



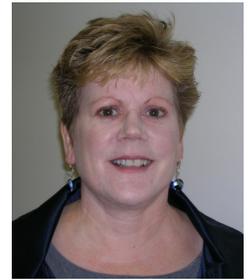
## Dr. Theresa Pape Receives 2014 ACRM Fellows Award

The Fellow of the American Congress of Rehabilitation Medicine (FACRM) designation recognizes active members with an outstanding record of professional service to ACRM who have also made contributions of national significance to the field of medical rehabilitation. Fellows of ACRM have an outstanding record of professional service to ACRM and have a sustained record of at least five years of outstanding contributions of national significance to medical rehabilitation in clinical practice, research, education or administration.

**Theresa Pape, Dr. PH, MA** was nominated for this esteemed award by Dr. Trudy Mallinson and endorsed by Dr. Allen Heinemann, Dr. Stephanie Hayner, and Ms. Ann Guernon. In her nomination, Dr. Mallinson wrote that Dr. Pape has made over 20 presentations at ACRM conferences, is a regu-

lar conference attendee, and was instrumental in the advancement of young rehabilitation researchers through her active involvement as member, chair, and now past-chair of

the ACRM Early Career Committee, which develops and plans ACRM Early Career programming. Since 1995, Dr. Pape has been an active member of the ACRM Disorders of Consciousness Task Force. Dr. Pape has made outstanding contributions to rehabilitation medicine as evidenced by contributions to the scientific literature with over 35 publications and almost 10 million dollars in investigator initiated funding from the VA ORD, Department of Defense and the National Institute of Health.



Dr. Theresa Pape

## Dr. Eileen Collins Receives Thomas L. Petty Distinguished Pulmonary Scholar Award

**Eileen Collins, PhD, RN, FAACVPR** received the Thomas L. Petty Distinguished Pulmonary Scholar Award which is presented to an individual who has made significant advances in the field of pulmonary rehabilitation through their research and scholarly contributions. This prestigious award was presented on Friday, September 5, 2014 at the annual meeting of the American Association of Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Rehabilitation (AACVPR). Dr. Collins is recognized for her significant advances and national prominence in the field of pul-

monary rehabilitation through her research and scholarly publications, grant funding and scientific presentations. Most recently, Dr. Collins was lead author on the Clinical Competency Guidelines For Pulmonary Rehabilitation Professionals, the Position Statement of the AACVPR, published in the August 2014 issue of the Journal of Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation and Prevention.



Dr. Eileen Collins

## Dr. Denise Hynes Celebrates Completing ELAM Fellowship

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Denise Hynes, PhD, MPH, RN, is the Director of the VA Information Resource Center (VIREC), an HSR&D Research Career Scientist Awardee, and a Professor of Medicine and Health Policy Administration at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

Despite this busy schedule, Dr. Hynes also recently completed a one year fellowship with The Hedwig van Amerigen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) Program at Drexel University College of Medicine.

The ELAM Fellowship, established in 1995, is a combination of executive education, personal leadership as-

essments, coaching, networking and mentoring activities designed to build new capacities and encourage professional connections. This is the only in-depth national program dedicated to preparing women faculty for senior leadership roles in academic health science institutions. She joins a group of over 800 alumnae leaders who represent over 180 medical, dental and public health schools worldwide. Congratulations Dr. Hynes!



Dr. Denise Hynes

## Productive Meeting of CINCCCH Steering Committee

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### GUIDANCE

CINCCCH held its annual in person steering committee meeting on Tuesday, April 22, 2014. We were very pleased to welcome Martin Charns, DBA, Co-Director of the Center for Healthcare Organization and Implementation Research (CHOIR), as our new Steering Committee Chair. Our members are comprised of representatives from our operations and academic partners, as well as from the HSR community. Presentations were made illustrating research and partnership activities in

our three primary focus areas: patient-centered care and new delivery models; neurological conditions; and value and health. Discussion ensued about cross-cutting opportunities, challenges and opportunities for growth. The committee then met in closed session and made recommendations to CINCCCH to address some of our challenges. They also were very complementary about our research and its potential for impact. Our next meeting is scheduled as a conference call at the end of October.

