Dr. Counsell Named Hartford Senior Geriatrics Leadership Scholar

Steve Counsell, MD, has been named one of five inaugural Senior Scholars in the Hartford Senior Geriatrics Leadership Scholars Program, a development program for accomplished leaders in academic geriatrics.

The new scholars are program directors who have led a geriatrics program for 6 or more years. Dr. Counsell was selected on the basis of the quality of his individual career development plan, commitment to the future of geriatrics, including mentoring future leaders in the field, and potential for national leadership beyond geriatrics.

During the grant period from July of 2007 through April of 2009, the scholars will complete a program that includes participation in a group learning process, the Hartford National Leaders Colloquium; a 360-degree evaluation with individual feedback; executive coaching for goals assessment, personal strategic planning, implementation, midcourse correction, and maintenance; networks for learning with senior national advisors and peers; and attendance at Annual Geriatrics Leadership Retreats.

The specific goals of this program are to inform accomplished leaders in academic geriatrics about further opportunities for career advancement, to guide them in their advancement in prominent positions on the national stage, and to maintain them as role models and resources for future leaders of academic geriatrics. Congratulations, Dr. Counsell!

IU Geriatrics Hosts Dr. Kenneth Covinsky

On August 14th and 15th, IU Geriatrics faculty, fellows, and staff joined Visiting Professor Kenneth Covinsky, MD, MPH, in sessions that explored mutual interests in clinical services such as Acute Care for Elders (ACE) units, research topics such as prognostic measures, and activities in education and training that enhance the geriatric fellowship and junior faculty development.

Dr. Covinsky, pictured right, is the Edmund G. Brown Sr. Endowed Chair in Geriatrics and Professor of Medicine in the Division of Geriatrics at the University of California, San Francisco. He is also a staff physician at the San Francisco Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Dr. Covinsky also made two presentations during his visit. He presented “What can functional status tell us about the older patient?” at Medicine Grand Rounds and “Prognostic measures in older patients” at the Regenstrief Institute Work in Progress on August 15, 2007.

PUBLICATIONS


PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
Beeson Scholar Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH, Class of 2005, and Chris Callahan, MD, attended the Annual Meeting of the Paul B. Beeson Career Development Awards in Aging Research Program held June 21-24, 2007, at the Tarrytown House Estate and Conference Center in Tarrytown, New York. The meeting brought together Scholars, mentors and other leaders in academic medicine and aging research to review research progress of Scholars, encourage dissemination of their findings, and enhance development of scholarship and leadership.

Dr. Callahan is a former Beeson Scholar and is Dr. Boustani’s local Beeson mentor.


Cathy Schubert, MD, presented “What is Geriatrics and Why Do We Need It?” on August 16th, Senior Day at the Indiana State Fair. Dr. Schubert made the presentation in the Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion which was designed to be an interactive experience for attendees to learn more about their health and how to lower their risk of disease.

Dr. Schubert is medical director of Clarian Health Systems’ Senior Health Center at Methodist and of Clarian’s Nursing Home Service.

PRESENTATIONS

The RAPID - PC presentations and related materials are available online and are initiatives of IDND, the Indianapolis Discovery Network for Dementia, which was founded by Dr. Boustani in 2006.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
IU Geriatrics Conference
Diane W. Healey, MD, will present “Osteoporosis in the Elderly & Practical Considerations” at the IU Geriatrics Conference on Wednesday, September 5, 2007, from 7:30-8:30am in Wishard’s T2008 A&B. Dr. Healey is co-medical director of the St. Vincent Hospital Institute on Aging/Center for Healthy Aging, volunteer assistant professor of clinical medicine at the IU School of Medicine and co-president of the Indiana Geriatrics Society.
IGS First Fall Conference
Want to connect with professionals involved with the care of older adults from all around Indiana? Need a geriatrics update on osteoporosis, diabetes, delirium, dementia, and insomnia? Attend the Indiana Geriatrics Society's First Fall Conference which will be held Saturday, September 15, 2007, at the Fountains Banquet and Conference Center in Carmel. Information about the conference and a registration form are available on the IU Geriatrics website. If you’re interested in becoming part of IGS, please contact Kathy Frank at (317) 630-8183 or click here to send E-Mail.

IDND Educational Summit
The first Indianapolis Discovery Network for Dementia Educational Summit, titled "RAPID - PC: Recognizing and Assessing the Progression of Cognitive Impairment and Dementia in Primary Care" will be held on Saturday, October 20, 2007, at the Fountains Banquet and Conference Center in Carmel. The summit is geared for primary care physicians. Registration is free, and free CME's are available. View the summit flyer for details. To register, call (317) 423-5606, or send an email to register@indydiscoverynetwork.com.