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The Miami Area Geriatric Education Center has been working diligently these past few months in order to enhance the geriatric knowledge and skills of health professionals by expanding and developing educational programs and activities in geriatrics.

The Past Few Months...

April

5th Annual Pain Awareness Week

March 31 – April 4, 2008
West Palm Beach VA

Pain Awareness Week provided various stimulating lectures and presentations on topics such as spinal injection, nerve block therapies for back pain, pain management and palliative care, and medication management. Over 100 healthcare professionals were in attendance. MAGEC provided continuing education for all pharmacist attendees.

**Registration now open
for the Intensive
Geriatric Training
Conference!! Limited
space available!**

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Florida Bioethics Conference

April 4, 2008 Miami Beach, FL

The Florida Bioethics Network's annual spring conference took place on April 4th in Miami Beach. Department of Children and Families Secretary Bob Butterworth was the highlight on a program that featured sessions on Joint Commission ethic requirements, aging, and pandemic preparedness. Over 135 attendees participated in this co-sponsored MAGEC event.

Integrative Medicine Symposium and EXPO

April 29, 2008
Medical Wellness Center

This one day symposium provided hundreds of healthcare professionals and medical students informative panels on integrative medicine representing both national and local clinical practices. MAGEC, along with the WPB VA Medical Center provided CMEs.

The Past Few Months ...

May

Older American's Month

A meeting with the National Council of Senior Citizens resulted in President John F. Kennedy designating May 1963 as Senior Citizen Month, encouraging the nation to pay tribute in some way to older people across the country. In 1980, President Jimmy Carter's proclamation changed the name to Older Americans Month, a time to celebrate those 65 and older through ceremonies, events, and public recognition.

Meet and Exceed the Performance Measures for Hyperlipidemia & Hypertension

May 7, 2008

Orlando VA Medical Center

MAGEC jointly sponsored this lecture where the Chief of Cardiology, Dr. Syed Abbas, and the Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Cheryl Smith-Martinez presented on performance measures. MAGEC also provided one hour of continuing education for pharmacists.

June

The 3rd Annual World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD)

June 15, 2008

<http://www.inpea.net/weaad.html>

World Awareness Day involves activities to bring greater recognition of the abuse of older adults wherever they live throughout the world and to highlight the need for appropriate action. It is intended to give abuse and neglect of older adults a global relevance that will sustain and move prevention efforts forward throughout the whole year and years to come.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day can be an intensive period of focus on both a national and local level where organizations can promote their commitment to challenging elder abuse, and seek the support of key legislators to increase funding for public awareness and needed community resources. Celebrate World Elder Abuse Awareness Day annually on June 15th by wearing something purple. Show the world you care about ending elder abuse and neglect.

Coming soon...

Intensive Geriatric Training 2008

The 2008 Intensive Geriatric Training will be held July 21-23, 2008 in Miami, Florida at the Miami VA Medical Center.

This 3-day conference will allow for healthcare providers of a variety of disciplines to be trained in the delivery of efficient interdisciplinary team (IDT) care, in order to meet the healthcare needs of older adults.

Guest speakers include Dr. E. Douglas Beach, Secretary of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs, and Natalie Mullett, Deputy Director, Florida Council on Compulsive Gambling.

**20 hours of
continuing education
and CME's!**

Coming soon...

Upon completion of this program, participants will be better able to master the following objectives:

- Discuss the specific and combined roles of the interrelated healthcare disciplines which address geriatric health needs.
- Describe an effective interdisciplinary team.
- Identify appropriate community resources for working with this population.
- Discuss the continuing challenges of preventing and assessing medication errors in older adults.
- Describe an effective aging sensitivity training experience.

In addition, 20 hours of continuing education will be offered for the following disciplines: Medicine, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Social Work, Mental Health, Psychology, Administration, Podiatric Medicine, and Nutrition. The Statewide Public Guardianship Office approved this program for 15 CEUs for guardians.

Full agenda on www.miami.edu/magec.

For more information contact MAGEC at 305-355-9123 or email magec@med.miami.edu.

Registration information online-
www.miami.edu/magec

In the news...

Facts & Figures on Older Americans from the Census Bureau: May 2008

37.3 million = The number of people 65 and older in the USA on July 1, 2006.

86.7 million = The projected population of people 65 and older in 2050.

9.4% = The poverty rate for people 65 and older in 2006.

9.1 million = Estimated number of people 65 and older who are military veterans.

5.5 million = Number of people 65 and older who were in the labor force in 2006. Projections indicate that by 2016, the number will reach 10.1 million.

1.6 million = The number of people 65 and older who lived in nursing facilities in 2006. These residents comprised 4 percent of all people in this age group.

5.3 million = The number of people 85 and older in the USA on July 1, 2006.

17% = The percentage of Florida's population 65 and older in 2006, which led the nation. Next to Florida, states with the highest percentages of older people include West Virginia (15.3 percent) and Pennsylvania (15.2 percent).

31.2% = Percentage of the population of Charlotte County, Fla., that was 65 and older on July 1, 2006, which led the nation. In fact, Florida contributed four of the top 10 counties.

Contact us!

For more information on MAGEC events and to be kept up-to-date, visit our website at <http://www.miami.edu/magec> and check under "Calendar of Events" and "Events/CE programs".

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