Integrating Geriatrics into the Specialties of Internal Medicine: Moving Forward from Awareness to Action

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Introduction

- Project Leadership:
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- Based on the original Integrating Geriatrics project led by William R. Hazzard, MD
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Goals for Integrating Geriatrics Project

Increase specialty society interest in geriatrics

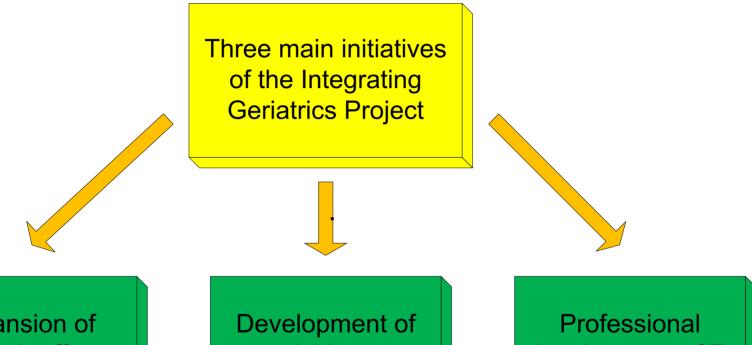
Provide a model of cross-NIH Institute collaboration in aging research



Broaden engagement of internal medicine specialty organizations with geriatrics topics

Enhance interaction of American Geriatrics Society with specialty organizations

Overview of Initiative Project Components



Expansion of research efforts through NIH meetings

special interest groups within specialty societies

Professional development of T. Franklin Williams Scholars

Initiative 1: Expanding Research Efforts through NIH Workshops

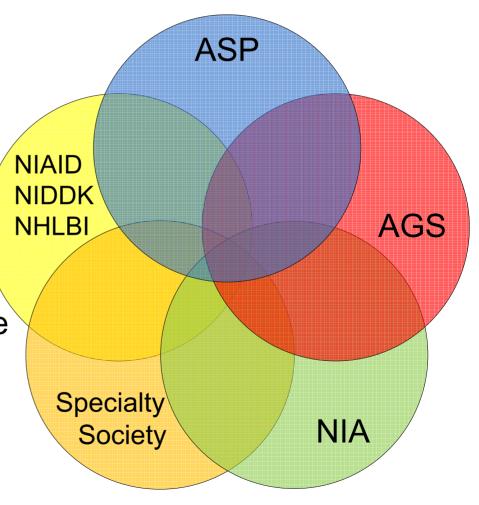
Participants:

 Representatives of ASP and the American Geriatrics Society (AGS)

 National Institute on Aging (NIA) extramural program leaders

 Members of internal medicine specialty societies

 Specialty oriented NIH Institute extramural program leaders



Methods:

- Two day workshops focused on specific geriatrics research questions linked to the specialty
- Successful pilot with the American Society of Hematology (ASH), National Cancer Institute (NCI), NIA, AGS, and ASP in 2005 and 2006
 - Resulted in two national symposia and 2 NIH RFAs

Methods:

- Three targeted specialties
 - Infectious Diseases
 - Nephrology
 - Pulmonary Medicine
- Three workshops per specialty

