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Center of Excellence

The John A. Hartford Foundation Inc., of New York recently named the Division of Geriatric Medicine and Gerontology as a "*Center of Excellence*" in Geriatrics

Academic geriatricians are needed to train our future physicians. As the nation's population continues to age, it is imperative that physicians and other healthcare providers receive education and training in the care of older adults, who have unique health challenges and different medical needs than younger adults. The Hartford Foundation's Centers of Excellence program has awarded more than 25.5 million dollars since 1997 to increase the number of faculty capable of teaching future physicians how to provide good care to their elderly patients. The prestigious Center of Excellence Award was made on the basis of the Division of Geriatrics' outstanding accomplishments in aging-related research, research training, education, and service.

New PGY 6 Fellowship Position in Geriatric Medicine



Maria Pavlou, MD, has been named the first Weill Cornell Center of Excellence recipient. Dr. Pavlou completed her medical training and Internal Medicine residency at Columbia University School of

Medicine and her Geriatrics Medicine fellowship training at Weill Cornell. She will continue her ground-breaking research in identifying predictors of self-neglect among older persons.

New Office of Geriatric Research

With Center of Excellence support, the Division is also proud to announce the creation of its Office of Geriatric Research. Cary Reid, MD, PhD, Associate Professor of Medicine, directs the office, which seeks to foster cutting-edge research in geriatric medicine by providing research training and mentorship to physicians interested in investigative careers in age-related research. The office also supports research activities of medical students participating in the Medical Student Summer Scholar Program in Aging and those sponsored by the Division's Center for Aging Research and Clinical Care.

If you are interested in a career in geriatrics and/or would like more information about Cornell's *Center of Excellence*, please contact the Office of Geriatric Research at 212-746-1237 or log on to

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