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Notice of NAGE/NAGEC Member Annual Meeting

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**National Association for Geriatric Education
Annual Meeting
Friday, November 18, 2011
4:30 PM – 5:35 PM
Hynes Convention Center, Room 109
Boston, MA**

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS 4:00 PM – 5:00 PM

AGENDA

- I. **4:30 Welcome and Call to Order** – Phil Clark, President
- II. **4:35 Approval of Minutes from 2010 Annual Meeting** (sent to Directors)
- III. **4:40 Treasurer’s Report** – Patti Swager
 - A. 2011-2012 budget
 - B. Review of P&L statement
- IV. **4:45 HRSA Update** – Joan Weiss
- V. **4:55 Legislative Update** – Brian Lindberg
 - A. Status of geriatrics funding in FY2012 budget
 - B. Advocacy recommendations
- VI. **5:05 President’s Report** – Phil Clark
 - A. Review of past year
 - B. Goals for upcoming year
- VII. **5:10 Election of Board and Officers for 2011-** Arleen Johnson
- VIII. **5:25 Committee and Special Reports**
 - A. Legislative Affairs –Linda Redford
 - B. NAGE web site – Christine Arenson and Melen McBride
- IX. **5:35 Adjournment**

NOTICE OF NAGEC MEMBER ANNUAL MEETING

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 - A. 2011–2012 budget
 - B. Review of P&L statement
- III. **5:50 President’s Report** – Phil Clark
 - A. Review of past year
 - B. Goals for upcoming year
- IV. **5:55 Election of Board and Officers for 2011-** Arleen Johnson
- V. **6:00 Committee and Special Reports**
 - A. NAGEC web site – Christine Arenson and Melen McBride
 - B. NTACC – Julia Hannum Rose
- V. **6:15 Recognition Awards Presentation**
- VII. **6:30 Adjournment**

Philip Clark, ScD, President, NAGEC, and Director of the Rhode Island GEC:

Announcing two symposia at the Gerontological Society of America meeting, November 19 in Boston. These sessions are sponsored by the Partnership for Health and Aging. All are invited to attend them!

- a. Making the Case and Taking on the Challenges of Interdisciplinary Teamwork Education in Geriatrics

Type: Symposium

Date: November 19, 2011

Time: From 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM

Moderator: Phillip Clark

Presenters: Marcos Montagnini, Robert Kaiser, Ruth Ann Tsukuda, Ken Shay, Dave Reuben, Phil Clark, and JoAnn Damron-Rodriguez

- b. Advancing Universal Multidisciplinary Competencies in the Care of Older Adults

Type: Symposium

Date: November 20, 2011

Time: From 3:00 PM to 4:30 PM

Moderator: Todd Semla

Presenters: John Barr, Sue Berger, JoAnn Damron-Rodriguez, Elyse A. Perweiler

National Training and Coordination Collaborative (NTACC) Geriatric Education Centers

GSA 2011 Pre-Conference Institute

“Geriatric Interdisciplinary Team Training and Assessment in an Evidence-based Practice (EBP) Improvement Context”

Plan to attend the NTACC’s PCI at the 2011 annual conference of the Gerontological Society of America (GSA), November 18, 8 a.m. to Noon, in Boston, MA. Several presenters from the NTACC’s Leadership Team, GEC network, and Advisory Panel will be discussing the evaluation of interdisciplinary team training within an evidence based practice context.

As the current discussion on health care reform points to the need for clinically integrated health care systems using an interdisciplinary team care approach and evidence-based practices (EBP), this workshop provides the audience a timely orientation to ways of implementing and assessing team care in an EBP context. Participants will first learn the basic structure of an interdisciplinary team and major elements of team process. Interdisciplinary team training models, teaching resources, and related competencies will be presented and discussed. Team oriented evidence based quality improvement projects in diseases management will be shared by participants. Special challenges that are context-specific (e.g. in hospitals or nursing homes) to team care interventions will be identified. Various team care assessment

approaches will also be presented. The multidisciplinary competencies developed by the Partnership for Health in Aging (PHA) coalition will be used as a framework for guiding the presentations throughout the workshop.