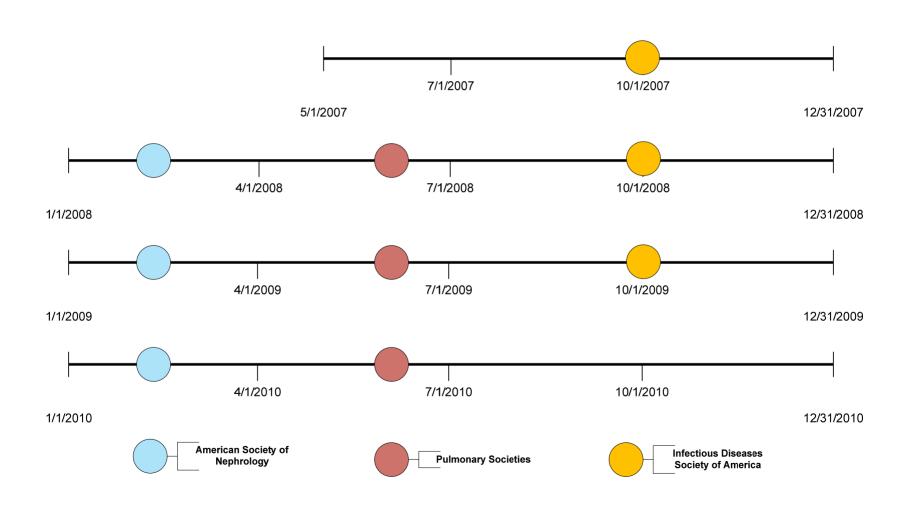
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- Edward Janoff, MD
- Daniel Kuritzkes, MD
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- Kelly Gebo, MD
- Amy C. Justice, MD
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- Susan G. Nayfield, MD (NIA)
- Susan F. Plaeger, PhD (NIAID)
- Robin Huebner, PhD (NIAID)



- Anticipated Outcomes
 - Published manuscript on the meeting topic
 - Symposium at the annual meeting of the relevant specialty society
- Potential Outcomes
 - Federally funded initiative for research on the topic or related topics
 - Future expansion of the integrating geriatrics effort to additional specialties

Initiative 2: Development of Geriatrics Related Special Interest Groups

Create and support geriatrics-focused special interest groups in each of 11 specialty societies

Refine specialty
clinical guidelines
to include
recommendations for
older adults









Define clinical competencies for care of elderly patients

Enhance geriatric content available in journals, CME, and MOC

Initiative 2: Special Interest Groups

Methods:

- Create special interest groups (SIG) by leveraging existing Williams Scholars, their mentors, and participants in geriatrics educational activities
- Use grassroots approach to build SIGs in the specialty societies
- Provide funds from an Atlantic Philanthropies grant to augment clinical guidelines with geriatrics content
- Fund five special geriatrics projects each year from the specialty societies for \$15,000 to \$25,000 per project

Initiative 3: Professional Development of Williams Scholars

- T. Franklin Williams Scholars Program:
 - Provides two to four year awards of \$50,000 to \$75,000 each year for junior internal medicine specialty faculty
 - Partnership of ASP with 12 specialty societies
 - 40 scholar awards have been given to date
 - 49 new awards to be funded through 2010

Initiative 3: Professional Development of Williams Scholars

Goals:

- Foster the intra- and inter-institutional growth and networking of the Williams Scholars through:
 - Holding two Williams Scholars alumni meetings between 2007 and 2010
 - Supporting a visiting professor program for the 2007-2010 scholars

Initiative 3: Williams Scholars

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Two highly successful interactive meetings of the existing Williams Scholars
- Nearly 50 visits from senior leaders to the institutions of Williams Scholars, providing an opportunity for training and mentorship
- Foster long term communication between Williams Scholars and the visiting professors

Initiative 2: Special Interest Groups

• Spring 2007:

- Evaluate existing special interest groups and task forces within specialty societies
- Identify interested society members who can begin the application process for a special interest group within each society
- Lona Mody, MD, and Keith S. Kaye, MD, to lead first meeting of internal medicine specialty section at AGS annual meeting

Summer/Fall 2007:

- Begin SIG development process
- Begin clinical guideline augmentation

2008:

- ASP first annual RFP for special projects in geriatrics among the specialty societies
- Complete revision of targeted clinical guidelines

Initiative 2: Special Interest Groups

Anticipated Outcomes:

- Geriatrics special interest group infrastructure existing in all targeted specialty societies
- Augmentation of 40 clinical guidelines to include geriatrics content
- Funding of up to 15 projects through ASP issued RFPs
- Increase in geriatrics-related content published in specialty society journals and inclusion in CME and MOC materials