

# Indiana Geriatrics Society

**E-Newsletter for February 2009**

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**Hurry and register for  
Spring Dinner Meeting-  
space is limited!**

## Indiana Geriatrics Society's 3rd Annual Spring Dinner Meeting March 12, 2009

Please make sure you send in your reservation for our 3rd Annual Spring Dinner Meeting. Note the deadline for registration is March 6th! This is a great opportunity to work on recruiting new members to IGS, so they can get a discounted rate for dinner. Our guest speaker is Dr. J. Marc Overhage. He will be sharing with us about the Indiana Health Information Exchange and how this relates to older adult care. We will have time for questions and discussion. We will also have our business meeting and election of our new board and committee chairs for 2009. We look forward to seeing you!

## American Geriatrics Society Annual Scientific Meeting



The Annual Indiana Dinner night during the AGS conference will be on Thursday evening, April 30th. If you are going to AGS and would like to connect with your professional peers and friends please email Kathy Frank at [katfrank@iupui.edu](mailto:katfrank@iupui.edu). The deadline for dinner reservations is April 23rd. You will need to pre-pay for your dinner to Kathy Frank and let her know if you have any food restrictions that need to be incorporated into the dinner plans. More details to come. In the meantime, please start encouraging your peers to attend the AGS conference and to save Thursday evening for a great time.

## UPDATE: Public Policy Committee by Dr. Michael Sha

- 1) Sent a supportive email on the Silver Alert legislation to the sponsor
- 2) The workplace smoking legislation bill passed committee but it was weakened from a comprehensive bill to a weak workplace smoking ban. It is still open for second reading. Please let me know if you would like for me to send an email to the committee members urging them to revise the bill for a stronger and more comprehensive ban.
- 3) Contact made with Paul Chase, one of the legislative affairs staff for AARP, informed him that we existed, and expressed our interest in working with them in the future given our similar "constituency".
- 4) There was an interesting piece of legislation making its way through the Senate's Health and Provider Committee regarding eligibility for Medicaid and asset transfer. Our members may want to encourage patients to establish personal care contracts if they pay family members for care. If there isn't a contract in place, those payments can be considered gifts and be subject to repayment to the patient as part of their assets or a significant delay in Medicaid eligibility. Anyone interested in working on this committee contact [msha@iupiu.edu](mailto:msha@iupiu.edu)

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Indiana Geriatrics Society's Business Meeting  
3rd Annual Spring Dinner Meeting  
March 12, 2009

It is important that you be prepared for our election of the new board and committee chairs for 2009. Please take a moment to learn about the nominated candidates:

**Vice-President:** Ella Bowman, MD, PhD

**Treasurer:** Noll Campbell, Pharm D, FASCP, BCPP, CGP

**Secretary:** Kathy Segrist, PhD

**Member-at-Large:** John S. Kelly, Jr., MD, FACP

**Chairperson-Educational Programs Planning Committee:** Raji Majety, MD

**Chairperson-Education Committee:** Tamara Wolske, MS

**Chairperson-Public Policy Committee:** Michael Sha, MD



Ella Bowman, MD, PhD

Dr. Bowman is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine at IU Geriatrics, where she serves as the Medical Director of the Acute Care for Elders Unit & Consult Service at Wishard Hospital, and also serves as a primary care physician for approximately 65 frail, homebound older adults in Marion County through the House Calls for Seniors Program. She holds board certification in Internal Medicine, Geriatric Medicine, and Hospice and Palliative Care. She teaches medical trainees at all levels, including medical students, interns, residents, fellows, and also nursing, pharmacy and physical therapy students who regularly attend ACE teaching rounds. She has a special interest in transitional care of the hospitalized elderly patient, and was awarded a Geriatrics Academic

Career Award (GACA) in 2007 entitled "Creation of a Hospital to Home Clinical and Teaching Program," through which she hopes to improve the outcomes and overall care of elderly patients hospitalized at Wishard Hospital. Through leadership in IGS, Dr. Bowman hopes to work with others around the state who share her passion for improving patient care for our aging population through the collaborative efforts of education, clinical research, and programmatic design.



Noll Campbell, PharmD,  
FASCP, BCPP, CGP

Dr. Noll Campbell received his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from Butler University in 2002. Following graduation he completed a pharmacy practice residency at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, IN. Currently, Dr. Campbell is a clinical pharmacy specialist in geriatrics with Wishard Health Services. He maintains a clinical practice with the Senior Care at Wishard, including the Center for Senior Health and Acute Care for Elders inpatient consult teams. He currently serves as President of the Indiana Society of Senior Care Pharmacists and as well as Treasurer of the Indiana Geriatrics Society. His research interests include management issues of cognitive impairment and the burden of anticholinergic medications in cognitively impaired elders. Dr. Campbell is an Affiliate Assistant Professor with Butler University School of Pharmacy and Health Sciences as well as Purdue University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.