Presenters: Phillip Clark, ScD, URI-Rhode Island GEC; Kathryn Hyer, PhD, USF- Florida Policy Exchange Center on Aging and School of Aging Studies; Chris Langston, PhD, The John A. Hartford Foundation; Ming Lee, PhD, UCLA; Julianne Manchester, PhD, CWRU; Elyse Perweiler, MPP, RN, UMDNJ; Julia Rose, PhD, CWRU; Joan Weiss, PhD, HRSA; Jennifer Wiekowski, MS, Health Services Advisory Group

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Check the official GSA website, <http://www.agingconference.com/>, for a full description of this Pre-Conference Institute.

Houston Geriatric Education Center (H-GEC)
H-GEC Launches Two New Geriatrics/Gerontology Health Care Professional
Certificate Courses
Laura Niles, Research Assistant

The Houston Geriatric Education Center successfully launched two 40-hour geriatrics certificate courses in September 2011: *The Baby Boomer Imperative: Working Together to Care for the Aging Population* and *Principles of Geriatric Care*. The Baby Boomer course is geared toward any health care professional interested in the field of geriatrics/gerontology. While the principles course emphasizes pathophysiology, medication management and complex case studies and is targeted towards physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and pharmacists. The intent of both courses is to educate health care professionals throughout the ever-expanding Texas Medical Center and the greater Houston community about a myriad of geriatric health concerns and prepare them for the increasing numbers of older adults in the community that will be seeking more specialized health care.

Course topics include the Biology of Aging; the Hazards of Immobility and Hospitalization; Dementia; Depression; Delirium; Executive Function and Capacity; Polypharmacy; Intimacy and Sexuality; Palliative and End of Life Care; and, Caregiver Issues, among many others. Course participants are expected to gain an increase in knowledge of best geriatric practices and identify strategies for treating older adults, including those with multiple chronic illnesses.

The response to the courses has been very enthusiastic in the Houston health care community, with between 25 and 30 participants attending each course day. The Baby Boomer course is held one Friday per month over the course of four months, with additional hours of course study offered online. The Principles course is held two Tuesday nights each month over the course of the academic year. Both courses offer continuing education credit to participants. For more information about the H-GEC, visit our new and improved web site at www.houstongec.org

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Geriatric Education Center (CGEC)
Carolina Geriatric Education Center Participates in
Congressional Falls Prevention Briefing
Ellen Caylor Schneider, MBA, Scientist and Dissemination Leader
Jan Busby-Whitehead, MD, Principal Investigator

Ellen Schneider, Carolina Geriatric Education Center, assisted in planning and participated in the Congressional Falls Prevention Briefing held in Washington, D.C. on September 21st. The purpose of the meeting was to raise awareness of the growing public health issue of older adult falls and to discuss a new study in the July Journal of Trauma (Hartholt, K. et al. 2011). Data for this study was obtained from the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System All injury program (NEISS-AIP). This 8 year study, taking patients' age into account learned that the rate of hospital admissions for older adult fall injuries in the US increased by 31%. The meeting was hosted by Senator Herb Kohl (D, WI), who also sponsored the 2011 National Falls Prevention Awareness Day. Speakers included representatives from the National Council on Aging (NCOA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Administration on Aging (AoA), MaineHealth, and University of Wisconsin. [Get the slides](#). A special highlight of the event was video testimonials from older adults from Maine and Wisconsin who have benefited from falls prevention programs in their communities. [Watch the Maine video](#). [Watch the Wisconsin video](#).

At the meeting, a representative from the Senate Special Committee on Aging announced that the Senate Appropriations Committee added a line item in their Labor, Health and Education proposal for the Prevention and Public Health Fund to support elder falls prevention activities at the AoA for \$7,000,000. The funds would be used for public education about the risk of falls, as well as implementation and dissemination of community-based strategies that have been proven to reduce the incidence of falls among seniors. Another line item was also added for the CDC to receive \$3,000,000 to conduct research to evaluate and disseminate the most effective falls prevention interventions and that the AoA use the funding provided to them to conduct outreach and demonstration programs to expand the implementation of effective interventions. The Prevention and Public Health Fund, part of the Affordable Care Act, is being vigorously debated in the House and Senate and may not survive. However, the recognition of the issue of older adult falls in the proposed funding is significant. Hartholt KA, Stevens JA, Polinder S, van der Cammen TJM., and Patka, P. Increase in Fall-Related Hospitalizations in the United States 2001-2008. *The Journal of Trauma Injury, Infection, and Critical Care*. 2011 Jul; 71(1):255—8.

