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- June 1 - Parkersburg
- June 15 - Morgantown
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### Registration Deadline

- May 30, 2007
- June 13, 2007
- June 20, 2007

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# Making Good Decisions in Alzheimer's Care: Legal, Safety and Financial Issues

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June 1, 2007 - Parkersburg, WV  
June 15, 2007 - Morgantown, WV  
June 22, 2007 - Charleston, WV



Sponsored by the WV Seniors Program and the WVU Center on Aging  
in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Association WV Chapter

# Workshop Description

This is an interactive half-day conference that will deal with four of the most frequent legal, ethical and safety issues that health professionals and family members who care for persons with Alzheimer's disease and the related dementias face. A case presentation will be used to facilitate workshops and discussion amongst the participants and presenters, who between them represent many locally available services for these individuals and their families.

Participants should be health professionals that provide services to the elderly such as social workers and home health care providers, senior center staff, outpatient and adult protective services personnel, and hospital and clinics case managers, nurses, nursing home and assisted living personnel, clergy, and family caregivers.

# Dates and Locations

**Friday, June 1, 2007 --- WVU Corp./Comm. Ed. Center, Parkersburg, Room A/B**

**Friday, June 15, 2007 --- CAMC, Charleston, Room 2044**

**Friday, June 22, 2007 --- Health Science Center, Morgantown, Room 3022**

# Schedule

**Noon to 12:30 pm Registration**

**12:30 – 12:45 Welcome & Case Presentation**

*Richard J. Ham, MD*

A case will be presented, summarizing the journey from early symptoms, when driving safety and gun safety became issues and led to a diagnosis, and when education and support of the family members should begin, through to the end of life. This case will connect the activities ideally carried out in the earlier stages, when the patient can participate in discussion, and when a well informed, well trained family can often succeed in producing a relatively enjoyable and safe period, before the challenges of dependency and behavioral problems loom. It will clarify the reliance such patients have on the quality and strength of their caregivers, and the stress and illness this represents for many individuals. The case will show that Alzheimer's can be a bearable burden, even a rewarding experience, for the many individuals who should be involved.

**12:45 – 1:35 Safety Hazards: Think Prevention!**

*Melissa Gandee, Connie Hudson, Ken Stewart, WV Chapter Alz. Assoc.*  
Participants will be able to understand the hazards facing a person with Alzheimer's disease living at home; be able to identify the role of family members in ensuring the safety of their love ones; and will learn how to develop a plan to modify the home environment to provide for everyone's safety.

**1:35 – 2:25 Planning for the Future: Legal and Financial Issues**

*Julie Gower Romain, RN, JD, Christopher Winton, JD*

Participants will learn how to understand commonly used documents in legal planning for people with Alzheimer's; understand the options available for financing long-term care; and identify issues family members need to address as early as possible in the course of the disease.

**2:25 — 2:40 Break**

**2:40 — 3:30 Alzheimer's and Driving: When, Why and How to Give it Up!**

*Richard J. Ham, MD*

Participants will learn about symptoms and characteristics of Alzheimer's which will interfere with driving skills; availability of formal assessment in WV and how to utilize a family member to assess and reevaluate their loved ones driving capacity; solutions to giving up driving and the steps that can be taken to legally discontinue driving privileges.

**3:30 — 4:20 Ensuring End of Life Care: A Process that Starts at Diagnosis!**

*Melissa Gandee, Jane Marks, Connie Hudson, Ken Stewart*

While treatments in Alzheimer's disease have advanced and hope for a cure remains on the horizon, many of today's patients will not live to see those cures. Appropriate care at the end of life for dementia patients can ensure comfort, dignity, and transcendence for both the patient and family. This kind only happens with careful planning, patient advocacy, and care for the caregiver. This session will demonstrate how the end of life can be better for patients with dementia and their families through better advance care planning, palliative care including pain management, and coordination of care.

**4:20— 5:00 Panel Discussion**

*Richard J. Ham – Moderator with Melissa Gandee, Connie Hudson, Jane Marks, Julie Gower Romain, Jerry Townsend, Susie Layne and John Woodford of WVDHHR.*

Speakers will raise major issues derived from the case and sessions, as well as provide an opportunity for the audience to participate.

# Speakers

**Richard J. Ham, MD** is the Director of the WVU Center on Aging and Professor of Geriatric Medicine and Psychiatry at the WVU School of Medicine. Dr. Ham is a nationally and internationally renowned educator, with an emphasis in Alzheimer's and other dementias.

**Jane Marks,** Executive Director for the Alzheimer's Association, WV Chapter. Jane has a long history of working in non-profit arena and history of public speaking.

**Alzheimer's Assoc. Staff** include: Melissa Gandee, Program Director for the WV Alzheimer's Association Chapter, Connie Hudson, CTRS, Southern Regional Coordinator and Training Specialist and Ken Stewart, Mid\_Ohio Valley Regional Coordinator for the Alzheimer's Association, West Virginia Chapter.

**Jerry Townsend,** graduated from the College of Wooster, earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Vanderbilt University, and has done additional study at the University of Sussex, England. He limits his law practice to Elder Law, Guardianships, Estate Planning, and Probate in Ohio and West Virginia and has over 36 years of experience in Elder Law issues.

**Greg Lord,** a member of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, is recognized across the state for his knowledge and understanding of nursing home and long-term estate planning. He has helped hundreds of families protect their assets and understand Medicaid laws. Greg and his wife Sharon currently maintain their practice in Charleston, West Virginia.

**Julie Gower Romain,** RN, JD, practices law in the Fairmont area concentrating on Elderlaw and Consumer litigation. She has practiced as an assistant prosecuting attorney for Marion County, general counsel for a local hospital and as staff attorney for West Virginia Senior Legal Aid.

# Continuing Education Credits

This training event has been approved for 4.5 hours of Continuing Education for Social Workers and 4.8 hours of Continuing Education for Nursing. WVU Center on Aging is an approved provider through the WV Board of SW Examiners, Provider Number: 400011 and is an approved Nursing Provider, Number: WV 2004-0458RN. For information please contact Sherry Kuhl at the WVU Center on Aging at 304-293-1795.