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From the Director's Desk

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Happy New Year and Happy New Decade from all of us
at the Arkansas Geriatric Education Collaborative! I am
excited to be writing to you as we begin a brand new
decade! Here at the AGECEC we have an exciting year
planned as we bring programs for healthcare
professionals and students, community members,
caregivers, and older adults.

Reflecting back on the last 3 months of 2019, we had
several very successful programs...

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Geriatric Student Scholars Selected for 2020

By Whitney Thomasson, MAP
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It is with great pleasure that the UAMS Arkansas Geriatric
Education Collaborative (AGEC) announces its 2020
selection for the Geriatric Student Scholars program:
Abbey Belote (Doctorate of Physical Therapy student),
Caitlyn Crowder (Doctorate of Audiology student), Serena
Van (Doctorate of Pharmacy student), Rebekah Ward
(Physician Assistant student), and Sarah Wilson (Hendrix
College Pre-Medical undergraduate).

The purpose of the Student Scholars program is to...

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What's New in the 2019 Guidelines for Community- Acquired Pneumonia?

By Blaze Calderon, Juliana Oguh, and Lisa C.
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Several factors increase the frequency of infection and
pneumonia in older adults including lowered immune
function, the presence of comorbid conditions, and
nursing home residence. Community-acquired pneumonia
(CAP) is defined as an acute infection of the pulmonary
tissue that is acquired outside of a health care setting.
CAP is a leading cause of morbidity and mortality
worldwide. The clinical presentation of CAP ranges from...

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Promoting Safe Driving Among Older Adults Using Driving Simulation Technology

By Amanda Mohler, OTD, OTR/L
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Driving is a dynamic task requiring the active engagement
of an individual's sensory, perceptual, cognitive, and
motor systems. However, as individuals age, the systems
are at risk of declining, resulting in poorer accuracy of
driving performance. Research shows the effects of aging
on physiologic systems often result in decreased muscle
strength, coordination, and motor control. The aging
systems can result in...

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Integrated Care: The Role of Mental Health Practitioners on the Primary Health Care Team

By Kevin Rowell, PhD
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As with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act in
2017, U.S. health care continues to develop the patient-
centered medical home model as a way of efficiently
coordinating health care delivery. Especially for older
patients where complexity of health care is the norm, the
weight of responsibility in providing effective, safe, and
lower cost interventions rests squarely on the primary
care practitioner (PCP). Now that baby boomers have
reached late life...

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2020

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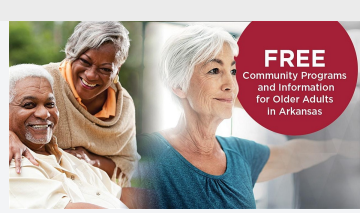
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Rounds - Gut**

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Presented by:

**Margaret Pauly, MS,
RD, LD and
Stephan Dehmel,
MD.**

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January 28th

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PRESENTED BY: Lara
Krawchuk, MSW,
LCSW, MPH

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