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► 20 IUSM Cancer docs named in 'America's Top Doctors'

Twenty physicians with the Indiana University School of Medicine have been recognized in the most recent edition of America's Top Doctors for Cancer.

The 20 are among 25 in Indiana included in the guide which identifies the nation's most outstanding physicians for the diagnosis and treatment of cancers in adults and children.

The IU Simon Cancer Center physicians are:

- Dennis Blom, MD (surgery)
- John Coleman III, MD (plastic surgery)
- James Croop (pediatric hematology/oncology)
- Lawrence Einhorn, MD (medical oncology)
- Robert Fallon, MD (pediatric hematology-oncology)
- Sherif Farag (hematology)
- Richard Foster, MD (urology)
- Robert Goulet Jr., MD (surgery)
- Paul Haut (pediatric hematology/oncology)
- Valerie Jackson, MD (diagnostic radiation)
- Keith Lillemoe, MD (surgery)
- Patrick Loehrer Sr., MD (medical oncology)
- Katherine Look, MD (gynecologic oncology)
- Scott Shapiro, MD (neurological surgery)

- George Sledge Jr., MD (medical oncology)
- Frederick Stehman, MD (gynecologic oncology)
- Allan Thornton Jr., MD (radiation oncology - Midwest Proton Radiotherapy Institute in Bloomington)
- Thomas M. Ulbright, MD (pathology)
- Terry A. Vik, MD (pediatric hematology-oncology)
- Stephen Williams, MD (medical oncology)

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› IUPUI State of the Campus address

The campus is invited to the State of the Campus address to be presented by IUPUI Chancellor Charles Bantz from 4 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the Campus Center, room 450A. Reservations are not required but space is limited.

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› Open Enrollment through Nov. 14

The deadline for Open Enrollment 2009 elections is **Friday, Nov. 14**. Forms or online enrollment must be received in University Human Resource Services by that date. For more information and to find all the forms needed for Open Enrollment, check on-line at www.indiana.edu/~uhrs/benefits/2009/openenroll_2009.html or email enews@indiana.edu for assistance.

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› Antiques Roadshow appraiser to speak at Herron

The Herron School of Art and Design will host Debra Force, appraiser for the popular PBS show *Antiques Roadshow* and former vice president and director of the American Paintings Department at Christie's in New York, Tuesday, Nov. 11, at 5:30 p.m. Force will present a discussion titled "The Valuation of Art, Factors that Influence its Worth." The event is free and open to the public.

This special engagement is part of the Jordan H. and Joan R. Leibman Annual Forum, which was established at IUPUI in 2004 to examine issues on the legal and business environment of the arts. The forum is a joint project of the IU Kelley School of Business Indianapolis, the IU School of Law- Indianapolis and the IU Herron School of Art and Design.

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› Next Embracing Diversity Pediatric Grand Round Nov. 12

"The Meaning of HOPE: A Demonstration of Spiritual Assessment with Families" is the next in the series Embracing Diversity, a pediatric grand round. It will be from 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium.

Speakers will be Natalie Hamrick, PhD, assistant research professor and director of the clinical research program at the IUSM Department of Anesthesia and a panel of Riley Hospital families: Mark Fisher, Jan Hillis and Lesa Paddack.

This series is designed for physicians, nurses, social workers, technicians, chaplains, educators and any others who interact with families in a health-care setting.

The program will:

- Explore the belief systems of patients and families who receive care at Riley Hospital for Children and other Clarian Health Partner hospitals.
- Determine what aspects of those belief systems influence decisions the patient and family may make about their care.
- Identify strategies for safely incorporating the beliefs of patients and their families into health-care delivery.
- The series is supported in part by a grant from the Clarian Health Values Fund for the Integration of Spiritual and Religious Dimensions in Health Care: "Religion, Spirituality and Medicine: A Partnership with Families."

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› **Life Sciences Lunch focuses on Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute**

Anantha Shekhar, MD, PhD, will discuss the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute at the Life Science Lunch Series program at Barnes & Thornburg, 11 South Meridian St., Indianapolis, on Tuesday, Nov. 18, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Indiana CTSI is a research collaboration of Indiana and Purdue universities, Indiana foundations, the business community and Indiana health care providers with the goal of transforming the discoveries of basic laboratory research into new treatments for disease, funded primarily by a \$25 million grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Shekhar is associate dean for translational research, Raymond E. Houk Professor of Psychiatry and professor of pharmacology and neurobiology at the IU School of Medicine.