Geriatric Education Center of Pennsylvania (GEC PA)
John Hennon, PhD, Co-Director, GEC/PA
Sarah Aerni, MLIS, Project Coordinator

“I AM HERE” training modules on geriatric mental health

The Geriatric Education Center of Pennsylvania (GEC/PA) has developed a curriculum and associated DVD with six interactive geriatric mental health educational modules (“I am Here”) focused on (1) Depression, (2) Anxiety, (3) Suicide, (4) Substance Abuse, (5) Delirium, and (6) Dementia. The modules include a didactic portion and one or more case-based scenarios. The audience is urged to stop the DVD at various times to discuss how they would approach the situation shown. Evidence-based assessment tools are introduced at the end of each module to help caregivers manage various situations in a proper and consistent manner.

These materials have had a significant impact on enhancing the geriatric mental health expertise of practitioners throughout the nation through distribution of the curriculum to the national network of GECs and training more than 2000 social workers, nurses, nurse practitioners, therapists, physicians and other health care professionals in western Pennsylvania.

The “I am Here” curriculum and training modules are now also used by the Community College of Allegheny County and the Baptist Health System in Jacksonville, FL. Please contact Sarah Aerni at sea33@pitt.edu if you are interested in obtaining a copy for use.

Palliative Care Training Program Update

Additionally, the GEC /PA, in collaboration with one of the largest health care systems in the nation, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center system (UPMC), is working to improve palliative care services in long-term care facilities throughout western Pennsylvania. The GEC/PA is developing training programs on evidence based practices that have been shown to produce positive results in the palliative care areas of advance care planning, pain control, delirium prevention, and depression prevention/treatment. The advance care planning training program, developed by an interprofessional team, is now complete and is being implemented at six skilled nursing facilities operated by UPMC. A chart review process has been developed to evaluate the effect of the trainings; baseline data is being collected prior to trainings and follow-up data will be collected throughout the course of the project in order to document the impact of the trainings on provider behavior change and patient outcomes. Results will be disseminated to other health care systems throughout the nation that are also seeking to improve the palliative care services they provide.

Meharry Consortium Geriatric Education Center (MCGEC) – Nashville, TN

Ruth Garrett, PhD, MPH, MEd (MCGEC Consultant)
Grace Smith, LMSW (Project Manager)

The Meharry Consortium Geriatric Education Center, comprised of Meharry Medical College (MMC), Tennessee State University and Vanderbilt University, has a full slate of training activities planned for November and December. On Nov. 10, Dr. Charles Mouton (PI) will lecture to 200+ social workers, discharge planners, and other allied health professionals on Elder Investment Fraud and Financial Exploitation (EIFFE) as part of a multi-state effort led by the Texas Consortium GEC. On Nov. 16, the Family Medicine Dept. at Meharry will host a geriatric training session for residents, faculty and health care providers. An interdisciplinary slate of presenters representing medicine, nursing, nutrition, and dentistry will cover vitamin supplements in the elderly, geriatric oral health/dentistry and dementia.

The MMC Geriatric Student Forum (GSF), in collaboration with the Student National Medical Association's HIV/AIDS Awareness Committee, will visit a local nursing home in November to talk to the residents about HIV/AIDS. In December, GSF will collaborate with the Family Medicine Interest Group to visit residents of Schrader Acres Assisted Living.

Our GEM in-service trainings at the Nashville VA will continue on Nov. 8 & Dec. 13, led by Dr. Ruth Garrett. Geriatric Assessment will be reviewed to prepare the GEM nurses for a series of organ studies. In November, Dr. Kelly Cunningham will discuss heart health. Also at the VA in conjunction with the GRECC, there will be a series of Journal Club and Didactics sessions on geriatric topics such as delirium, polypharmacy, male caregivers, depression and social work discharge planning. Also in conjunction with the GRECC, Vanderbilt is offering a new long term care nursing in-service series “Dealing with the Difficult Patient.” We expect a total

of 200 trainees, mostly nurses (all levels), but also social workers, nutritionists, physical and occupational therapists and physicians.

