

### Meet the new CMD Board Chair

At the Board meeting on August 9, 2008, Frederick Rowland, MD, PhD, CMD became Chair of the AMDCP Board for 2009-2010. Dr. Rowland has served on the Board since August 2006 and comes into the position at an auspicious time in the history of the Certification Program.

Dr. Rowland earned a PhD in Biomedical Science and his MD from the University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington. He completed fellowships in geriatrics and medical oncology and became Instructor in Medicine for geriatrics and medical oncology with the University of CT Health System. Dr. Rowland holds certification in Internal Medicine, a Certificate of Added Qualifications in Geriatrics and has been a CMD since 1996.

Appointments include Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, Geriatrics and Medical Oncology with the University of Connecticut Health Center School of Medicine; Associate Attending, Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center; Adjunct Clinical Assistant Professor, School of Health Sciences, Quinnipiac College. Dr. Rowland currently serves as Chief, Section of Geriatric Medicine, Director of Long-Term Care, Section of Geriatrics, Department of Medicine with Saint Francis Hospital and Medical Center; Acting Chief, Section of Geriatrics; and as Medical Director for four nursing facilities and Hospice.

Current teaching responsibilities are as faculty in the Center on Aging, University of CT School of Medicine. In the past, Dr. Rowland co-developed and taught a program on law, health care, and public policy at the MPH level and has taught legal and ethical aspects of medicine to first-year medical students.

The breadth of Dr. Rowland's interests and experience will provide strong and positive impetus for the work of the Board this year.

Letter from the Chair:

Dear Fellow CMDs:

This is a very exciting time for the Certification Program, and the Board will have a lot of intensive discussions toward making decisions that will guide the Program into the future. The planned activities respond to emerging environmental shifts and data as well as the concerns of CMDs and non-CMD members, as expressed in responses to the survey sent last July.

Environmental forces include the Institute of Medicine Report released in April 2008, "Retooling for an Aging America: Building the Workforce" and increased emphasis on defining and measuring physician competencies in academic centers as well as of interdisciplinary teams in long term care. Toward enhancing education to build competencies in long term care settings, the AMDCP will collaborate with ADGAP and the AMDA Education Task Force to seek ways to bring long term care management education to geriatric programs. Another initiative will be to begin to create partnerships in academia to bring

clinical as well as management education specific to nursing home medicine into primary care residency programs. The goal is to increase the credibility of the AMDA Certification Program in academia and within nursing homes across the US.

In response to your comments on the July survey about the recertification process, the Board will undertake tasks to:

- ❖ Identify a broader base of management and leadership education acceptable for recertification.
- ❖ Work with the AMDA Education Task Force to explore the development of concurrent education products.
- ❖ Identify competencies in medical direction and support web-based education to expand opportunities for a greater variety of management education programs through self-study.

Beginning with the 2009 Annual Symposium, the Board will accept a greater percentage of self-study for management hours completed on-line from sessions at the symposium. CMDs will be able to take advantage of management education for sessions that they could not attend in any given year.

We have a lot on our plate in the upcoming two years, and the Board is committed to meeting its goals in a thoughtful and timely manner. We welcome your thoughts concerning recertification or any other matters concerning the CMD Program as we work through our deliberations. You may contact us through our Executive Director, Mary Logan, at 410-740-9743 or by e-mail at [malogan@amda.com](mailto:malogan@amda.com).

Sincerely,



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