Dr. Hendrie Named to HHS National Advisory Council on Aging

IU Center for Aging Research Scientist Hugh C. Hendrie, MB, ChB, DSc, has been named to the National Advisory Council on Aging. His appointment came from Kathleen Sebelius, secretary of the US Department of Health and Human Services and extends through December 2013.

Dr. Hendrie, an internationally respected geriatric psychiatrist and health services researcher, has spent 40 years studying the psychiatric issues of aging, focusing on Alzheimer’s disease and depression in older adults. He served for a quarter of a century as chairman of the IU School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry and is now professor emeritus.

“I am honored and thrilled to be named to the Council,” states Dr. Hendrie.

Dr. Nazir Leads Education Efforts with The Waters of Indiana

IU Geriatrics is partnering with The Waters of Indiana to provide their leadership with Indiana-specific educational resources for its Medical Directors. Indiana University Geriatrician Arif Nazir, MD, CMD, is leading the collaboration.

The Waters is an affiliated group of 23 skilled rehab centers and nursing homes located throughout Indiana. Dr. Nazir serves as Senior Vice President of Medical Education for the organization and will conduct activities consistent with their mission of providing their Medical Directors with the knowledge and tools to continue providing excellent care to their residents.

The Waters leadership envisions that this relationship will help create open dialogues across their facilities and provide direct access to the latest trends in geriatrics and skilled care while dealing with the evolving complex regulations that guide the nursing and rehabilitation industry.

The new educational efforts began with a survey to ensure the medical directors’ ideas and concerns are included in planning activities. Dr. Nazir will facilitate a spring icebreaker and a subsequent retreat with the directors and will learn about their clinical and administrative needs in face-to-face meetings.

Dr. Nazir has worked extensively in the nursing home environment. As a Certified Medical Director, the current president of the Indiana Medical Directors Association, and medical director of IU Geriatrics’ Extended Care Program, he attests to the value of available resources to keep medical directors at par with recent advances in long-term care and regulations.

Geriatricians Recognized for Excellence in Teaching

The Department of Medicine has awarded Ella Bowman, MD, PhD, Dr. Nazir, MD, CMD, and Cathy Schubert, MD, with $2,500 teaching bonuses.

The geriatricians earned the award when trainee evaluations ranked them in the top 20% for excellence in teaching among the faculty from the entire department. The bonus amount also reflected their timely and 100% completion of trainee evaluations.

“This is really impressive for IU Geriatrics to have three faculty recognized for teaching excellence. Congratulations Ella, Arif, and Cathy. We are most proud of you,” adds Steve Counsell, director of IU Geriatrics.
Publications


Greg Sachs, MD, is a co-editor and co-author of chapters in Supportive Care for the Person with Dementia.

Why the editors recommend supportive care for people with dementia and their carers is established in the preface which offers a foundation for the book's contents.

"Dementia is not one thing, nor are the people who live with it….Therefore the contributors demonstrate the length and breadth of dementia care, of what is required, and of the ways in which a supportive care model can help."

The textbook is a practical guide on providing high quality multi-disciplinary care across health care sectors.

Hugh C. Hendrie, MB, ChB, DSc and Research Coordinator Christianna Purnell, BA, are among the co-authors of “Defining and Assessing Cognitive and Emotional Health in Later Life,” a chapter on behavioral and psychological aspects of Successful Cognitive and Emotional Aging.

The book is edited by Colin Depp, PhD and Dilip Jeste, MD who enlisted foremost experts on behavioral and psychosocial aspects of aging, biological aspects, and prevention and intervention strategies. Each chapter lays out the most recent research and summarizes key points and recommended reading.

Presentations and Professional Activities
Felipe Perez, MD, Susan McLennon, PhD, RN, and Susan Hickman, PhD, have been named an Affiliated Scientists with the IU Center for Aging Research. Visit the Center’s website to learn about their research interests.

Greg Sachs, MD, presented "Palliative Care for the Patient with Dementia" at Neurology Grand Rounds on February 4, 2010.

Save the Dates for Geriatrics Presentations and Meetings
Larry E. Humes, PhD, will present “Hearing Impairment & Aids for Older Adults” at the March 31 IU Geriatrics Conference held from 7:30-8:30am in Wishard T2008 A&B. Dr. Humes is professor of Speech & Hearing Sciences at IU Bloomington and he is adjunct professor of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery, IUSM.

The Indiana Geriatrics Society will host its Annual Fall Conference at the Methodist Conference Center on October 22, 2010 8:00am - 5:30pm. Visit the new IGS website at http://www.indianageriatricssociety.org/.