On Sunday, October 8, 2017, the Division of Geriatric and Palliative Medicine hosted the first Alan N. Dengiz, MD Next Generation Lecture. This is the first of a series of lectures given by Geriatric and Palliative Medicine faculty and physicians that will fuel the expansion of educational opportunities for residents and medical students. During his employment with Michigan Medicine’s Division of Geriatric and Palliative Medicine, Dr. Alan Dengiz saw to the care of middle-aged older adults, including those with Alzheimer’s disease, and focused on listening to the needs of the patient and the companion or caregiver. Dr. Dengiz takes great pride in teaching faculty, staff, trainees, students and community members the best way to care for aging patients and how individuals can successfully age in place. His overall goal of this lecture is to encourage medical students and residents to engage in, shadow, and consider geriatric medicine as a field of study and as a potential career. Dr. David Ring, Associate Dean of Comprehensive Care and Professor of Surgery and Perioperative Care at the University of Texas Austin Dell Medical School, was the keynote speaker, lecturing on “The Conversation Cure.”
Jennifer Beal, D.O., joined our division on July 1st as a Clinical Lecturer. She has clinics in the East Ann Arbor Health and Geriatrics Center and also works on the subacute service. Dr. Beal obtained her medical education from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine and she is board certified in internal and geriatric medicine. She completed her geriatric medicine fellowship at the University of Michigan in 2013. She joined us from Millennium Medical Group West- Livonia, where she is an attending Internal Medicine and Geriatric Physician in the nursing home, as well as doing home visits and hospital coverage.

Rabeya Begum, D.O., joined our division as a Clinical Lecturer following her special fellowship on July 1st. She has clinics in the East Ann Arbor Health and Geriatric Center and works on the subacute service. Dr. Begum received her medical degree from Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in New York, NY, in 2012. She completed her Internal Medicine residency at Flushing Hospital Medical Center in New York, NY, in 2015. Her special interests include primary care of elderly patients, palliative and end-of-life care, disease prevention, and patient education.

Soumya Rangarajan, M.D., M.P.P., joined our division on September 18th as a Clinical Lecturer from the Medical College of Wisconsin and spends her time on the ACE, GICT and subacute services. Dr. Rangarajan received her Master of Public Policy degree at Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government in 2008, and then received her Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 2013. She completed her combined Internal Medicine Residency and Geriatrics fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin in August.

Laura Taylor, M.D., joined our division on July 1st as a Clinical Lecturer following the completion of her palliative medicine fellowship. She works on the adult palliative care consult service, pediatric palliative care service and with the VA palliative care service. Dr. Taylor received her Medical Doctorate and Master of Science in Clinical Research degree from the University of Michigan in 2011. She completed a combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics residency at the University of Michigan in 2015. She subsequently completed a Chief Residency year in the Department of Pediatrics at Mott Children’s Hospital at the University of Michigan in 2016. Dr. Taylor’s special interests include medical education in palliative medicine, medical ethics, and palliative care for pediatric populations.

Subacute Expansion to Evangelical Homes of Michigan Senior Solutions-Saline

Starting Fall 2017 the Division of Geriatric and Palliative Medicine’s Subacute Service has expanded to partner with EHM Senior Solutions-Saline. Our geriatricians and nurse practitioners are providing 7-day a week care to U-M patients who are receiving short-term skilled nursing and rehabilitative services at the Evangelical Home-Saline. Evangelical Home-Saline offers outstanding physical, occupational, speech/language/ cognitive rehabilitation services including aquatherapy. The facility also provides transitional care when the patient returns home with follow-up phone calls, home health services, life lines, and prepared meals to ensure the transition is a smooth one. EHM Senior Solutions-Saline is located at 440 West Russell Street in Saline, Michigan.
On Monday, August 14th, 2017, an inauguration ceremony was held to appoint Dr. Neil Alexander to the Ivan Duff, M.D. Collegiate Professorship in Geriatric and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Carol Bradford (left) presented Dr. Neil Alexander (right) with the Ivan Duff, M.D. Collegiate Professorship in Geriatric and Palliative Medicine at the ceremony.

Dr. Alexander is known nationally and internationally for his innovative research in mobility assessment and interventions in older adults, and in particular regarding postural control, gait and falls. His research is closely aligned with the intent of this professorship to study geriatric and palliative medicine, serving as a valuable resource for geriatrics research, teaching, and clinical care.

**2017-2018 Geriatric Fellows**

**Francis DeMarco, M.D.**
Dr. DeMarco received his medical degree from Saba University School of Medicine in 2014. He completed his residency in Family Medicine at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in Shreveport, Louisiana. He is interested in improving the health of older persons through preventive health services, comprehensive assessments and long-term care. He also hopes to integrate the comprehensive ideals of a gerontologist into a general Family Practice setting in the future.

**Nehal Gheewala, D.O.**
Dr. Gheewala received his medical degree from Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida in 2014. He followed this with a residency in Internal Medicine, serving as Chief Resident at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital until 2017 when he completed his residency. Dr. Gheewala has an interest in healthcare policy and healthcare innovation focusing on delivery and technology.

**Emily Maris, M.D.**
Dr. Maris completed her medical degree at the University of Toledo College of Medicine. She subsequently completed a residency in Internal Medicine at Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor. She has an interest in caring for patients with dementia, and how that care changes as dementia advances. She also is interested in pursuing a fellowship in hospice and palliative care after geriatric fellowship.

**Alexandra Norcott, M.D.**
Dr. Norcott received her medical degree from Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine in 2013. She completed her internal medicine residency at Yale-New Haven Hospital in 2016. Following this, she served as Yale’s VA Chief Resident in Quality & Safety for Internal Medicine at the West Haven Veterans Affairs Hospital for the 2016-2017 academic year. She is excited to apply her knowledge of quality improvement principles in the field of geriatrics. Her research focuses on advanced care planning, transitions in care, and innovative models of healthcare delivery for older adults.
Monthly Seminar Series

Clinical Epidemiology Seminars
1st Thursday of every month
4:00-5:00 PM
Location: 300 North Ingalls, 9th floor, Room 906

Interdisciplinary Research Conference (IRC)
2nd Thursday of every month
4:00-5:00 PM
Location: VA/GRECC Conference room

Research Education Core (REC)
3rd Thursday of every month
4:00-5:00 PM
Location: 300 North Ingalls, 9th floor, Room 906

Palliative Care Research Seminars
3rd Thursday of every month
4:00-5:00 PM
Location: VA/GRECC Conference room

GRECC Interdisciplinary Clinical Conference (ICC)
4th Thursday of every month
3:00-4:00 PM
Location: VA/GRECC Conference room