Last but not least, Vanderbilt will offer the GNYGCC Seminar Series via monthly webcasts starting in Nov., 2011. Topics cover geriatrics and cardiology (e.g., Aging and Pharmacology and Cardiovascular Aging).

Montana Geriatric Education Center
A Comprehensive Approach to Late Life Depression

Terry Egan, M.S.
Associate Director MTGEC

Depression is the fourth highest contributor to the global burden of disability. The World Health Organization estimates that by 2020, depression will be the second highest cause of disability and premature death. Montana has the second highest rate of completed suicide in the United States. From 2000-2009, there were 324 elder suicides, 90% of these were men. It is estimated that 37% of older adults suffer from minor depression and 67% of older adults in long term care facilities meet the criteria for major depressive disorder. Health care professionals and students need to be prepared to work with older adults with depression.

On October 11, 2011, the Montana Geriatric Education Center (MTGEC) in cooperation with St Vincent Healthcare, Montana Tech and the Montana Gerontology Society provided a daylong conference exploring a comprehensive approach to late life depression. The four conference speakers presented aspects of late life depression from their professional perspective and research. Dimitris Kiosses, Ph.D., Weill Cornell Medical College provided an overview of late life depression and evidence-based psychosocial treatments that have been shown to be effective in treating patients with late life depression. Kurt Kroenke, M.D., Regenstrief Institute, discussed illnesses frequently comorbid with depression in older adults and the impact of depression on comorbidity and mortality. Drug therapy for an older patient with depression based upon evidence-based data and national treatment guidelines was discussed by Glen Stimmel, PharmD, and University of Southern California School of Pharmacy. Martha Bruce, Ph.D., Weill Cornell Medical College, described the incidence of suicide in older adults and recommended strategies to improve the detection and treatment of late life depression.

This interactive videoconference, designed for health care professionals and students working in geriatric care and education, had over 300 participants in twenty-one sites across the state. Participants completed pre- and post- evaluations and an implementation plan that they will work on in coming months. CE/CME credits were awarded to health care professional in nine different professions.

Two video conference follow-up sessions are planned for early 2012. These sessions are based on a patient case and focus on putting knowledge into practice through assessment of patients and the development of care plans.

West Virginia Geriatric Education Center
Nancy Daugherty, Program Coordinator

David K Brown Geriatrics Scholar Program has selected six (6) new scholar candidates. The candidates will complete 40 hours of “approved” geriatrics content, including WVGEC sponsored trainings and receive mentoring by an expert in the field. Congratulations to the following individuals:

- Marlena Chestnut, MSC, LGSW, social worker at Broaddus Hospital

- Kristina Hash, PhD, LICSW, Associate Professor and Director, Gerontology Certificate Program for WVU Division of Social Work
- Juanita Bishop, LSW, BSW, Senior Manager and Field Health Outreach for the UMWA Health and Retirement Funds
- Sara Burdette, MSW, LGSW Social Worker and Case Manager at Davis Memorial Hospital
- Donna Tennant, Administration/Marketing Director for Sundale Nursing Home
- Debbie Ventura, RN and Regional Director for the UMWA Health and Retirement Funds.

By making a commitment to enhancing their education and expertise in geriatrics, these qualified individuals will be making a difference in the lives of older adults in our state.

WVGEC Consortium Advisory Group and Interprofessional Curriculum Committee met on October 29th to welcome several new members, review past accomplishments of the WVGEC and discuss this year's goals and objectives. Discussion centered on sharing specific responsibilities and ways to collaborate to maximize the number of individuals that are reached in the state. We welcome new partners: Emily Thomas, DO from the WV School of Osteopathic Medicine, the Eastern Area Health Education Center staff, Morgan Wright and Malinda Turner, and Southeastern AHEC, represented by William Shires of Mountain State OPTI and are continuing our partnerships with Shirley M. Neitch MD of Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine and the Hanshaw Geriatrics Clinic, Lew Holloway and Donna Steigleder from Northern WV AHEC. Our Interprofessional Curriculum Committee includes faculty from nursing, dentistry, medicine and social work, Richard Meckstroth, DDS, Barbara L. Nunley, PhD, APN; Kristina Hash, PhD, LICSW and Mark A Newbrough MD.