## New Post-doctoral Fellow Joins CINCCCH

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### MENTORING HIGHLIGHTS



Dr. Swati Lederer

Swati Lederer, MD, completed her Internal Medicine Residency and Nephrology Fellowship at the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System. During her clinical training, Dr. Lederer observed low levels of health literacy among her patients with kidney disease and recognized the importance of strong health communication when caring for complex, chronically ill patients. Dr. Lederer is now pursuing a 2-year Department of Veterans Affairs post-doctoral research fellowship and a Masters in

Clinical and Translation Sciences through the UIC School of Public Health. She is working with her mentors, Drs. Michael Fischer and Elisa Gordon, to examine patient-provider communication, health literacy, and self-care practices among patients with chronic and end-stage kidney disease. This research has the potential to generate a better understanding of patient care practices and to inform interventions that are needed to improve long-term outcomes in patients with kidney disease. On a personal note, Dr. Lederer is newly wed as of September 2014. She and her husband hope to hike the Machu Picchu Inca Trail for their honeymoon!

Dr. Evans has been partnering with the VA Office of Public Health (OPH) for the past three years on issues related to surveillance, epidemiology, disease prevention, and public health policy. She has been leading a study conceptualized by the Clinical Public Health Office and funded by the National Center for Occupational Health and Infection Control (COHIC), both programs within OPH, to evaluate the effectiveness of the high-dose influenza vaccine and to determine the feasibility of an electronic surveillance system to monitor influenza vaccine effectiveness in near real-time. This partnership is ideal as Dr. Evans has the epidemiology and methodology experience while OPH has the clinical and operational policy expertise to take the findings and implement them. This is just one example of the projects Dr. Evans and others are working on that exemplify this ongoing partnership between VA researchers and OPH in improving the care of Veterans.

## Years of Service Recognition for CINCCCH Employees

## RECENT AWARDS

It is said that people are the greatest asset of a company. The same holds true for Federal Agencies. Recently Hines VA Hospital has held two ceremonies to celebrate anniversary milestones of employees, recognizing their dedicated service and contributions to the continued mission to serve and honor our Veterans.



CINCCCH employees who have recently celebrated Years of Federal Service Anniversaries are:

**35 Years**—Carol Durczak

**30 Years**—Fran Weaver

**20 Years**—Cindi A. Fiandaca, Marylou Guihan, Madeline Thornton, Gay Watkins

**15 Years**—Kevin Stroupe

**10 Years**—Linda Poggensee

## Team Building Activities Help Bond CINCCCH Staff



CINCCCH staff prides itself in working together. It is not a small task with more than 40 members at two locations. To achieve this goal, CINCCCH members try to keep an interest in each other outside of

the work of the Center. Some fun events, such as the Annual CINCCCH Picnic and Holiday Party are a major undertaking. Other events are on a smaller scale but help us get to know each other better. Recently, the Center was divided into five different teams. Each team is composed of members who normally do not work together. All five were charged with finding a fun event that has little or no cost, to present to the rest of the Center. The summer months brought us two great events.

The first which took place in July, and was a perfect summer time favorite, an Ice Cream Social. There were different flavors of ice cream, toppings and root beer for those who wanted a root beer float. There was a lively game of “Family Feud” with small prizes for those who played while conversation and laughter filled the room.

The second event, a “View and Chew” took place in August. This event gave staff members a chance to share their travel pictures and stories with co-workers at a lunchtime slideshow. Attendees could either bring a brown bag lunch or order pizza for a nominal fee. After travelling the world through the slide show presentations there was a challenging trivia “Jeopardy” game complete with candy prizes.

We look forward to the team building exercises that the last three groups have in store for us!

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A Veteran called the Director's Office at Jesse Brown VAMC to compliment **Howard S. Gordon, MD** (Ambulatory Care) of the JBVA Primary Care Clinics. The Veteran stated that Dr. Gordon replies to **MyHealthVet** very promptly and is just a "doggone good doctor whom he is happy to have as his physician." So glad to hear about patient-centered care in action!

**Frances M. Weaver, PhD**, has been selected as an Ambassador of the Loyola University Institute for Transformative Interprofessional Education (I-TIE). I-TIE was established to educate future health-care providers and professionals to work as a team to better care for patients. Forty-nine faculty ambassadors, representing broad areas of specialization, will come together to lead the curriculum, practice and culture change necessary to fulfill the mission of the institute. Loyola is among the first universities in the United States to implement such a collaborative model.



**Sara M. Locatelli, PhD**, was recently awarded a fellowship from the Craig H. Neilsen foundation to perform psychosocial research in the spinal cord injuries and disorders (SCI/D) population. As part of this fellowship, Dr. Locatelli will develop a measure of self-efficacy for function in SCI/D, through literature reviews, focus groups with individuals with SCI/D and family members/caregivers, and content expert feedback. The final instrument will be pilot-tested with individuals with SCI/D.

**Congratulations Dr. Locatelli!**

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