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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 AGEC we have an exciting year  
planned as we being 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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## UPCOMING 1 HOUR FREE CE EVENT January 28, 2020

Tues: Noon - 1PM

**Geriatric Grand**

**Rounds - Gut**

**Check: Are you  
prescribing the right  
foods for your  
elderly patients?**

**Presented by:**

**Margaret Pauly, MS,**

**RD, LD and**

**Stephan Dehmel,**

**MD.**

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**CE processes.**



## Free 1 Hr Webinar - Gut Health (Geriatric Grand Rounds)

January 28th

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## Save the Date May 19, 2020 ASU Annual Grief Seminar

The Billy Joe and  
Betty Ann Emerson  
Grief Seminar  
Grief, Loss and Life  
Limiting Illness:  
Supporting Families  
Facing End of Life  
PRESENTED BY: Lara  
Krawchuk, MSW,  
LCSW, MPH

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**The Arkansas  
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Collaborative's  
mission (AGEC)** is to  
provide high quality  
programs that support  
healthy aging in  
Arkansas for older  
adults.

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