The monthly Geriatrics Journal Club has a new date, the third Wednesday of each month. Journal Club has been revised to follow a standardized format which will lead to more robust learning experience and evaluation outcomes. Each presenter completes and shares a Critique form about the article that identifies the research design, major findings, strengths, limitations, tools used, guidelines and quality of evidence. The articles are posted on the WVGEC website, along with the critique forms. This interprofessional group of health professionals participates in lively discussion and interested parties may either attend in person or access via Wimba classroom. Sessions are also archived for viewing at a later date. Geriatrics Journal Club is approved for one hour continuing education credit in medicine, pharmacy, social work and/or nursing. For more information about Geriatrics Journal Club, please contact Mary M. Annie, WVGEC Program Specialist at mannie@hsc.wvu.edu or 304-347-1295. November's articles theme will be about nutritional and over the counter vitamins and supplements.

The David Z Morgan 2011 Award was presented at the WV Geriatrics Society Annual Scientific Assembly to Barbara L. Nunley, PHD, RN, GCNS-BC for her exceptional leadership and devoted service to geriatrics in WV. Barbara has been a strong voice for Geriatric Nursing education for many years. As an Associate Professor of the WVU School of Nursing, Charleston Division, Barbara has been a very effective spokesperson and is very accomplished. She has worked on many service activities in the field of gerontology such as: serving as the WVU SON's faculty representative to the Southern Region Coalition sponsored by the Hartford Center of Gerontological Nursing Excellence, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to participate in the development of strategic plans for implementing geriatric curricula in all BSN programs in the southern region. Our thanks and congratulations go to Dr. Barbara Nunley for her outstanding contributions to geriatrics education!

Staff from the WVGEC will be attending this year's Gerontological Society of America (GSA) in Boston, look forward to seeing you there!

Ohio Valley Appalachia Regional GEC
Betty Shiels, PHD, ABD, University of Louisville Director
Arleen Johnson, PhD, OVAR/GEC Director, University of Kentucky

Emergency Preparedness and Response for Aging: National Level Earthquake Exercise Training

During May, 2011 OVAR/GEC staff participated in an 8-state, National Level, Congressionally-mandated earthquake disaster exercise (NLE 2011). The states included Kentucky, Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Mississippi, Missouri and Tennessee all of which would be severely impacted by a catastrophic earthquake at the New Madrid Fault, the most active seismic zone in the US.

During the exercise, 120 members of US Public Health Service Teams were deployed to western KY for training during the earthquake exercise and to assist emergency response during the historic flooding of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers that seriously impacted western KY. Betty Shiels, OVAR/GEC University of Louisville Director, provided a three-hour workshop on emergency preparedness and planning related to aging and long term care facilities for 46 USPHS team members, and participated in a joint workshop for USPHS team officers and long term care facility administrators on sheltering at-risk older persons and long term care residents in a mass evacuation situation in special medical needs shelters.

One of the resources utilized for the training was the Kentucky All Hazards LTC Planning and Resource Manual developed by OVAR/GEC Directors from the University of Louisville GEC and University of Kentucky. This manual was designated by the DHHS Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response as a 2010 "best practice" for long term care preparedness and received the 2011 Southeastern Association of Area Agencies on Aging Community Service Award.

GEC GEPR Collaborative Webinar on Emergency Preparedness and Elder Care

The OVAR/GEC at the Universities of Kentucky and Louisville also participated in the June, 2011 Geriatric Emergency Preparedness and Response Collaborative (GEPR) Webinar on "Emergency Preparedness and Elder Care," with Stanford University and Louisiana State University School of Medicine. Stanford University took the lead in coordinating and broadcasting the webinar which was attended by 51 participants from 11 states 51 (6.% MDs, 24% RNs, 22%SWs, 49% others). The two and half hour session was archived as a training resource in the SGEC internet archive at (<http://sgec.stanford.edu/events.html>). There was energetic interaction and sharing of information during the question and answer period. The post-training evaluations indicated the group was very satisfied with the training (M=4, on a Likert scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being extremely satisfied), and 92% said that they would recommend this webinar to their colleagues. Examples of how they would use their knowledge included: train faculty, students, and health care providers; share information in skilled facility and diverse groups in small villages; look into collaborations with local service agencies; and arrange disaster exercise in the agency. This is the first GEPR Collaborative webinar in a series that are planned for the coming years with Stanford GEC, University of New England Maine GEC, and OVAR/GEC.