The program is free but registration is requested so that the correct number of lunches can be ordered. To register, and to submit questions in advance, go to www.btlaw.com/Event.asp?Event_ID=770.

The program also will be available live via video in South Bend, Fort Wayne, Chicago, Elkhart, Grand Rapids, Washington D.C., Merrillville, Muncie, West Lafayette, Evansville, Bloomington and Richmond and Terre Haute.

The lunch series is sponsored by the Indiana Health Industry Forum and Barnes & Thornburg LLP.

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› **Oncology summit planned for Dec. 1-2**

"From Basics to Bench to Bedside: Emerging Trends and New Developments in Cancer Discovery, Diagnosis and Treatment" will be Dec. 1-2 at the University Place Conference Center.

Keynote speakers will be Eric Rowinsky, MD, chief medical officer and executive vice president for ImClone Systems Inc., and Douglas W. Blayney, MD, medical director at the University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center and president-elect of the American Society of Clinical Oncology.

Conference chairman is Mark R. Kelley, PhD, IUSM associate director of basic science research, the Betty and Earl Herr Chair in Pediatric Oncology Research and the associate director of the Herman B Wells Center for Pediatric Research.

Advance registration is required by www.IHIF.org.

The event is presented by the Indiana Health Industry Forum and sponsored include the IU Simon Cancer Center.

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› **National Cancer Rehabilitation Symposium – Dec. 4**

The National Cancer Rehabilitation Symposium 2008: Current State of the Art, Recommendations for Future Development will be Thursday, Dec. 4. The day-long program, presented by the IUSM Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, will be in Pettigrew Auditorium at Methodist Hospital.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Reservations are required and may be made by contacting Cyndi Herrera at cherrera@iupui.edu, or 278-0200.

This is the first national-level symposium to bring together nationally recognized experts in cancer rehabilitation issues, including some of the IU Simon Cancer Center's leaders in cancer care. Presentations will subsequently be published in the American Journal of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation. Individual presentations and panel discussions are open to health-care professionals with an interest in advancing function, well-being and quality-of-life for those affected by cancer.

Introductory Remarks- Ralph Buschbacher, MD, and Kelly Paul, MD (PM&R, Indiana University)

Overview of Cancer Rehabilitation- Andrea Cheville, MD, (PM&R, Mayo Clinic)

Fatigue in Cancer Survivors- Robert DePompolo, MD, (PM&R, Mayo Clinic)

Managing Cancer Pain, A Rehabilitation Perspective- Michael Stubblefield (PM&R, Sloan-Kettering)

Inpatient Cancer Rehabilitation- Ki Shin, MD, (PM&R, MD Anderson)

Optimal Healing After Cancer Treatment- Julie Silver (PM&R, Harvard)

Chemobrain- Tracy Veramonti, PhD, (Neuropsychology, MD Anderson)

Physiatry and the Survivorship Movement- Theresa Gillis, MD, (PM&R, Helen F. Graham Cancer Center, Christiana Care)

Oncology Concerns in Rehabilitation- Patrick Loehrer, MD, (Deputy Director, IU Simon Cancer Center)

Electrodiagnosis in Cancer- Chris Custodio, MD, (PM&R, Memorial Sloan-Kettering)

Radiation Oncology Concerns in Rehabilitation- Peter Johnstone, MD, (IUSM Radiation Oncology)

The Impact of Surgical Interventions in Oncology- Robert Goulet, MD, (IUSM Breast Surgical Oncology)

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› **Biorepository symposium for researchers set for Dec. 4**

Researchers interested in learning more about the operations and use of a biorepository are invited to attend a symposium covering scientific, technical and ethical considerations of such facilities on Thursday, Dec. 4, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the Cancer Research Institute, room 101.

The symposium will cover such topics as the benefits of biorepositories for research, best storage practices, extracting and processing high quality RNA and DNA, and tissue procurement challenges and solutions.

For a detailed schedule, see <https://www.indianactsi.org/news/page/biorepositorysymposium>.

Reservations are not necessary and the program is free. The symposium is sponsored by the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute and the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center.

Questions should be directed to Shirley Ernest at sernest@iupui.edu.

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› **Save the date for EOTA – March 21**

The 2009 Evening of the Arts will be on Saturday, March 21, at the Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School. The annual program is a stage for the performing and visual arts of IUSM students, faculty and staff. Funds raised from the event are donated to various medical clinics for the homeless in Indianapolis.

