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Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center Celebrates Expansion Groundbreaking

On Tuesday, May 7, more than 100 friends attended the Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center. Among the event's attendees were the Green family, State Senator Maria Sachs, Boca Raton City Councilman Anthony Majhess, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing Dean Dr. Marlaine Smith, and the Center's director, Dr. Kathleen Valentine.

The Memory and Wellness Center offers care and support to members of our community who are affected by memory disorders such as Alzheimer's disease and dementia. The Center is one of 15 such facilities statewide, and was recently designated as Florida's first licensed Specialized Alzheimer's Services Day Center. In addition to the expansion of the facility, the Memory and Wellness Center has been identified in the FY 2013-14 state budget to receive more than \$200,000 in recurring funding for its operating and program costs. This expansion and funding increase will allow the Center to reach more patients and provide a broader array of services.



The INTERACT Institute

RESEARCH SPOTLIGHT: INTERACT - Interventions to Reduce Acute Care Transfers

INTERACT is a quality improvement program designed to facilitate the early identification, assessment, documentation, and communication of changes in the status of nursing home patients, to improve care and reduce the frequency of potentially avoidable transfers to a hospital. Such transfers can result in numerous complications and billions of dollars in unnecessary health care expenditures. The program was created by Dr. Joseph Ouslander, senior associate dean for geriatric programs and professor of clinical biomedical science in FAU's Schmidt College of Medicine, and Dr. Ruth Tappen, distinguished professor in FAU's Lynn College of Nursing.

INTERACT was initially implemented at 25 community-based nursing homes in Florida, Massachusetts and New York over a six-month period, and resulted in a 17 percent reduction in hospital admissions among the residents. In addition, FAU has recently partnered with a software company to build this approach into an Electronic Health Record system with a focus on creating

generic specifications so companies can use it with their software systems. Utilizing INTERACT in nursing homes nationwide could improve care, reduce complications, and avoid hundreds of millions of dollars in Medicare expenditures annually.

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Anne and Louis Green

[Click here](#) for more information about the Louis and Anne Green Memory and Wellness Center.

[Click here](#) to read about Dr. Ouslander's research.



Congressman Deutch, Congresswoman Frankel and FAU Researchers Discuss Sequestration and Impact on Funding for National Institutes of Health

On Friday, June 7, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine hosted Congressman Deutch, Congresswoman Frankel, members of the University community and our regional research partners for a roundtable discussion and press conference about the potential impact of sequestration on research funded by the National Institutes of Health. The event was the result of Congressman Deutch's interest in a recent op-ed piece written by FAU faculty titled "[Sustain the Investment in America's Health.](#)" The piece highlighted the importance of this vital research funding.

Among the event's attendees were (pictured above, from left): Barry Rosson, vice president, FAU Division of Research; Dr. John Newcomer, professor and vice dean, Schmidt College of Medicine; Congressman Ted Deutch; Congresswoman Lois Frankel; Dr. Richard Houghten, president and founder of Torrey Pines Institute for Molecular Science; Dr. John Cleveland, chair of Scripps Research Institute Department of Cancer Research; Dr. David Bjorkman, dean, Schmidt College of Medicine; and Dr. Ruth Tappen, professor

Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine Announces First University-Sponsored Residency Program

The Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine has received notice of accreditation from the national Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) for its residency program in internal medicine. Boca Raton Regional Hospital is the primary site for the program with participation from Bethesda Hospital East and Delray Medical Center, three of the five hospitals participating in the Graduate Medical Consortium supporting FAU residency programs. This residency, the first for the cities of Boca Raton, Boynton Beach and Delray Beach, marks an important milestone in bringing additional trained physicians into these communities and is FAU's first university-sponsored graduate medical education program.

[Click here](#) to read the official press release.

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From left: Dr. Anthony Dardano, Delray Medical Center; Dr. Mary Elizabeth Roth, Schmidt College of Medicine; Dr. Bernardo Obeso, Internal Medical Residency Program Director; Diane Fitz, Schmidt College of Medicine; Dr. Charles Posternack, Boca Raton Regional Hospital; Mitch Feldman, West Boca Medical Center; Dr. Albert Biehl, Bethesda Hospital East; Jerry Fedele, Boca Raton Regional Hospital; and Dr. David Bjorkman, Schmidt College of Medicine.

and Eminent Scholar, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing.

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