

# Marquette General Health System

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## Geriatric Emergencies Conference to be held March 2

Marquette General Health System will sponsor the annual Gerontology Conference from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, March 2, at Marquette General Hospital's Conference Center.

This year's conference, "Geriatric Emergencies", provides insight on how to anticipate and manage the most common emergencies that occur in the elderly population. Emphasis will be placed on physiologic changes in the geriatric population that predispose them to illness and injury, and what can be done to detect problems early on and implement interventions, including practical bedside solutions, to prevent complications.

David Woodruff, MSN, RN-BC, CNS, CEN, is the guest speaker. He began his health care career as a paramedic. After years of treating patients "in the field", David obtained his nursing degree. His extensive experience includes trauma nursing at a Level I Trauma Center and staff positions in neurological, coronary, medical, and surgical intensive care units. He has served as an instructor of nursing, unit manager, nursing expert witness, and president of a private nursing consulting firm.

As a clinical nurse specialist in critical care, David has helped thousands of nurses identify and respond appropriately to crises in their patients by teaching the skills of teamwork, critical thinking, collaboration, and life-long learning. David presents continuing education seminars throughout the U.S. and Canada on a variety of topics including critical care, rapid response teams, stroke, and medical-surgical nursing. He is a published author and widely regarded as a knowledgeable and thorough instructor who can make even the most difficult content material understandable. His goal is to help nurses to achieve at their highest level of contribution and to give them the resources necessary to be successful.

A \$90 registration fee includes continental breakfast, refreshments, lunch and materials. To register, or for continuing education information, go online to <http://www.mgh.org/97conf.html> or call Patty in the MGHS Education Department at (906) 225-6913 or (800) 562-9753, ext. 6913.

The Marquette General Conference Center is located on College Avenue. Attendees are asked to enter the hospital through the East Entrance canopy, take the elevator to the third floor, and exit to the right.