IU GERIATRICS e-news for AUGUST 2004

The IU Geriatrics Program and the IU Center for Aging Research congratulate Kevin Terrell, DO, who has been awarded a Dennis W. Jahnigen Career Development Scholars Award for 2004. Funded by the John A. Hartford Foundation and The Atlantic Philanthropies, the highly competitive, two-year faculty development award of $200,000 provides a foundation upon which individuals can initiate and sustain a career in geriatrics-oriented research and education within the surgical and related medical specialties.

Dr. Terrell’s research project is entitled, “Computer-Assisted Decision Support to Increase the Safety of Prescribing to Older Adults in the Emergency Department.” Project mentors are Doug Miller, MD, Chris Callahan, MD, Rolly McGrath, MD, and Carey Chisholm, MD. Dr. Terrell is an assistant professor in the IU Department of Emergency Medicine.

PUBLICATIONS


ALZHEIMER’S PRESENTATIONS

As the premier conference for dementia health care professionals, the Alzheimer’s Association 12th National Alzheimer’s Disease Education Conference united more than 700 attendees during July in Philadelphia. More than 50 top-level professionals presented caregivers with new techniques, strategies and information to enhance quality of care for those with Alzheimer’s disease. Mary Guerriero Austrom, PhD, organized and made three educational presentations during the conference. They were:

Boise L, Holmes S, Guerriero Austrom M. Educating Physicians about Dementia: NIA Funded Programs.

Guerriero Austrom M, Hendrie HC. Minority Recruitment Opportunities and Challenges: Programs of NIA-funded Alzheimer Disease Center Education Cores.

Guerriero Austrom M, Bachman J. A Collaborative Model of a Statewide Approach to Alzheimer Disease Education and Awareness.

The 9th International Conference on Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders was presented by the Alzheimer's Association and held in Philadelphia July 17-22. The conference was the largest gathering of Alzheimer researchers in history. More than 4,200 scientists from around the world shared findings from 2,000 studies showcasing the newest treatment advances in Alzheimer’s disease and steps toward prevention.

The following scientists have ties with the IU Geriatrics Program or the IU Center for Aging Research and presented or co-authored posters at the conference: Fred W. Unverzagt, PhD; Hugh C. Hendrie,


OTHER PRESENTATIONS
Amna Buttar, MD, MS, presented “Web based modules on depression and delirium” at the Portal of Geriatrics Online Education workshop during the Medical Education Conference: Enhancing Geriatric Education in Medical Schools, June 3-5, 2004, in St. Louis, MO. The conference was jointly sponsored by the American Association of Medical Colleges and Harvard Medical School Department of Continuing Education.


Amna Buttar, MD, MS, presented “Health Screening for Older Adults” at the St. Mary’s Hospital Grand Rounds in Evansville, Indiana, on June 30, 2004.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
Michael Weiner, MD, MPH, has been appointed to the Society of General Internal Medicine Web Site Redesign Task Force.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
The September 15th IU Geriatrics Conference features Barbara Kamholz, MD, clinical associate professor of psychiatry, visiting Indiana University from the University of Michigan. Her presentation, “Evidence-Based Delirium Care for Hospital Patients,” will be in Wishard T2008 A&B from 7:30-8:30am.

Debra Helper, MD, will present “Swallowing Disorders in Older Adults and the Role of Esophageal Dilation as a Therapeutic Manuever,” at the September 29th IU Geriatrics Conference held in Wishard T2008 A&B from 7:30-8:30am. Dr. Helper is associate professor of clinical medicine in the Division of Gastroenterology, IU School of Medicine.