IU Geriatrics Adds Magic at AGS Kingdom

The 2014 Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Geriatrics Society took place in Orlando, Florida at the Walt Disney World Swan and Dolphin. Our contingent of clinician-educators, clinician-researchers, geriatrics fellows, and staff members contributed geriatric magic in a locale where visitors expect a special experience. Our expertise extended into the kingdom of presentations, posters, special interest groups, committees, mentoring and more.

IU Geriatrics continues the tradition of devoting this e-news issue to our impact at the AGS Annual Scientific Meeting.

Dr. Counsell to Lead AGS in 2015

Congratulations to IU Geriatrics Director Steve Counsell, MD, AGSF, who is the president-elect of the American Geriatrics Society! His term as president-elect began at the members business meeting held during the 2014 AGS Annual Meeting in Orlando. He will become president in May of 2015. All dues paying members were eligible to vote during the February election.

Dr. Counsell has a long history of participation in the society. He is a fellow of AGS and has served as a member and secretary of the AGS Board of Directors, as well as on the AGS Executive, Steering, and Finance Committees.

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Presidential Poster Presentations

Congratulations to the faculty and staff whose work was presented in the Presidential Poster Session which featured posters that received the highest rankings from the abstract reviewers.

Todd James, MD, presented “GRACE Team Care May Improve Quality of Care for Diabetes.” Steve Counsell, MD, Wanzhu Tu, PhD, and Deming Mi, MS.

Noll Campbell, PharmD, CGP, presented “Personalized Approach to Prescribing Acetylcholinesterase Inhibitors.” His co-authors were Todd Skaar, PhD, Su Gao, PhD, Anthony Perkins, MS, Lang Li, PhD, and Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH.

Kofi Quist, MD, presented “Medication Management Interventions in Patients Enrolled in GRACE Team Care.” His co-authors were Steve Counsell, MD, Cathy Schubert, MD, and Michael Weiner, MD, MPH.

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Large IU Geriatrics Contingent Attends AGS

Adnan Arseven, MD
Robin Beck, MD
David Bose, MD
Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH
Elia Bowman, MD, PhD, AGSF
Dawn Butler, MSW, JD

Chris Callahan, MD
Noll Campbell, PharmD
Steve Counsell, MD
Kathy Frank, PhD, RN
Laura Holtz, BS, CCRC
Tochukwu Iloabuchi, MD, MS

Todd James, MD
Michael LaMantia, MD, MPH
Hammad Bin Liaquat, MD
Annie Montz, MA
Arif Nazir, MD, CMD
Felipe Perez, MD

Kofi Quist, MD
Geetha Rao, MD
Shuja Ur Rehman, MD
Libertad Ruscalleda Reyes, MD
Cathy Schubert, MD
Victoria Shaffer

Monica Tegeler, MD
Alexia Torke, MD, MS
Kathleen Unroe, MD, MHA
Michael Weiner, MD, MPH
Glenda Westmoreland, MD, MPH

Presentations

In a plenary symposium session in the clinical practice track, Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH moderated Managing Comorbid Geriatrics Syndromes in Early Dementia.

This symposium included presentations by Noll Campbell, PharmD, CGP, on “Managing Adverse Cognitive Effects of Medications in Dementia,” and by Dr. Boustani on “The Collaborative Care Model as a Delivery Platform to Managing Comorbid Geriatric Syndromes in Dementia.”

In the clinical practice track symposium, Heart Failure in Long Term Care: Time for a New Paradigm, Arif Nazir, MC, CMD, presented “Models of Effective HF Care in Nursing Homes.”

In a workshop on clinical practice, Alexia Torke, MD, MS, led a small group breakout session on “How to Apply Guiding Principles for the Care of Older Adults with Multimorbidity in Interdisciplinary Clinical Practice.

In a care transitions paper session in the research track, Michael LaMantia, MD, MPH, presented “Dissemination of Aging Brain Care Program: Promising First Year Results.” The co-authors were Catherine Alder, MSW, JD, Chris Callahan, MD, Mary Guerriero Austrom, PhD, and Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH.

In an education workshop featuring the Geriatric Education Materials and Methods Swap, Tochukwu Iloabuchi, MD, MS, presented “Discharge Planning and Care Transition Curriculum for Medical Interns.”

Dawn Butler, MSW, JD, presented “GRACE Team Care™ for Dual Eligible Populations” at the meeting of the Healthcare for Low-Income Seniors Special Interest Group.
Posters
Mary Guerriero Austrom, PhD, presented “Aging Brain Care Program: Workforce One Year In.” Co-authors were Catherine Alder, MSW, JD, Michael LaMantia, MD, MPH, Debra Litzelman, MA, MD, Ann Cottingham, MAR, MA, and Chris Callahan, MD.

Tochukwu Iloabuchi, MD, MS, presented “Discharge Planning and Care Transition Curriculum for Medical Interns.” Glenda Westmoreland, MD, MPH, was the co-author.

Dawn Butler, MSW, JD, presented “GRACE Team Care Implementation Process in Three California Health Systems.” Kathy Frank, RN, PhD, and Steve Counsell, MD were the co-authors.

