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**GENERAL MEDICINE NEWSLETTER**

**FIVE GIM FACULTY  
WIN TEACHING  
AWARDS**

Five GIM faculty received awards at the 4th Annual Excellence in Education Award Ceremony, Oct. 15, 2008.

Receiving awards were:

- Distinguished Clinical Science Educator Award: **Rody Cox, M.D.**
- Pre-Clinical Teaching Awards from Class of 2010 for MS2: **James M. Wagner, M.D.**; (High Exposure Teachers) and **Hari Raja, M.D.**, (Small Group Teachers)
- Core Clerkship Teaching Award: **Elwood Jones, M.D.** (Family Medicine), and **Elizabeth Paulk, M.D.** (Ambulatory Care).

In addition **Dr. Rody Cox** was elected to join the elite UT Southwestern Academy of Teachers for 2008. He also will receive the prestigious honor of Master-ship in the American College of Physicians .

**Ethan Halm, M.D., MPH**, GIM Division Chief, has been named the recipient of the Walter Family Distinguished Chair in Internal Medicine, in honor of GIM's **Albert D. Roberts, M.D.**

**GERIATRICS AWARDED \$2 MILLION  
REYNOLDS GRANT FOR EDUCATION**

Dr. Craig Rubin, (Principal Investigator) and colleagues in the Geriatrics Section were awarded a \$2 million geriatrics education grant by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation.

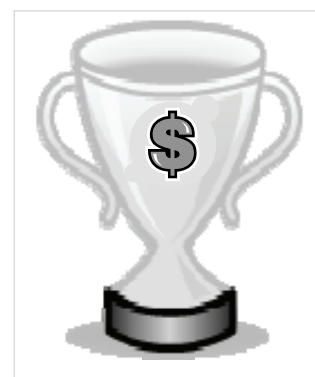
The Reynolds-UT Southwestern Aging and Geriatrics Education (SAGE) Program will implement a comprehensive program to increase geriatrics in undergraduate and graduate medical education through an innovative curriculum that emphasizes patient safety and patient-centered care for the vulnerable elderly. This curriculum will impact every UT Southwestern medical student and every resident in internal medicine, family medicine, and psychiatry,

along with many surgical specialty and subspecialty trainees.

"This award is both a testament to the current strength of our Geriatrics faculty, staff and programs here at UT Southwestern, as well as a sign of continued future growth and innovation," said Dr. Ethan Halm, GIM Division chief.

Reynolds grants are very competitive and very prestigious. Of the 64 medical schools that applied to the foundation this year, only 10 were awarded grants.

The geriatrics team consists of Craig Rubin, M.D.; Lynne Kirk, M.D.; Amit Shah, M.D.; Belinda Vicioso, M.D.; Vivienne Roche, M.D.; Kathryn



Eubank, M.D.; Abimbola Awodipe, M.D.; Heather Stieglitz, Ph.D.; Natalie Gary, RN/GNP; Liz McDonald, RN, and administrative assistants Teena Geiger and Traci Child.

Funding for the grant will begin January 1, 2009

**CANCER RISK INTAKE SURVEY  
STARTS IN OUTPATIENT CLINIC**

Patients with upcoming appointments in our Aston GIM clinic are being invited, via a letter, to participate in an NIH-funded research study to see whether a new computer program, *Cancer Risk Intake System*, will be of benefit for them.

A research assistant will call

them before their appointment to assess their eligibility and to answer any questions. If they agree to participate, patients will need to arrive 20 minutes before their scheduled appointment; at that time they will use the touch-screen computer program to answer questions about their medical history

and that of their family. In addition they will receive printed information about cancer screening tests as well as a \$10 gift card. This study involves no medical tests or treatments.

We hope that this will be the first of many future GIM clinical studies.