OVAR/GEC Essentials of Dementia Care Train the Trainer Training

The Alzheimer's Association of Greater Kentucky and Southern Indiana, Fayette County Extension Services, University of Kentucky Sanders-Brown Center on Aging and OVAR/GEC collaborated on a day-long Essentials of Dementia Care Training for 75 inter-professional health care providers from KY, OH and TN. The training presented the latest information on Alzheimer's disease while role modeling teaching techniques to enable health care providers to train long term care facility nurse aides to better care for persons with the

disease. Each trainee completed a training action plan and took home a 100 page training manual complete with lesson plans, content, resources and evaluations. Six-month follow-up evaluations will document the number of nurse aides that were trained and changes identified in the institutions as a result of utilizing the training materials.

Upcoming Calendar of Events:

Date	Name of Event	Location	Contact Information
November 8, 2011 7:30-8:00 a.m.	GECM Unit in-service training	Nashville, TN	Ruth Garrett, PhD, MPH, Med rgarrett@mmc.edu 615-327-6919
November 9, 2011	Family Medicine Geriatric Lecture Series	Meharry Medical College – Nashville, TN	Carol Galvez cgalvez@mmc.edu
November 10, 2011 9:00-10:00 a.m.	EIFFE lecture	Nashville, TN	Grace Smith, MCGEC gssmith@mmc.edu 615-327-6947
November 15, 2011 8:00 a.m.	Long Term Care Nursing in-service series “Dealing with the Difficult Patient” <i>In partnership with GRECC</i>	Murfreesboro, TN	James Powers, M.D. James.powers@vanderbilt.edu 615-936-3274
November 16, 2011 1:00 -5:00 p.m.	Family Medicine Geriatric Series	Nashville, TN	Grace Smith, MCGEC gssmith@mmc.edu 615-327-6947
November 18, 2011	Health Literacy	WV Association of General Dentistry @ WVU – Health Sciences Center, 4 th Floor	Nancy Daugherty, WVGEC Program Coordinator ndaugherty@hsc.wvu.edu or 304-347-1208
November 19, 2011 8:00–9:30 a.m.	Making the Case and Taking on the Challenges of Interdisciplinary Teamwork Education in Geriatrics	GSA Meeting in Boston	Philip Clark, RI GEC aging@uri.edu
November 20, 2011 3:00-4:00 p.m.	Advancing Universal Multidisciplinary Competencies in the Care of Older Adults	GSA Meeting in Boston	Philip Clark, RI GEC aging@uri.edu
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November 30, 2011	Double Trouble: Understanding IAD	WVU – Robert C Byrd HSC Room 2000 or on-line @ www.camcinstitute.org	Debbie Harless, WVGEC Administrative Assistant dharless@hsc.wvu.edu or 304-347-1324
December 7, 2011	Alcoholism and Substance Abuse in the Elderly	WVU – Robert C Byrd HSC Room 3292 Geriatrics weekly didactics	Nancy Daugherty, WVGEC Program Coordinator ndaugherty@hsc.wvu.edu or 304-347-1208
December 8, 2011 (12:30-2:00 pm PST)	“End of Life” Presented by: Marita Grudzen, MHS, and Cynthia Pan, MD	Anywhere internet can be accessed.	Detailed registration information is available on the Stanford GEC website (http://sgec.stanford.edu/events.html) Questions : Contact Marian Tzuang at (650) 721-1023 or at mtzuang@stanford.edu
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December 8 and December 9, 2011	Mid-Atlantic Conference to Advance Geriatric Competences in Undergraduate and Graduate Nursing Education	Driscoll Hall, Villanova University, Villanova, PA	John.Seman@UPHS.UPenn.edu 215-898-5099 http://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/nursing/e/courses/geriatric_conference.html
December 13, 2011 7:30-8:00 a.m.	GEM unit in-service training	Nashville, TN	Ruth Garrett, PhD, MPH, Med rgarrett@mmc.edu 615-327-6919
March 6-7, 2012	2012 Forum on Aging and Annual Meeting	Sharonville Convention Center, 11355 Chester Rd., Cincinnati, OH	Irene Moore, 513-584-0798 moorei@uc.edu

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