Researchers from San Francisco reported on implementation of the Geriatric Resources for Assessment and Care of Elders (GRACE) program in multiple sites in the poster, “Roll-out of GRACE in Two Urban Health Systems: An Early Implementation Science Analysis”.

IU-CAR research coordinator Laura Holtz, BS, CCRC, was first author of the poster “The OPTIMISTIC Project: Incorporating Advance Care Planning into a CMS Nursing Home Demonstration Project.” Co-authors were Kathleen Unroe, MD, MHA, Susan Hickman, PhD, Helen Maurer, MA, Ravan Carter, and Greg Sachs, MD.

Noll Campbell, PharmD, presented “Methods of Adverse Drug Event Surveillance in Cognitively Impaired Older Adults.” Co-authors were Anthony Perkins, MS, Su Gao, PhD, Paul Dexter, MD, and Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH.

Posters by IU Geriatric Medicine Fellows
Shuja ur Rehman, MD, presented “Persistent Hiccups and Confusion.” Co-authors were Liberdad Ruscalleda Reyes, MD, Hammad Bin Liaquat, MD, and Felipe Perez, MD.

Hammad Bin Liaquat, MD, presented “Dysphagia in the Elderly: Management Strategies.” Co-authors were Shuja ur Rehman, MD, Liberdad Ruscalleda Reyes, MD, and Todd James, MD.

Liberdad Ruscalleda Reyes, MD, presented “Linezolid induced Delirium a Case Study.” Hammad Bin Liaquat, MD, Shuja ur Rehman, and Felipe Perez, MD were co-authors.

AGS members may access slides and handouts at www.geriatricscareonline.org/events/2014-annual-meeting-handouts-now-available/30
Professional Activities

Robin Beck, MD, attended the American Academy of Home Care Medicine Annual Meeting.

As the director of the IU Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program, Felipe Perez, MD, attended the pre-conference education session for fellowship directors.

In the education track, Glenda Westmoreland, MD, MPH, was a facilitator at the Education Product Development Peer Review Workshop.

As one of the selected “experts in the field”, Chris Callahan, MD, guided a walking Poster Tour of selected hot topics in geriatrics research, including those from various abstract categories and study types.

IU Geriatrics faculty members led AGS Special Interest Groups that convened at the annual meeting:

- Steve Counsell, MD, chaired the meeting of the Healthcare for Low-Income Seniors Special Interest Group. The program included an overview of Voices for Better Health, a project of Community Catalyst, a national healthcare consumer advocacy organization supported by the John A. Hartford and Atlantic Philanthropies foundations.
- Todd James, MD, co-chaired a meeting of the Interprofessional Education and Practice Special Interest Group.
- Ella Bowman, MD, PhD, AGSF chaired the meeting of the Geriatrics Consultative Services Special Interest Group.
- Noll Campbell, PharmD, GCP, chaired the meeting of the Clinical Research in Dementia Special Interest Group.
- Outgoing chair Kathleen Unroe, MD, MHA, led a meeting of the Junior Faculty Research Special Interest Group. Michael LaMantia, MD, MPH, is the SIG’s incoming vice chair. The group, seen below, used a selfie to confirm that “it was a great meeting!”

IU Geriatrics faculty members serve on many AGS committees which convened at the annual meeting:

- Steve Counsell, MD attended meetings of the AGS Board of Directors for which he serves as a board member and secretary; the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs; the AGS Executive, Steering, and Finance Committees.
- Kathy Frank, PhD, RN attended the Council of State Affiliate Representatives (COSAR) meeting, the AGS Board Meeting as the elected representative of COSAR, and the John A. Hartford Foundation Geriatric Nursing Leadership Academy Alumni reception.
- Kathleen Unroe, MD, MHA attended a meeting of the AGS Public Policy Committee on which she is vice chair.
- Cathy Schubert, MD attended a meeting of the AGS Clinical Practice & Models of Care Committee.

Indiana Dinner - The Tradition Continues

IU Geriatrics hosted the Annual Indiana Dinner for our faculty, fellows, staff and guests who attended the AGS Meeting. Social time and dining at the Garden Grove restaurant provided an opportunity for guests to network with IU Geriatrics personnel, with health care professionals from the state of Indiana and with former geriatrics faculty and fellows who continue to work in the geriatrics field.

IU Geriatrics welcomed international guests, Dr. Xinyu Chen, Director of the Outpatient Department and Dr. Jiaojiao Chu, a Physician of Geriatrics from the Zhejiang Hospital in Zhejiang province, P.R. China. They visited the IU Geriatrics Program in Indianapolis following the AGS Annual Meeting.

IU Center for Aging Research staff members Laura Holtz, BS, CCRC and Annie Montz, MA met Mickey Mouse (aka Steamboat Willy) who, at 86 years, enjoys excellent health!
IU Geriatrics 2014 Poster Practice

IU Geriatrics and IU Center for Aging Research faculty and staff provided their expertise and feedback to colleagues at the 11th Annual Poster Practice prior to the AGS Annual Meeting.

Thanks to Cathy Schubert, Victoria Shaffer, Lexy Torke, Annie Montz, Kathleen Unroe, Toch Iloabuchi and Laura Holtz for the e-news photos.