‘Unsung Hero’ Dr. Kathy Frank Honored with 2010 Hulman Health Achievement Award

Over the past 10 years in her role as IU Geriatrics Program Administrator, Kathy Frank, RN, PhD, has been an active advocate for improving the care of Indiana’s older adults. Dr. Frank’s colleagues and family celebrated her positive influence and contributions when she received a Tony and Mary Hulman Health Achievement Award in Geriatrics and Gerontology at the Indiana Public Health Foundation’s annual awards banquet held on October 7, 2010 at the Westin Hotel.

The Hulman Health Achievement Award provides a forum for increasing awareness of the contributions of health leaders by recognizing Indiana’s citizens and organizations whose efforts have resulted in a significant improvement to the human race.

Steve Counsell, MD, presented Dr. Frank with a plaque that described her geriatrics achievements. Her innumerable accomplishments reflect the themes of collaboration, dedication, education and leadership.

IU Geriatrics congratulates and thanks Dr. Frank!

Dr. Frank’s outstanding contributions have to date gone mostly unrecognized publicly except for the praises articulated by those who work with her on a regular basis. Dr. Frank is truly an ‘unsung hero’.

Steve Counsell, MD

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Dr. Noll Campbell Named Scientist at Center for Aging Research and Regenstrief Institute

Since arriving at Wishard Health Services in 2004, Noll Campbell, PharmD, GCP, has honed his clinical skills and collaborated as a highly valued member of inpatient and outpatient interdisciplinary geriatric care teams.

IU Geriatrics faculty and staff know him as their favorite geriatric clinical pharmacist—the expert they go to when seeking answers about aging pharmacology.

The complex biopsychosocial needs of older adults motivated Dr. Campbell to concentrate his clinical practice further and pursue projects aimed to improve the care of older adults with cognitive impairment, including dementia and delirium.

What began as a clinical interest in the use of medications and cognitive function in older adults evolved into research collaborations with Healthy Aging Brain Center Research Director, Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH.

Now the clinical pharmacist plans to become a clinical researcher.

Armed with a new title, research assistant professor in the Purdue College of Pharmacy, Dr. Campbell is pursuing career training to become an independently-funded aging brain pharmacology epidemiologist. He has joined the IU Center for Aging Research as a center scientist and Regenstrief Institute as an investigator.

“Dr. Campbell has established a standard of clinical excellence that, alongside training in various domains of clinical research, will translate into a meaningful career that will improve the care of older adults with and without cognitive impairment,” offers research mentor Dr. Boustani.

The mentor panel also includes clinical pharmacy researcher Michael D. Murray, PharmD, MPH, and biostatistician Sujuan Gao, PhD.

Dr. Campbell is a graduate of the School of Pharmacy at Butler University, and he completed residencies at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis and at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He hopes that training in clinical research, medical informatics, and epidemiology will lead to developing HIT-based pharmacological interventions to reduce the adverse effects of medication on the aging brain.

"I want to move from improving medication use at the individual level to improving medication use at the popualtional level," adds Dr. Campbell.

Links to some of Dr. Campbell’s first-authored publications are available on page 2.
**Presentations and Professional Activities**

**Steve Counsell, MD**, discussed *The Urgency of Preparing Primary Care Physicians to Care for Older People with Chronic Illnesses* (published in the *Health Affairs* May issue) and talked about the GRACE Program in a live interview on *Lakeshore Public Radio* on September 7, 2010.

**Steve Counsell, MD**, presented the keynote address, “Filling the Gap in Transitional Care: The GRACE Program – Geriatric Resources for Assessment and Care of Elders,” at the conference entitled “Critical Issues in the Care of Older Adults - Improving Transitions for Older Adults: Linking Sites of Care.”

Attending the conference, which was held September 23-24, 2010 and presented by the University of Michigan Medical Center at Ann Arbor, were **Ella Bowman, MD, PhD**, **Kathy Frank, RN, PhD**, **Todd James, MD** and members of the GRACE team from the Indianapolis VAMC. The target audience was providers taking care of older adults in the community, hospitals and nursing homes.

**Chris Callahan, MD, Class of 1996**, and **Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH, Class of 2005**, attended the Beeson Annual Meeting held September 22-25, 2010 in Asheville, North Carolina. Scholars, mentors and other leaders in academic medicine and aging research met to review research progress of Scholars, encourage dissemination of their findings, and enhance development of scholarship and leadership.

Since 1995, the [Paul B. Beeson Career Development Awards in Aging Research Program](https://www.beesonaging.org/) has supported 162 Beeson Scholars from 42 of the nation's top medical schools and research institutions. Dr. Callahan serves as a member of the Beeson Program Committee.

As a member of the 2010 External Advisory Committee, **Chris Callahan, MD** reviewed the [Center for Aging](https://www.cfa.uab.edu/) at the University of Alabama-Birmingham on October 14-15.

**Greg Sachs, MD**, presented “*The PEACE Program*” at the Alzheimer’s Association’s 2010 Fall Family Caregiver Conference held October 15 in Indianapolis. He also participated on a clinical panel Q&A session. PEACE stands for Palliative Excellence in Alzheimer Care Efforts.

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**Dr. Campbell’s First Authored Papers**


The [Anticholinergic Cognitive Burden Scale](https://www.idnd.org/) is an information management tool developed by an [IDND](https://www.idnd.org/) interdisciplinary team, including Drs. Boustani and Campbell.

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**From the IUSM NEWSROOM**

**Arif Nazir, MD, CMD**, offered advice in the August 2010 *Indianapolis Woman* article, “Let’s Talk.” The article focused on broaching the subject of assisted living with older adults in the magazine’s Senior Health and Lifestyles feature.

**Ella Bowman, MD, PhD**, was quoted in "Keys to a Longer, Happier Life," the Best of Senior Care insert in the October 2010 issue of *Indianapolis Monthly Magazine*.

**Greg Sachs, MD**,

INDIANAPOLIS -- A study published earlier this year in the peer reviewed online journal *BMC Public Health* has found that residing in a neighborhood with adverse living conditions such as low air quality, loud traffic or industrial noise, or poorly maintained streets, sidewalks and yards, makes mobility problems much more likely in late middle-aged African Americans with diabetes. [Read more...](https://www.bmcpublichealth.com/articles/10.1186/1471-2458-10-462)
Save the Dates for Geriatrics Presentations

Robin Bandy, JD, MA, NCG, will present “Advanced Directives, Health Care Consent and the Path to Guardianship” at the November 24 IU Geriatrics Conference held from 7:30-8:30am in Wishard T2008 A&B. She is the program director of the Wishard Volunteer Advocates Program.

Jeanne Dickens, MD, will present “Clinical Depression in the Elderly” at the January 19 IU Geriatrics Conference held from 7:30-8:30am in Wishard T2008 A&B. Dr. Dickens is an associate professor of Clinical Psychiatry and a geriatric psychiatrist.

Babar Khan, MD, will present “Geriatric Care in the ICU” at the February 16 IU Geriatrics Conference held from 7:30-8:30am in Wishard T2008 A&B. Dr. Khan is a fellow in the IU School of Medicine’s Division of Pulmonary & Critical Care.

Publications