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Kathy Segrist, PhD

Dr. Segrist currently is the Associate Director, Program Director for Gerontology, and Associate Professor at the Fisher Institute for Wellness and Gerontology, Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana. Dr. Segrist has been active in the aging network since 1983 when she was chosen to serve on the PSA II Advisory Board in Ohio. She has served as chair or vice chair of county and multi-county allocations committees and Chairperson of the Community Health and the Elderly Review Committee of SE Pennsylvania United Way. On a national level, Dr. Segrist is Fellow, on the Executive Committee of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education (AGHE), the newsletter coordinator for advertising, the University Institutional Representative, and the Program Chair for the 2002 Annual Conference for

this organization, is a reviewer of aging publications for the Library Journal, is a member of the American Society on Aging serving on the Education and Training Committee, and a member of the Gerontological Society of America serving on the 2001 Annual Program Committee. She has presented or exhibited as such national conferences as Gerontological Society of America, National Council on Aging, Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, American Geriatrics Society, National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, American Society on Aging, and the National Educational Computing Conference.



John S. Kelly, Jr. MD, FACP

Dr. Kelly is currently the Medical Site Director for Health-Line FHC in Michigan City, Indiana. He has held Clinical Adj. Professor positions with Northwestern Medical School Benjamin Adams Veterans Clinic and IU School of Medicine Northwest. He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Geriatric Medicine and holds a Fellow status with the American College of Physicians since 2008. He has over 20 years of experience in private practice, with a special interest in cardiology, geriatric medicine, diabetes education and management, prevent medical (still does home calls), plus a BIG commitment to quality healthcare for all. Over the past 15 years he has been working to help several hospitals build medical clinics. He maintains a strong commitment to the quality of care for the older adults in Indiana and to ensuring they have access to care.



Raji Majety, MD

Rajarajeswari (Raji) Majety is a board certified geriatrician from northwest Indiana. She is board certified in Internal Medicine and Geriatrics and has been practicing Geriatrics at Saint Margaret Mercy Hospitals in NorthWest Indiana since 2002. She is an active member of IGS since its inception and has been on the IGS board for the past two years as the Member-at-Large. She is a member of AGS, AMDA, and AMA.

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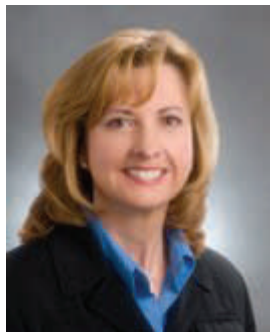
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Tamara Wolske, MS

Tamara Wolske works with the University of Indianapolis as the Academic Program Director for Aging Studies Programs at the Center for Aging & Community. Wolske's areas of focus include cultural awareness, global issues and aging, and culture change in long-term care settings. She holds an A.A. in Psychology and a B.A. in Sociology from Marian College in Indianapolis, IN and a Master of Science in Gerontology from the University of Indianapolis. She teaches graduate courses in gerontology for CAC and undergraduate courses in Sociology of Aging and Global Issues and Aging at Marian College. Prior to joining the University of Indianapolis in 2004 Wolske worked as the Assistant Director for the Connect2Help™ 2-1-1 telephone helpline for health and

human services at the Information & Referral Network (IRN). Wolske holds membership in and serves on committees for a number of national, state and local associations: She is Chapter Representative for the Delta Mu Chapter of the Sigma Phi Omega National Honor & Professional Society for Gerontology, serves as president on the board of the Central Indiana Council of Alumni at Marian College, and as vice president on the Board of Directors for Perry Senior Services in Indianapolis



Michael C. Sha, MD, FACP

Michael C. Sha, MD, FACP fulfills many roles for IU School of Medicine. He is a member of the Executive Committee for the Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program. In his leadership role as staff physician and Medical Director of the Primary Care Geriatrics Teaching Clinics at the Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Administration Hospital here in Indianapolis, he is in charge of a Healthy Older Adult primary care clinic where Internal Medicine Residents rotate and a Frail Older Adult primary care clinic which the Geriatric Medicine Fellows rotate through. He is a member of the Board for the Indiana Geriatrics Society, Inc., and has been since 2006. Dr. Sha is the Governor of the Indiana Chapter of the American College of Physicians and assumed the

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Methodist Hospital Conference Center**

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