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The IU Geriatrics Program and the IU Center for Aging Research congratulate our faculty members who have been recognized by the Division of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics for "outstanding" professional performance in 2002. Receiving "Outstanding Clinician Awards" were Gregory Gramelspacher, MD, Jeff Darnell, MD, and Robin Beck, MD. "Outstanding Researcher Awards" went to Colleen A. McHorney, PhD, and Chris Callahan, MD.

We welcome Youcef Sennour, MD, to the IUSM faculty. Youcef has been appointed Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine and has joined IU Medical Group as a geriatrician. His new duties include providing care to older adults in the Center for Geriatric Medicine at Methodist Hospital. Acute Care for Elders (ACE) consults at Wishard and primary care to residents of local nursing facilities. Youcef recently completed a two-year Geriatric Medicine Fellowship at Indiana University and Regenstrief Institute. In his new role, Youcef looks forward to continuing "to improve the health and quality of life of older patients and participating in the training of future geriatricians."

AWARDS

Congratulations to Michael Weiner, MD, MPH, who has been granted a K23 career award by the National Institute on Aging for his project entitled, "Recommendations of Inpatient Geriatrics Consultation." The research component of his award will support Mike's interest in measuring and improving aspects of implementation of geriatrics consultants' recommendations for hospitalized older adults. Local mentors include Chris Callahan, MD, Steve Counsell, MD, Clem McDonald, MD, and Thomas Inui, MD.

The K23 award is part of the NIH initiative to attract talented research-oriented clinicians to the challenges of clinical research and provides the opportunity to develop independent research skills and gain experience in advanced methods and experimental approaches needed to conduct patient-oriented research.

PUBLICATIONS


PRESENTATIONS
Colleen A. McHorney, PhD, presented about publishing Medical Care at a "Meet the Editors" session at the 20th Annual AcademyHealth Research Meeting held June 27-29 in Nashville, Tennessee. The Annual Research Meeting convenes producers and users of health services research to examine emerging research issues critical to the organization, financing and management of health services. AcademyHealth is the professional home for health services researchers, policy analysts, and practitioners.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
Colleen A. McHorney, PhD, completed her four years (and reviewed approximately 100 proposals!) as a standing member of the AHRQ Health Care Quality and Effectiveness Study Section in June 2003.

Susan Bennett, DNS, RN, has been invited to become a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing. Susan is a professor in the IU School of Nursing’s Department of Adult Health. The invitation is in recognition of her outstanding leadership, research and mentorship contributions in cardiovascular nursing. AAN fellows are recognized nationally and internationally as nursing leaders in education, management, practice, and research.

Glenda Westmoreland, MD, MPH, is co-chair of a new task force to review and revise the Core Medicine Clerkship Curriculum Guide. The task force was formed by the Society of General Internal Medicine and the Clerkship Directors in Internal Medicine, the national organization responsible for teaching internal medicine to medical students. The guide addresses basic competencies and clinical training areas, and outlines the knowledge, skills, and attitudes that medical students should be able to demonstrate upon completion of the clerkship.

Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH, is a new member of the American Geriatrics Society Junior Faculty Steering Committee. Among the group’s activities are the sponsorship of a session on research funding opportunities for fellows and junior faculty at the AGS national meeting, the development of a section on Junior Faculty Award Opportunities on the AGS web site, and various symposia on issues relevant to junior faculty.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
Join us at the next Aging Research Work in Progress August 26, 8:00-9:00am when Linda Williams, MD, presents "Developing a stroke-specific item bank." WIP meets at the Roudebush VA Health Services Research & Development Service in D6005.

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