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### EXTERNAL GERIATRIC EDUCATION SERIES CAPACITY BUILDING

The "External Geriatric Education Series" is another example of partnership in education within the Champlain District. This two-week intensive geriatric education series offers the combination of didactic education sessions; outreach community visits and dialogue with clinicians working within specialized geriatric services. The following experts contributed to the sessions: Geriatricians, Geriatric Nurse Specialists, Geriatric Assessors, CCAC Case Manager, Physician Specialists, Community Experts, Nurse Specialists, and Geriatric Psychiatrists. Participants are provided with the knowledge, skills and orientation necessary to perform a basic geriatric comprehensive multidimensional screening assessment.

Three two-week education sessions were held in 2005 and 38 participants from the community, hospitals and emergency departments attended from Eastern Counties, Renfrew County, Guelph and Ottawa. CCAC (Ottawa, Eastern Counties, and Renfrew Counties) Case Managers were 75% of the enrollment. Feedback was very positive indicating that the education modules are very helpful in supporting clinical work with seniors.

Monthly 1- hour "lunch and learn" education sessions offered through Care Connect were also held as an extension of this training. The initiative provided communication with external geriatric assessors to continue building on knowledge, expertise and providing a forum to share experiences with others to learn and develop.

An example of the sessions covered in the two-week education module can be viewed through this link ([http://www.rgapottawa.com/english/health\\_professionals/training\\_program.asp](http://www.rgapottawa.com/english/health_professionals/training_program.asp)).

For more information on the education modules, please feel free to contact Kelly Milne at (613) 798-5555 ext. 13930 or at [kmilne@ottawahospital.on.ca](mailto:kmilne@ottawahospital.on.ca).

### PHYSICIAN EDUCATION A SUCCESS

#### Primary Connections

There are 5 Regional Geriatric Programs affiliated with the Academic Health Science Centres in Ontario. They work extensively with their respective departments of Family Medicine on a broad range of continuing medical education initiatives to support best practices in primary care of the elderly. On November 16, 2005 the RGP of Ontario partnered with the Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) to present a pre-conference workshop at the Annual Scientific Assembly of the OCFP 2005 titled "Practical Approaches to Primary Care for Older Patients". Topics ranged from successful aging, delirium screening, depression, pain management and high risk seniors, across two plenary and 16 small group sessions. Participant evaluations indicated that 100% felt their

Learning needs were met by the workshops, and more significantly the same percentage (100%) indicated the knowledge acquired during the session would change their clinical practice. Planning for next year is underway. The RGPs of Ontario are thankful to OFCP for their partnership and support in this joint endeavour.

#### Geriatric Transitions

Effective December 2005, Dr. Michael Borrie stepped down from his position as Chairperson of the RGPs of Ontario. Dr. Borrie will continue in a formal capacity at the provincial level as Past Chairperson. The RGPs have nominated Cal Martell, Director of the Ottawa RGAP as Chairperson for the next two-year term. This is the first time a candidate other than a geriatrician has been nominated to this role, and is a reflection of the strong interdisciplinary culture of the RGPs of Ontario Network. Dr. Bill Dalziel, Chief of the Ottawa RGAP will serve as Vice Chairperson.

RGPs of Ontario can be accessed through this link: <http://www.rgps.on.ca/article.pl?sid=02/03/11/1949257>

### WHAT'S NEW

#### Multidisciplinary City Wide Rounds

**Friday 10 February, 2006**

8.00 – 9.00 am

"Elder Abuse – A Geriatric Perspective"  
Amphitheatre, TOH Civic Campus  
Dr. Rory Fisher MB, FRCP(Ed)C  
Professor Emeritus, Depart of Medicine  
University of Toronto

#### Rural Forum

**Thursday March 2, 2006**

9:00am to 3:00pm

Perley & Rideau Veterans Health Centre

#### Dementia Symposium

**March 30, 2006**

Information can be accessed through this link:

<http://www.alzheimerott.org/calendar/cal2.htm#dem2006>

#### Annual Meeting & Geriatric Program Development Poster

**Session Thursday 6 April, 2006**

Hellenic Banquet Centre

1315 Prince of Wales Drive, Ottawa Hospital

1.30 – 3.00 pm Viewing of posters

3.00 – 5.00 pm RGAP AGM & Keynote Address

We will be seeking input and contributions from all of our partners.

Please forward submissions for comment to Kelly Milne at [kmilne@ottawahospital.on.ca](mailto:kmilne@ottawahospital.on.ca) or call (613) 798-5555 extension 13930.