Welcome to our first annual newsletter! We hope this will be an easy way to stay in touch with our graduates, teachers and other fellowship supporters. Please visit our newly-redesigned website for more information about our doings: www.swedish.org/geriatricsfellowship

News from the Fellowship
We’ve got a lot going on! Here are some of the highlights from the past year.

Administrative Changes
In 2012, we welcomed Liz Stahl as our new program coordinator. Hooray for Liz! We couldn’t do it without you.

Palliative Medicine
We have increased our involvement in the specialty of palliative medicine. Our three geriatrics faculty (Drs. Haymon, Ainsworth and Babineau) all passed their board examination (CAQ) in Hospice and Palliative Medicine in 2012. Congratulations! Dr. Haymon is also serving on the Swedish and Providence steering committee for palliative medicine, as we determine the future growth of this specialty within our institution.

Fellowship Match
Beginning with the class of 2015, we will be joining geriatric fellowship programs nationally in the national residency matching program (NRMP) through ERAS. We hope this will let more people from more places learn about what we have to offer, and increase our pool of qualified applicants. We have also just opened our program to qualified internal medicine residency graduates.

Local Presentations
Our faculty and fellows are involved in teaching our colleagues in the local medical community. Here are some of our recent and upcoming presentations:

- Rob Wilson, M.D. Care Transitions. Swedish Medical Center Grand Rounds, June 2012.
- Emma Swingle, M.D., and Carroll Haymon, M.D. Case Presentations on Dementia and End of Life Care. Alvin J Thompson Memorial M&M Conference, Swedish Medical Center, January 2013.

News from You!
Hey, grads! Let us know what you are up to in your life and in your practice. Your updates will be featured in future newsletters.
National Presentations
It’s going to be a busy spring! Here is a list of our upcoming scholarly presentations at national meetings.

Sadly, we are missing the AGS meeting this year, as we’re attending STFM instead. Hope to see some of you there!


Outstanding Nurses
We are so fortunate to have two dedicated, compassionate, and wonderful nurses on our geriatrics team: Liliya Bondarenko, R.N., and Raj Kharbanda, R.N. Raj and Liliya are tireless in their advocacy and care for our frail and vulnerable population. We couldn’t do this work without them.

Last fall, we were honored to have Liliya presented with the Daisy Award, a national award that recognizes outstanding nurses. She joins Sarah Storhoff, a former SFM nurse, as the second geriatric team nurse to be so honored. Congratulations!

Our Fellows
**Class of 2013**
Elizabeth Ryan is a graduate of Boston University Medical School and the Swedish Family Medicine – First Hill Residency Program. After completion of her fellowship, she will return to upstate New York to begin her work with the National Health Service Corps.

Emma Swingle is a graduate of the University of Washington School of Medicine and the University of Colorado Family Medicine Residency Program. After completion of her fellowship, she intends to remain in the Northwest to practice Geriatrics and Family Medicine.

**Class of 2012**
Rob Wilson completed his fellowship in 2012, and last fall he joined Group Health Cooperative at their Factoria clinic, focusing on a primarily geriatric population.

Blogging Fellows
This winter, Liz Ryan and Emma Swingle are piloting an exciting new teaching project: the Geri Fellows Blog! This new format uses case presentations and online discussion to teach our residents about common geriatric topics. Featured topics so far include osteoporosis, malnutrition, preventive care and a Geriatric Resource Guide. Come check it out at [http://geriatricfellow.wordpress.com/](http://geriatricfellow.wordpress.com/)