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Research

Dr. Gautam's primary research interest is in improving the performance of hospital boards. His papers on hospital boards have received national recognition--"A Call for Board Leadership on Quality in Hospitals" won ACHE's 2006 Dean Conley Award for best health management article while a co-authored paper "Continually Improving Governance" won ACHE's 1994 Edgar Hayhow award for best article in ACHE's flagship journal. Dr. Gautam's secondary research interest is human resource management in healthcare. He recently published a book chapter describing strategic human resource practices required in integrated healthcare systems, and published a paper on the emergence of online recruitment in healthcare organizations. His funded research relates to evaluation of self-management programs for chronic diseases. During 2001-2004, he evaluated the effectiveness of a home-based self-management program for arthritis funded through a \$313,000 grant from CDC. Currently, he is evaluating a low-impact exercise program for people with arthritis funded through a \$524,787 grant from CDC. Findings from both research projects will help alleviate stiffness, pain and depression in people with arthritis.