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Lebanon VA Doctor Selected for Harvard Geriatric Scholar Program

Lebanon VA Medical Center is proud to announce that Dr. Jorge Diduszyn MD has been selected to participate in the Veterans Affairs' Geriatric Scholar Program. The intensive and selective program is taught by faculty from the Harvard Medical School. The focus of the course is common clinical problems encountered in primary care practice with elderly patients. The course incorporates the knowledge and skills of the many disciplines needed for effective management of medical, neurological and psychiatric illness in America's aging population.

Dr. Diduszyn is a Primary Care Physician at the VA's Community Based Out-Patient Clinic in Camp Hill. He received his medical degree from the University of Buenos Aires. He is board certified in geriatric and internal medicine. Lebanon Medical Center Director, Robert W. Callahan, Jr. stated, "We are very proud that Dr. Diduszyn's blend of expertise and compassion has been recognized and that he will be able to complete this outstanding course. We know that the knowledge he gains will benefit all the Veterans who receive care from the Lebanon VA."

Almost 20% of the U.S. population will soon be over the age of 65, yet a great majority of physicians are not sufficiently educated to appropriately care for these aging individuals. In addition, there is a shortage of qualified, certified geriatric professionals in the physician workforce. The demographic shift to aging population and the diminishing number of existing qualified geriatricians is resulting in the critical need to provide ongoing, updated training to those MDs who are currently geriatricians preparing for recertification in the geriatric subspecialty boards. It is necessary to provide training for MDs who are non-geriatricians so they can be better prepared to provide evidence-based standards of care to their older patients.

Lectures are complimented by small group workshop sessions that emphasize practical approaches to the complex problems of the geriatric population in a variety of settings, including office practice, hospital and nursing home. This course is designed to improve both clinician competence and performance. Graduates of the course are expected to share their knowledge with other health care providers, implement a quality improvement project for older Veterans and successfully impact the systems of their home institutions.

Lebanon VA Medical Center is one of 152 medical centers across the United States which are dedicated to serving the unique needs of America's Veterans. The VA is the largest health care system in the country, using state of the art technology to improve the health of Veterans from every generation.

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