



Brief Bio of Dr. Jeanne Y. Wei

Jeanne Y. Wei, M.D., Ph.D., a professor in the Donald W. Reynolds Department of Geriatrics at UAMS, joined the faculty in 2002. Prior to joining UAMS, Wei served as associate professor of medicine and director of the Division of Aging at Harvard Medical School (HMS), as well as chief of the Gerontology Division at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. At the University of Illinois, she earned a bachelor's degree in physics, medical degree in medicine and a doctorate in pharmacology. She completed postdoctoral training as a medicine intern and resident at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. She also completed clinical and research fellowships in cardiology at Johns Hopkins and served as a fellow in the Clinical Physiology Branch - Cardiovascular Section at the National Institutes of Health, National Institutes of Aging, Gerontology Research Center.

Known worldwide for her work in the field of aging, Wei has more than 30 years' experience conducting gerontological research, mentoring gerontologic fellows and junior faculty members, and developing research and academic programs and initiatives. Her former trainees have been the recipients of many national awards. She has authored more than 135 peer-reviewed publications, six books - including *Aging Well: The Complete Guide to Physical and Emotional Health* (2000) - and more than 50 review articles. She holds two medical-related U. S. patents.

Wei's major research interests include the effects of age on cardiovascular homeostasis, biology of aging, and mechanisms of cardiac dysfunction. She has been the recipient of a number of NIH grants and a member of multiple NIH peer review study sections and many editorial boards, serving as editorial consultant to 36 scientific journals. She also has served as chairman of the Board of Scientific Counselors of NIA and as a member of the National Advisory Council on Aging, the oversight board of NIA. She is the Principal Investigator of the newly established Arkansas Claude Pepper Older Americans Independence Center at UAMS.

Wei has been recognized as one of the Best Doctors in both Boston, MA and in Arkansas. She received the Outstanding Clinical Educator Award from HMS in 2000, and the Outstanding Woman Faculty Award from the UAMS College of Medicine in 2005. She received Red Sash Awards from the College of Medicine students in 2008 and 2011.

Wei serves as the executive director of the Donald W. Reynolds Institute on Aging and chair of the Donald W. Reynolds Department of Geriatrics. She is engaged in the care of patients in the Thomas and Lyon Longevity Clinic at the Reynolds Institute, the University Hospital, and the Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System.