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Alzheimer's patient care conference to be offered at USI on October 4

A patient care conference, Care of Persons with Alzheimer's Disease, will be held on Wednesday, October 4, in Carter Hall of the University Center at the University of Southern Indiana with registration beginning at 8 a.m.

Sponsored by the USI School of Nursing and Health Professions, this conference will focus on assessment and management of persons with dementia of Alzheimer's type. Management strategies and ethical and legal aspects of care planning will be discussed. The conference is open to nurses, social workers, occupational and physical therapists, certified medical assistants, and family members involved in the care of a person with Alzheimer's.

Dr. Martha Sparks, an associate professor of nursing at USI, will deliver the keynote address at 8:45 a.m. A consultant to hospitals, nursing homes, and home health facilities, Dr. Sparks specializes in adult health with an emphasis in geriatrics and Alzheimer's disease. Her research focuses on geriatrics and includes confusion in in-home and institutionalized elders. Dr. Sparks is active in the national Gerontological Nursing Association, Home Healthcare Nurses Association, and Coalition of Advances Practice Nurses of Indiana.

Registrations is \$65 per person; \$55 per person for two or more registered from the same health care facility. Nurses will receive 7.8 contract hours, social workers will receive 6.5 contract hours, and health facility administrators will receive 6.5 contact hours.

For more information or to register for the conference, call USI Continuing Education at 812/464-1989 or 800/467-8600. Registration deadline is September 27.