NAPH Honors GRACE with Chair Award
Senior Care at Wishard’s GRACE Program has been awarded a 2008 National Association of Public Hospitals Chair Award, an honor recognizing exceptional work in addressing the needs of the underserved. Founded in 2002, GRACE, Geriatrics Resources for Assessment and Care of Elders, was designed as a practical, innovative model of primary care where vulnerable seniors benefit from a comprehensive team approach to health care and coordination of care.

The Chair Award is one of the NAPH’s Safety Net Awards which honor member hospitals and health systems that have designed and implemented creative and successful programs and activities to meet the needs of their communities.

The Chair Award is a “best of the best” recognition, selected as the top submission across all award categories which include Reducing Health Care Disparities, Patient Safety, Patient Centered Care and Community Engagement.

Dr. Steve Counsell, the GRACE medical director, accepted the award on behalf of the GRACE team on June 26, 2008 in Santa Fe, New Mexico, in a ceremony attended by Dr. Lisa Harris, CEO and medical director of Wishard Health Services. The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County and Wishard Health Services are members of the NAP which represents more than 100 of America’s most important safety net hospitals and health systems.

GENI Translates Research into Practice
Principal Investigator Glenda Westmoreland, MD, MPH, and the Geriatrics Education Network of Indiana (GENI) Project are featured on IUPUI’s TRIP web pages which describe how faculty are Translating Research into Practice. The site notes that translational research solves problems people face in their everyday lives by using meaningful, evidenced-based information to address complex social, health, governmental, cultural, and relational issues. Translational research intentionally targets a problem and constructs an answer based on evidence.

The TRIP initiative notes that GENI’s success “lies in its commitment to building a statewide network of physicians who provide care for older adults. The network facilitates the quick sharing of information and resources that make a difference in people’s lives. The project has also focused on both graduate and undergraduate medical education by providing future physicians with the knowledge and resources they need to address common conditions” that they are likely to encounter in their practice with older adults.

GENI was funded in 2003 by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation.

AHRQ Adds GRACE To Web-based Resource
The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality has recognized the GRACE program as an innovative approach to patient care delivery and has selected the program to appear in its Health Care Innovations Exchange. A Web-based resource, the Exchange is designed to support health care professionals in sharing and adopting innovations that improve the delivery of care to patients.

GRACE, Geriatrics Resources for Assessment and Care of Elders, appears in an Innovation Profile titled, Team-Developed Care Plan and Ongoing Care Management by Social Workers and Nurse Practitioners Result in Better Outcomes and Fewer Emergency Department Visits for Low-Income Seniors, in the July 7, 2008 issue of the AHRQ Health Care Innovations Exchange Web.

To encourage the exchange of information, ideas and questions, the AHRQ invites you to view the innovations and provide comments or address questions to other innovators at http://www.innovations.ahrq.gov/.

SAVE the DATE
Indiana Geriatrics Society’s Second Annual Fall Conference
“How Can We Improve the Quality of Care for the Elderly?”

October 10, 2008
8:00am - 5:00pm
Registration begins at 7:30am
Reception 5:00 - 6:30pm
The Season’s Conference Center
560 St Rd 46 E
Nashville, IN  47448

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PRESENTATIONS and PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH, Scholar Class of 2005 in the Paul B. Beeson Career Development Awards in Aging Research Program, attended the Annual Meeting of the Beeson Scholars held June 19-22, 2008, at Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico. The meeting is held for 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. Chris Callahan, MD, also attended the Beeson Annual Meeting as a Class of 1996 Beeson Scholar, a mentor to Dr. Boustani, and a member of the Beeson Program Committee.

Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH, was a featured guest on National Public Radio’s Science Friday on June 27, 2008. The guests on the segment, ’New Research into Stroke and the Brain,’ offered their professional insight into recently published medical studies. Science Friday is a weekly discussion of the latest news in science, technology, health, and the environment.

Yousef Sennour, MD, presented “Delirium in the elderly: Issues with recognition and management” at the Methodist Hospital Grand Rounds on July 17, 2008.

Steve Counsell, MD, was selected to attend the Australia National Forum on Best Practice in Community Care held July 17, 2008, by the Lincoln Centre for Research on Ageing in the Australian Institute in Primary Care on the campus of La Trobe University in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. The Australian government provided funds for an initiative to provide a review and scoping study of evidence-based best practice models for utilisation in community aged care, including packaged care services and carer respite services.

Douglas K. Miller, MD, presented "Preparing for Death" at the Kellogg Fellows Leadership Alliance’s ‘The Third Age’ Call To Action, July 19, 2008, in Chaska, Minnesota. The alliance encompasses 1,200 leaders worldwide from separate Kellogg Foundation leadership programs between 1980 and today. The Call to Action programs unite fellows around a specific issue, and in this event, it was The Third Age, or the years after retirement.