

# IU GERIATRICS e-news December 2008

A newsletter from [IU Geriatrics](#) and the [IU Center for Aging Research](#)

## Dr. Terrell Advances Research Career with K23 Award from NIA

**Kevin M. Terrell, DO, MS**, has created a way to combine his passion for emergency medicine, clinical research and improving healthcare delivery to older adults in emergency departments. With five years of funding from the National Institute on Aging, Dr. Terrell will study, "Transfers Relevant to the Acute Care of Elders," a career development award designed with two aims: to validate a set of existing quality indicators for transfers of care in both directions between nursing homes and emergency departments and to plan the formal testing of an intervention to improve the emergency care of nursing home residents.

The award, known as a K23 Mentored Patient Oriented Research Career Development Award, supports clinically trained professionals who have made a commitment to focus on patient-oriented research and who have the potential to develop into productive independent clinical investigators.

Dr. Terrell joined the IU Department of Emergency Medicine in 2000. In 2004 he completed the Clinical Research Fellowship/CITE Program, earned an MS in Clinical Research and received a Dennis W. Jahnigen Career Development Award supported by the American Geriatrics Society, the Hartford Foundation, and Atlantic Philanthropies.

**Douglas K. Miller, MD, Chris Callahan, MD, Rolly McGrath, MD, Greg Arling, PhD, and Siu Hui, PhD**, will continue as Dr. Terrell's mentors as he develops his independent research portfolio and academic career.



## 2008 Recognition for Dr. Terrell

- Won American Geriatrics Society (AGS) New Investigator Award
- Selected to present at Opening Plenary Poster Session at Society for Academic Emergency Medicine Annual Meeting
- Selected to present at Presidential Poster Session at AGS Annual Scientific Meeting
- Selected Best Poster in Emergency Medicine at AGS Annual Scientific Meeting
- Received K23 Mentored Patient Oriented Research Career Development Award from the National Institute on Aging

## IU Geriatrics Website Features New Look and Location at <http://medicine.iupui.edu/geriatrics/>

The screenshot shows the IU Geriatrics website with a red header and navigation menu. The main content area features a section titled "A John A. Hartford Foundation Center of Excellence in Geriatric Medicine". Below this title, there is text describing the program's recognition and mission. A sidebar on the left contains navigation links such as "Home", "Staff & Faculty", "Clinical Services & Sites", "Conference Schedules", "Education", "News", "Opportunities for Faculty Positions", "Research", and "Contact Us". A "IU GERIATRICS e-news" section includes a photo of Dr. Beck and a caption "Dr. Beck Honored with Hulman Health Award". Below that is a "About Indianapolis" section with a photo of the city skyline. The footer contains contact information for IU Geriatrics and the IU Department of Medicine.

## To Do List for the New Year

- Visit the new IU Geriatrics Website.
- Add new URL to my favorites.
- Revisit the new, improved IU Geriatrics Website!

IU Geriatrics wishes to thank Don Smith, Department of Medicine Manager of Systems Development, Chris Kellams and the programmers who translated our thoughts and words into Web pages that highlight our activities and speak to our vision, mission and values.

We welcome your comments and suggestions via email to Geriatrics Program Administrator [Kathy Frank](#), RN, DNS.

### Grant

**Steve Counsell, MD**, is a chief investigator on a grant, "Reliability of an Online Geriatric Assessment Procedure," funded by the [National Health and Medical Research Council](#) in 2009-2010. The project is led by Dr. Counsell's sabbatical mentor, Dr. Len Gray, MB, BS, FRACP, PhD, Director of the University of Queensland Academic Unit in Geriatric Medicine. The project is designed to test the reliability and safety of comprehensive geriatric assessment performed "online" in making geriatric triage decisions. It will also explore the accuracy of the procedure in identifying common geriatric syndromes, and its cost relative to conventional "live" consultations.

### Publications

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### Presentations and Professional Activities



**Greg A. Sachs, MD**, presented "Dementia, Decline, Dying and Other Conversation Stoppers" at the November 7, 2008 Medicine Grand Rounds.

**Malaz Boustani, MD, MPH**, presented "From Discovery To Delivery: A Research Update on Alzheimer's Disease" at the Alzheimer's Association's Third Annual Caregiver Conference held November 11, 2008, at the Gene B. Glick Center for Junior Achievement in Indianapolis, Indiana.

### Announcements

Irmira Gradus-Pizlo, MD, will present "Congestive Heart Failure" on February 11, 2009 at the IU Geriatrics Conference from 7:30-8:30am in Wishard's T2008 A & B. Dr. Gradus-Pizlo is an associate professor of medicine in the Division of Cardiology at IUSM.

The Indiana Geriatrics Society will hold its Annual Spring Dinner Meeting on March 12, 2009 at 6:00 pm at the The Fountains Banquet & Conference Center in Carmel, Indiana. Featured speaker J. Marc Overhage, MD, PhD, will present "Older Adult Healthcare - The potential of Health Information Exchange (HIE) and Health Information Technology (HIT)."  
[2009 Spring Dinner Meeting Information and Registration](#) - pdf

Dr. Overhage is president and CEO of the Indiana Health Information Exchange, the director of Medical Informatics at the Regenstrief Institute, Inc. and is the Regenstrief Professor of Medical Informatics at the IU School of Medicine.

Become a member of the Indiana Geriatrics Society in 2009! Receive quarterly newsletters, enjoy attending conferences such as the Spring Dinner Meeting, and connect with other professionals involved in the care of older adults. [2009 IGS Membership Form](#) - pdf