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› **Applications for V.A. Young Investigator Awards sought**

The VA Medical Research Service at the Richard L. Roudebush V.A. Medical Center seeks applications for small research grants. As many as five awards of up to \$30,000 will be awarded from funding provided by the Indiana Institute for Medical Research, Inc.

Applicants should be a clinician investigator (MD, DO and/or PhD engaged in patient care) with an academic rank not exceeding assistant professor and no prior history of NIH or VA funding. Applications should be directed at the study of discrete projects intended to produce preliminary data in support of a future application for a VA Career Development Award or Merit Review grant. Applicants must be qualified to apply for VA funding.

Deadline for submission is **Monday, Dec. 22**. Anticipated start of funding is Jan. 31.

Applications should be sent as a single PDF file to Margaret.hannon@va.gov

For more information contact Peggy Hannon, (VA 988-3032; MARGARET.HANNON@va.gov) or Howard Pratt, (VA 988-2624; johpratt@iupui.edu).

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› **Research fellowships in behavioral oncology available**

A National Cancer Institute supported training program is seeking applicants for special research fellowships in behavioral oncology. This highly interdisciplinary program encourages applications from a broad range of health care specialties. Funding is available for junior faculty scientists, post-doctoral fellows, and pre-doctoral graduate students.

Coursework in cancer basics, behavioral oncology theory and survey, and intervention design are offered by outstanding faculty scientists on the IUPUI campus. Also, numerous electives are available. Concentrated research time under the interdisciplinary mentorship of two senior scientists is provided.

Positions are currently available and provide up to 2 years of funding for junior faculty scientists or post-doctoral fellows and up to 3 years of funding for pre-doctoral graduate students. Applications received before January 15, 2009, will be given priority. In addition to salary support or a stipend, benefits include health insurance, tuition and fees, and pilot research funding. If you are interested or know of qualified candidates, contact Kurt Kroenke, MD, at kkroenke@iupui.edu, or 630-7447. Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

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› **RWJ fellows program applications sought**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows program provides the nation's most comprehensive experience at the nexus of health science, policy and politics in Washington D.C. The fellowship is an outstanding opportunity for exceptional mid-career health professionals and behavioral and social scientists with an interest in health and health-care policy.

Applicants may have backgrounds in the following disciplines: allied health professions; biomedical sciences; dentistry; economics or other social sciences; health services organization and administration; medicine; nursing; public health; or social and behavioral health. Fellows experience and participate in the policy process at the federal level and use that leadership experience to improve health, health care and health policy.

The application deadline (only paper accepted) is **Wednesday, Nov. 19**. See www.rwjf.org/files/applications/cfp/overview_HPFellows0910.pdf for details.

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› **Area agencies on aging seek volunteers**

The Indiana Association of Area Agencies on Aging and its 16 regional members are seeking volunteers to help Medicare and Medicaid beneficiaries become better health-care consumers.

Under a program called the SMP Project in Indiana which is funded by a grant from the Administration on Aging, Department of Health and Human Services, SMPs recruit and teach senior volunteers and professionals such as doctors, nurses, accountants, investigators, law enforcement personnel, attorneys, teachers, and others interested parties how to prevent fraud and abuse. In Indiana, the IAAAA and its affiliates, local Area Agencies on Aging, are the primary SMPs.

SMP volunteers work in their communities and in local senior centers to help identify deceptive health care practices. They help in the distribution of materials such as the Medicare Summary Notice Guide and the Personal Health Care Journals and show consumers how to use them. SMP Volunteers can perform a variety of tasks which may include any or all of the following: training other volunteers, clerical functions, one-on-one counseling, respond to inquiries, community event management, conduct group educational sessions, fraud/abuse investigation and referral, research/respond to complex inquiries, and outreach development and marketing.

For additional information or to volunteer, contact 1-800-986-3505, the local AAA office or email Rebecca Baker at rbaker@iaaaa.org.

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› **Concert tickets at a discount**

Encore Vocal Arts will presents "Brahms – A German Requiem" as part of it's 37th season. This special production with the theme of "Living Well," features four local high school choirs along with stories of inspirational medical miracles.

In recognition of IUMG's sponsorship, EVA is inviting physicians and their families to attend either an evening or matinee performance at half the general admission price.

The first performance is Saturday, Nov. 8, at 8 p.m., Zionsville United Methodist Church, 9644 Whitestown Road, Zionsville. The second performance is Sunday, Nov. 9, at 2 p.m., Arsenal Technical High School, 1500 E. Michigan Road, Indianapolis. General admission tickets are \$20 each, senior (age 55 and above) tickets are \$15 each. For more information, call 576-7676 or visit www.encorevocalarts.org.

