

Call for....Innovation in Medical (Dental) Education

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On July 29, 2014, the Institute of Medicine (IOM) released its report on the governance and financing of graduate medical education (GME). An important incidental finding of the IOM's study was that the evidence base available to inform future directions for the substance, organization, and financing of GME is quite limited. The limited evidence reflects a systematic lack of research investment in medical (dental) education. Our nation's lack of research in medical education contrasts starkly with the large and essential commitment to biomedical research funded by industry, philanthropic organizations, and the public. No one questions the need for sustained support for research in cancer, heart disease, or dementia. But despite medical education's central role in creating a workforce capable of delivering the resulting biomedical advances funding for medical education research is conspicuously absent. *Same can be said for dental education research!*

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As I reported last month, several new dental faculty have joined IUSD over the summer and are settling in. IUPUI students are returning to campus and the increased traffic flow greets us each morning at 1121 West Michigan— it must be September! The new academic calendar is in place and things are underway for the fall term. Changes continue both with the DDS curriculum and physical spaces to improve what we do at IUSD. Hard to believe that we are now one year **post** dental accreditation and have been using this time to make some additional enhancements to our programs. This fall provides continued opportunities to advance the Vision and Mission of IUSD to make *Indiana University School of Dentistry one of the best dental schools of the 21st century.*

- **Dental Facilities.....It Will Just Take More Time**

There has been much discussion about the dental school facilities upgrades since the August edition of First Friday. I thank those of you who have contacted me and John Hoffman expressing your thoughts. I know so many of you —like me—are passionate about IUSD and want us to have the type of facilities we need to keep Indiana dentistry strong and compete at the highest level. I have had several meetings with senior university officials in this regard, and we continue to do scenario planning for an appropriate solution. Given the external health care environment, university processes, and complexities of planning, *it will just take more time to reach an appropriate plan.* As I previously stated, “the wheels of IU move slowly and the impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) has touched IU with the June announcement that downtown [IU Hospital and Methodist Hospital will merge.](#)” In addition, there has been some recent discussion (August) about building a [new IU Health hospital on a portion of the former Wishard Hospital site.](#) I remain strongly committed, however, to improving the entire dental school campus facility at IUPUI over the next 5 years by tying into the major IU Bicentennial Campaign which the President is leading. We are in a strong fiscal position due to our donor support, enrollment strategy and enhanced clinical efficiency. The time is right to make a big push for IU-IUPUI dentistry. Here is what is currently happening:

- Smith Group JJR, the architectural planning group working on the Interprofessional Education (IPE) project, has completed its work to do master planning for IU medicine. They are now working with dentistry and the other IU-IUPUI health schools on plans for the former Wishard campus. This planning group is meeting with dentistry later this month.
- We are moving ahead to re-establish the old Regenstrief dental clinic temporarily (fall 2014) to take the pressure off IUSD which lost clinic and office space when Wishard closed the building in December 2013. Some dental staff has been relocated to the Regenstrief building already.
- As a future replacement for the old Regenstrief clinical facility which looks like the probable site for renovation into a new Center for IPE (dependent on state funding), we plan to renovate most of the first floor of the Wishard-PCC building for conversion to a

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small satellite contemporary state of the art dental clinic. Building new clinical facilities for IUSD remains a top priority. I deeply appreciate your patience as we go through extensive University planning activities. *It will just take more time to reach an appropriate plan.*

- **IU Dental Delta Sigma Delta Golf Outing for Pediatric Dentistry**

Congratulations to the Delta Sigma Delta Prophy Cup Challenge which raised over \$1500 for IUSD pediatric dental care.

- **Dean's Ice Bucket Challenge**

Not one to ignore a challenge, I bravely faced a multi-bucket splashing of ice water while making donations to IU Service Learning Programs and IU-ASDA! Enjoy the You-Tube video [here](#).

- **New IUSD Staff Excellence Award**

The Staff Excellence Award is open to any staff member who has demonstrated excellence by either a specific act of exemplary service or by a consistent dedication to excellence. Nominations should be submitted to an IUSD Staff Council officer. Congratulations to Meg Higgins, recipient of the first IUSD Staff Award!

- **United Way Kick-off September 9th**

Tuesday, September 9th is the **IUPUI 2014 United Way Campaign Kickoff Luncheon** in the Campus Center at 11:30a.m. This is a fun, entertaining and competitive event between IUPUI schools and departments. The “**celebrity server**” that receives the highest dollar amount in tips at this luncheon will be awarded the traveling trophy for their school/department for one year, until next year's luncheon. All tips will go toward the **IUPUI United Way Campaign** goal and the tip is tax deductible for the donor. The Dental School won the traveling trophy for this event in 2009, 2010, 2012 and 2013 and my competitive spirit plans to bring the gold back to the school again this year. With some much needed assistance from some **celebrity helpers**, I will be the **IUSD celebrity server**.

The School of Dentistry has received an anonymous donation for lunch. The only stipulation for this free lunch is that a **generous** tip (cash or check) be made to your server. Help bring home another victory for IUSD by giving a **generous** tip to your **IUSD celebrity server** and a donation to the United Way.

- **ADEA moving to New Washington Location with AAMC**

ADEA has just announced that they will relocate ADEA headquarters to the recently completed Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) building in Washington DC. The [AAMC officially opened the doors](#) to its new headquarters at 655 K Street, N.W., in Washington, D.C., in May 2014. ADEA and the AAMC have long been strategically aligned regarding key issues on a national level. Sharing a space opens a door to new opportunities, while enhancing existing collaborations on interprofessional education initiatives, mutual diversity programs including the [Summer Medical and Dental Education Program](#), and joint faculty and student resources such as [MedEdPORTAL®](#) and the [AAMC/ADEA Dental Loan Organizer and Calculator](#)

- **Upcoming IUSD Events**

- o Tuesday, September 9th – IUPUI United Way Celebrity Server Luncheon (Campus Center)
- o Saturday, September 20th – IUPUI Regatta on the Canal (10am start)
- o October 1 & 2nd IUSD Fall Teaching Conference Ft. Benjamin Harrison (Indianapolis)
- o Saturday, October 9th – ADA IUSD Reception (San Antonio)

- **IUSD First Friday Social**

IUSD Staff Council will again be hosting the First Friday Social (September 5th) starting at 7:30 a.m. in the basement student lounge with complimentary coffee and donuts until 9 a.m..

Thanks to each of you for your dedication to and support of the Vision and Mission of IUSD. I'll be back next month with another edition of *First Friday...Dean's Update*.



—John

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