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From: Victoria L. Rich, PhD, RN, FAAN
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RE: Dr. Rebecca Trotta – HRSA Grant Recipient

I am pleased to announce that Rebecca Trotta, PhD, RN has been awarded a \$1.5 million grant by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for her project, titled “*Developing Geriatric Resource Nurse-Led Interprofessional Collaborative Practice.*” HRSA is an agency within the Department of Health and Human Services that funds programs aimed at meeting the needs of underserved and underinsured populations. This project will develop nurses’ clinical expertise in geriatrics and build their capacity to lead interprofessional teams around care of geriatric patients. This project will also develop the capacity of physicians, quality managers, pharmacists, social workers, registered dietitians, and therapists in both geriatrics and interprofessional collaborative practice. The UBCL structure will facilitate implementation of the project on the medical inpatient units at HUP (Silverstein 11, Founders 12 & 14). This project will reduce variations in care of older adults and advance patient and family care for this population. Development of these geriatric-focused interprofessional collaborative teams will directly impact important geriatric concerns such as falls, delirium, and readmissions.

The executive sponsors of this project are Drs. Victoria Rich, Kathleen Burke, Neil Fishman, and Pat Sullivan. Drs. Jerry Johnson and MaryAnn Forciea from the School of Medicine will serve as geriatric consultants and work closely with the unit-based teams in developing their capacity for comprehensive geriatric-focused care.

