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## From the Editor's Desk

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Congratulations to Dr. Seth Landefeld, Past-President of the Society of General Internal Medicine, who will become the next Chair of the Department of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (September 2012).

Seth is Professor of Medicine, Chief of the Division of Geriatrics, and Associate Chair for Strategic Planning & Implementation in the Department of Medicine at the University of California at San Francisco (UCSF). Dr. Landefeld also directs the Program for the Aging Century ([\[aging-century.org\]\(http://aging-century.org\)\) and leads the editorial team that produces JAMA's series, "Care of the Aging Patient." He directs UCSF's John A. Hartford Foundation Center of Excellence in Geriatrics and serves as a staff physician at the San Francisco VA Medical Center. In 2011, Dr. Landefeld received the Robert J. Glaser Award for "Exceptional Contributions to Education and Research," the highest award of the Society of General Internal Medicine.](http://aging-</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

Dr. Landefeld completed his undergraduate work at Harvard and New Col-

lege, Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He received his M.D. from Yale. He trained in internal medicine at UCSF and in clinical epidemiology at Harvard Medical School. He is a member of the American Society for Clinical Investigation and the Association of American Physicians. He was recently a Fellow at the Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. He serves on the Boards of the American Geriatrics Society, the Association of Directors of Geriatric Academic Programs, and San Francisco's Institute on Aging.