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Upcoming Continuing Education Events

February 10, 2021: Racial/Ethnic Disparities in COVID-19: Predictors and Outcomes - Clare Brown, PhD, MPH & George Pro, PhD, MPH

February 25, 2021: An Introduction to Neuroinflammation in Alzheimer's Disease - Paul Parcon, MD, PhD

Stay tuned to our website and social media pages for future CE opportunities!

From the Director's Desk

By Robin McAtee, PhD, RN, FACHE, Director, Arkansas Geriatric Education Collaborative (AGEC), a Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP) at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging (DWR IOA)

Happy New Year from the Arkansas Geriatric Education Collaborative (AGEC), the Geriatric Workforce Enhancement Program for Arkansas. As we say goodbye to the holidays of 2020, we say goodbye (and in many instances, good riddance!) to 2020. I think 2021 is dawning brighter as we see hope for containment of COVID-19 and...

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Older Adults and COVID-19: A Call for Physical Activity Intervention



By Sarah Walker, PT, DPT Department of Physical Therapy University of Central Arkansas

As healthcare professionals are faced with the numerous challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, clinicians who serve geriatric clients are being met with stark statistical findings from epidemiology studies. Age in advance of 65 years is the single most important predictor of...

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Beyond Diabetes: Use of Antidiabetic Agents in Heart Failure

By Tyler R. Walsh, PharmD and Lisa C. Hutchison, PharmD, MPH University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

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According to the Centers of Disease Control, diabetes is a risk factor for developing heart failure. Many patients with diabetes will develop heart failure, so clinicians would be excited to have medications that could treat diabetes and also improve heart failure outcomes. The sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 (SGLT-2) inhibitors are possibly those medications...

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The Importance of Vitamin D in the Wintertime



By Dr. Audrey Folsom, DHSc, MSHS, MT(ASCP), Assistant Professor of Clinical Lab Sciences, and Mr. Eric West, MBA, DTR, Assistant Professor of Dietetics Arkansas State University

Vitamin D deficiency and insufficiency affects individuals across all ethnicities and age groups, but older adults are especially vulnerable. Vitamin D deficiency is a widespread problem, which is attributed to many different factors, including lifestyle and environmental factors...

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Dementia Friendly Business Trainings from AGEC

By Laura Spradley, MS Outreach Coordinator UAMS Arkansas Geriatric Education Collaborative (AGEC)



Arkansas Geriatric Education Collaborative

Local businesses owners are trying to differentiate themselves these days from the competition. We at the Arkansas Geriatric Education Collaborative (AGEC) believe having front line employees and supervisors trained in "dementia friendly" business concepts and communications is a great way to "stand out"...

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