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» Honors

Marilyn Bull, MD, the Morris Green Professor of Pediatrics at Riley Hospital and current president of the Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, was recently elected AAP chairperson for District V.

Dalhousie University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, has named **Richard Gunderman**, MD, PhD, one of its 2008-9 Distinguished Leaders in Medicine. Inaugurated in 1999, the Distinguished Leader in Medicine program brings three internationally recognized physician-scientists to Dalhousie each year to present their research over a two-day series of lectures and seminars. Recent Distinguished Leaders in Medicine have included Emil Unanue of Washington University, Tom Steitz of Yale University, and Sir Paul Nurse, President of Rockefeller University. Dr. Gunderman, who is a professor of radiology, pediatrics, medical education, philosophy, liberal arts, and philanthropy at IU, will visit Dalhousie Nov. 13 and 14.

The Environmental Protection Agency Office of Research and Development has appointed **James Klaunig**, PhD, to chair the Human Health Subcommittee of the Board of Scientific Counselors. Members of the BOSC executive committee and subcommittees constitute a distinguished body of scientists and engineers who are recognized experts in their respective fields. Dr. Klaunig is the Robert B. Forney Professor of Toxicology and director of the Center for Environmental Health and associate director of the IU Simon Cancer Center.

Henry A. Pitt, MD, professor of surgery, has been named a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Scotland. This honor is bestowed on a few surgeons each year in recognition of their career accomplishments. Earlier this year, Dr. Pitt received similar recognition as an honorary professor from the Second Military Medical College, Shanghai, China. He was one of five hepatopancreatobiliary surgeons honored and the only one from the United States.

David S. Wilkes, MD, the Dr. Calvin H. English Professor of Medicine and director of the IUSM Center for Immunobiology, was honored Nov. 1 by the Central Indiana Sarcoidosis Support Group for his dedication and commitment to patients during the group's 10th anniversary event.

Robert Yee, MD, chair of the IUSM Department of Ophthalmology, was recognized by the Indiana Public Health Foundation for exceptional contributions to preventive medicine and public health with a Tony and Mary Hulman Health Achievement Award in October. His contribution to the prevention of diabetic blindness was specifically cited in the award.

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» This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 9, to *Sound Medicine*, the award-winning weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis.

This week, people who are around lots of young children are more likely to get the flu frequently. John Brownstein, PhD, assistant professor of pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, will join *Sound Medicine* to discuss the importance of flu shots.

Sound Medicine's Ora Pescovitz, MD, will explain a recent American Academy of Pediatrics recommendation that children should double the amount of vitamin D consumed through dairy products or supplements.

Earlier this year, the American Medical Association issued a formal apology to African-American physicians for obstacles that were placed in their paths over the years. George Rawls, MD, the first African-American president of the Indiana State Medical Association, will reflect on the challenges he faced with racism in his career.

In this week's *Sound Medicine* "Check Up," Jeremy Shere will provide tips on how to read the online hospital report cards that are becoming ubiquitous.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine* as well as other helpful information can be found at www.soundmedicine.iu.edu.

Sound Medicine is underwritten by the Lilly Center for Medical Science, Clarian Health, and IU Medical Group. Jeremy Shere's "Check-Up" is underwritten by IUPUI.

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» Continuing Medical Education at your fingertips

The Continuing Medical Education office launched a new and improved website at cme.medicine.iu.edu. In addition to online registration and listings of grand rounds, conferences and courses, the site provides in-depth tools and information for presenters and program developers. Included are forms, tips, links, contacts, maps, and a host of other handy resources to make it easier to participate in CME events, prepare a presentation or plan an event.

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» Scientific Calendar online

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at the new [Scientific Calendar](#) website. To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Kelli Diener at kas1@iupui.edu.

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» Scope submission guidelines

Scope wants your news items.

The deadline for submission is 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays. *Scope* is published electronically and sent to faculty, staff, students, and residents on Fridays (except on holiday weekends when it is published on the following Monday).

There are three easy ways to submit story ideas or information to *Scope*:

- e-mail the information to mhardin@iupui.edu
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, Z-7, Ste. 306, IUPUI
- fax your information to (317) 278-8722

Contributions submitted by e-mail should be forwarded in 12 point, plain text format. Word document attachments in lieu of fliers are encouraged.

In the interest of accuracy, please do NOT use:

- acronyms
- abbreviations
- campus building codes (use full, proper name of building and include the room number)
- Dr. as a preface before names (designate MD or PhD)

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