IU Geriatrics Welcomes New Fellows
Drs. Azita Chehresa, Heather Riggs, and Mohamed Homsi, began their geriatric medicine fellowships in July. They’re meeting with General Internal Medicine & Geriatrics faculty and staff, learning their way around the geriatrics clinical sites, and are working toward completing their fellowship goals.

Dr. Chehresa will complete a one year fellowship in clinical geriatrics. She is especially interested in depression and dementia in older adults and in learning about all aspects of their management. Dr. Chehresa completed a Family Medicine Residency at Indiana University and also has a PhD from McGill University, Montreal, Canada.

Dr. Homsi is a first year clinical geriatrics fellow. Upon completing the geriatrics fellowship, he will start a three year cardiology fellowship at Indiana University. Dr. Homsi recently completed his Internal Medicine Residency at IU.

Dr. Riggs is in the first of a four year combined clinical geriatrics and hematology/oncology fellowship. She completed an Internal Medicine Residency at Wright State University/Wright Patterson Air Force Base, in Dayton, Ohio. Most recently she was affiliated with the Mike O’Callaghan Federal Hospital, in Las Vegas, Nevada where she was a staff internist and clinical instructor.

The new fellows join Dr. Sergey Gorbachev who is the first fellow in the Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program who is training in both geriatrics and gero-informatics. Dr. Gorbachev completed geriatric medicine training during the past academic year and is currently participating in the Regenstrief Institute Informatics Fellowship Program. His gero-informatics mentor is Michael Weiner, MD, MPH.

IU-CAR Presents Research at ICAD
IU Center for Aging Research center scientists and affiliated scientists contributed their research results to the nearly 5,400 participants who attended the 2008 International Conference on Alzheimer Disease (ICAD) held in the Alzheimer's Association hometown of Chicago on July 26-31.

Hugh C. Hendrie, MB, ChB, DSc, presented the poster “12 year trajectories of cognitive decline in elderly African Americans.” Frederick Unverzagt, PhD, was a co-author. Dr. Hendrie also presented “Dementia diagnosis in racial and ethnic minorities/ cross cultural” in the symposium Diagnosis and Clinical Course and chaired an oral presentation session on Epidemiology and Risk Factors.

Christopher M. Callahan, MD, presented “Beyond primary care: Improving the impact and reach of collaborative care models for Alzheimer's disease” in the symposium Enhancing Care of Persons with Dementia Through Coordination of Medical and Community Care.

Ann Marie Hake, MD, presented the poster “Indianapolis Discovery Network for Dementia - Where We Are After Two Years.” Co-authors with ties to IU-CAR were Stephanie Munger, BS, Martin R. Farlow, MD, Mary G. Austrom, PhD, and Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH.

Yansheng Du, PhD, presented the poster “Identification and characterization of human autoantibodies that may be used for the treatment of prion diseases.” Martin Farlow, MD, was a co-author.

A large contingent of additional IU scientists contributed to the meeting. Highlights of research findings are available online. To keep up with the rapidly changing Alzheimer research field, ICAD has become an annual event and will meet in Vienna, Austria in 2009.

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October 10, 2008
8:00am - 5:00pm
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As a member of the Planning Committee, Dr. Hendrie also attended the NIH State-of-the-Science Conference on Prevention of Alzheimer’s Disease, Mild Cognitive Impairment, and Age-related Cognitive Decline held August 19-21, 2008, in Bethesda.

Stephanie Munger, BS, presented “Translating Research into Practice: Implementing Primary Care Best Practice Guidelines in the Real World” at the Alzheimer's Association Dementia Care Conference in Garden Grove, California on August 25, 2008. The session described the role of the Indianapolis Discovery Network for Dementia members in creating the Healthy Aging Brain Center and the initial months of operation of the Center.

Ella Bowman, MD, PhD, pictured lower right, presented Medicine Grand Rounds entitled, "ACE Units: A Unique Interdisciplinary Transitional Care Model for the Elderly" on August 26, 2008, at St. Vincent Hospital on 86th Street, in Indianapolis.

Steve Counsell, MD, presented Geriatric and Rehabilitation Unit Grand Rounds entitled “Geriatric Resources for Assessment and Care of Elders (GRACE): A New Model of Primary Care for Low-Income Seniors” at the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane, Queensland, Australia on July 31, 2008.

Dr. Counsell presented “Randomized Controlled Trials of Collaborative Care Interventions to Improve Primary Care and Outcomes in Vulnerable Older Adults” at the Geriatric Medicine Journal Club at the Princess Alexandra Hospital on August 26, 2008.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Daniel E. Rusyniak, MD, will present “Toxic Etiologies of Dementia” at the IU Geriatrics Conference on Wednesday, October 1, 2008, from 7:30-8:30am in Wishard’s T2008 A&B. Dr. Rusyniak is an assistant professor of Emergency Medicine, Division of Medical Toxicology, and directs the Medical Toxicology Fellowship. He has joint appointments in the departments of Neurology and Pharmacology and Toxicology.

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