February 8th when we host Visiting Professor Marie A. Bernard, MD. She will present "Nutrition and Aging" from 7:30-8:30 am in Wishard T2008 A&B.

Dr. Bernard holds the Donald W. Reynolds Chair in Geriatric Medicine at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine, is Chairman of its Reynolds Department of Geriatrics and is ACOS in Geriatrics and Extended Care at the Oklahoma City VAMC. She is currently a member of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education's Executive Committee and is President-Elect of the association.

IU Geriatrics recognizes the important role of information systems in addressing the special needs of older adults. We have capitalized on our expertise and resources to create a new Gero-Informatics Program within IU Geriatrics.

Gero-informatics is the study and application of medical informatics in caring for older adults. Under the direction of [Michael Weiner, MD, MPH](#), we will grow and expand gero-informatics in our clinical service, education and research programs.

Among Dr. Weiner's first initiatives was the creation of [GOCAR](#) – the Gero-Informatics Operation at the Center for Aging Research, and he spearheaded the development of the [IU Geriatrics](#) Web site with the assistance of **Andrea Elliott**. The program will be hiring a new gero-informatics project manager who will facilitate the start of new initiatives and enhance existing informatics activities.

The Gero-Informatics Program is currently funded through IU Geriatric's Hartford Center of Excellence in Geriatric Medicine and developmental funds from the Center for Aging Research.

IU Geriatrics and the IU Center for Aging Research will have a presence at the 32nd Annual Meeting and Educational Leadership Conference of the [Association for Gerontology in Higher Education](#) (AGHE). The conference, *Outcomes of Gerontological and Geriatric Education*, will take place February 9-12 at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis. The association is the educational unit of the Gerontological Association of America.

A highlight of the conference is a symposium sponsored by the Merck Institute of Aging and Health. **Glenda Westmoreland, MD, MPH**, is this year's symposium speaker and will present "The GENI Project: Innovations to Disseminate Geriatric Education" on February 10 from 10:30 – 12:00 pm. Following the presentation, Dr. Westmoreland and **Youcef Sennour, MD**, will discuss GENI project outcomes and methods for measuring the project's impact.

In addition, IUCAR Affiliated Scientist **Mary Guerriero Austrom, PhD**, is the Fundraising Program Coordinator for the 2006 AGHE annual meeting and conference.

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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Kevin Terrell, DO, presented "Introduction to Clinical Research Methods" at the IU Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds on January 4, 2006.

Steve Counsell, MD, represented IU Geriatrics at the 2006 John A. Hartford Foundation Leadership Retreat of the Association of Directors of Geriatrics Academic Programs (ADGAP) January 13-15, 2006, in Del Mar, California. He also attended the Hartford Centers of Excellence Directors' Meeting where Hartford Foundation representatives announced several program enhancements including a new focus on leadership development and targeted funding to support increased fellowship production of academic geriatricians.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Asok Antony, MD, will present "Nutritional Deficiencies of Folate & B12 in the Elderly" at the February 15th IU Geriatrics Conference held in Wishard T2008 A&B from 7:30-8:30am. Dr. Antony is professor of medicine, IUSM, and chief of the Veterans Hospital Hematology-Oncology Section.

The March 1st IU Geriatrics Conference features **Ann M. Hake, MD**. Her presentation, "Updates on Dementia," will be held in Wishard T2008 A&B from 7:30-8:30am. Dr. Hake is assistant professor of neurology, IUSM, and sees patients in the IU Center for Senior Health.