2017 Geriatric Faculty Scholars Announcement

Four URMC faculty members have been named as the 2017 Geriatric Faculty Scholars. This prestigious challenge grant is awarded to current junior URMC faculty with a specific interest in interprofessional geriatric education and practice. Throughout the 2017 calendar year, these faculty members will work with a mentor in the Division of Geriatrics & Aging to create and implement a geriatric education program within their own program. Each project is designed to promote and integrate geriatric principles into other specialties.

This year’s Geriatric Faculty Scholars are:

**Carolanne Bianchi, DNP, RN, MBA, ANP-BC, CRRN**  
*Assistant Professor of Clinical Nursing, URMC School of Nursing*  
Acute care experience, as well as a clinical and education background, has prepared Dr. Bianchi as a Geriatric Faculty Scholar. Recognizing that lack of mobility leads to functional decline in hospitalized older adults, Dr. Bianchi’s Geriatric Faculty Scholars project will work to develop and implement a protocol that encourages walking to prevent unnecessary functional decline.

**Ronald J. Maggiore, MD**  
*Assistant Professor, Hematology/Oncology, Department of Medicine*  
As a recent addition to the URMC faculty, Dr. Maggiore brings expertise in geriatric oncology. He will focus his Geriatric Faculty Scholars efforts on expansion of geriatric assessment into cancer care delivery, and the development of a geriatric oncology curriculum for trainees and providers.

**Ahmad I. Manasra, MD**  
*Assistant Professor, Hospital Medicine, Department of Medicine*  
A hospitalist at Strong Memorial Hospital since 2011, Dr. Manasra’s focus for the Geriatric Faculty Scholars project will be the perioperative optimization of geriatric patients that are co-managed by hospital medicine and surgical subspecialties.

**Fahad Saeed, MBBS, FASN**  
*Assistant Professor, Nephrology, Department of Medicine*  
As a nephrologist and palliative care specialist, Dr. Saeed will focus his Geriatric Faculty Scholars project on chronic kidney disease in the geriatric population and development of educational interventions to bridge knowledge gaps and improve the care of the older renal patient.

Four 2016 Geriatric Faculty Scholars were awarded last year, three of whom have received continued funding for 2017:

- Tamala David, PhD, MPA, MS, FMP,* Adjunct Faculty, SON*  
  Educating Health Care Providers on the Health and Needs of Older Deaf Adults
- Elizabeth Palermo, DNP, RN, ACNP-BC, ANP-BC,* Assistant Professor, Clinical Nursing, SON*  
  Perioperative Care for Older Patients
- Adina Jucan, DDS,* Assistant Professor, Clinical Dentistry, Eastman Institute for Oral Health*  
  Team-based Oral Health Education in Nursing Homes
- Kyle Judd, MS, MD, FACS  
  *Addressing Surgical Delays in Geriatric Fracture Care*

Since 1997, the [Finger Lakes Geriatric Education Center (FLGEC)](http://www.urmc.rochester.edu) at the University of Rochester Medical Center, has been continuously funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) with the goal of educating health care practitioners and caregivers in the principles of geriatric care. The scope of the current funding cycle includes specific education and training for Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias (ADRD) for patients,
families, caregivers, direct care workers, and health providers, students, residents, fellows, and faculty, as well as targeted education in rural areas.

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