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ProtoCall to offer 24/7 crisis mental health support for trainees

Medical trainees who become acutely distressed now have access to crisis mental health treatment, thanks to a new service offered by IU School of Medicine.

ProtoCall is a new, 24-hour dedicated phone line--317-278-HELP (4357)--available for emergencies or urgent needs of medical trainees from all nine campuses. A trained mental health clinician will answer the call and provide step-by-step assistance to the caller.

"It's not possible to predict or schedule the moment that a medical trainee will need emergency assistance," said Samia Hasan, MD, director of IU School of Medicine's mental health services. "We want to ensure that learners in crisis get the help they need when they need it."

In situations that are not urgent, medical trainees should call 317-278-2381 to make an appointment for treatment by the staff psychiatrist, psychologist or social worker.

The emergency phone line is the school's latest response to students' concerns about the availability of an array of mental health services. Other recent service enhancements include:

- The hiring late last year of Dr. Hasan, a board-certified psychiatrist, to provide psychiatric services.

- The recent hiring of Jessica Fultz, MSW, LCSW, a licensed social worker, to provide therapy and manage the mental health program. This hiring expands the therapy services already provided by Suzanne Kunkle, PhD, a licensed psychologist.

- Creation of the ombuds program to resolve conflicts.

- Expansion of wellness programming.

- Filling of lead advisor positions with professionals who are trained to recognize distress and refer students for help.

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Statewide orientation kicks off Aug. 3

IU School of Medicine's statewide orientation for the Class of 2021 will be held Thursday and Friday, Aug. 3-4, at Hine Hall and University Tower on the IUPUI campus. A variety of Welcome Week activities begin Monday, July 31, including the annual service learning project hosted by the school's Medical Student Learning Service Group. Orientation concludes on Friday with the **White Coat Ceremony**, during which students are ceremoniously cloaked by faculty, with friends and family in attendance. To ensure the ceremony goes off without a hitch, the Office of Medical Student Education put together a **helpful video**, starring Emily Walvoord, associate dean for student affairs.

Housing and parking are available for regional campus students. Classes begin statewide on Monday, Aug. 7. For more information about orientation week, visit medicine.iu.edu.

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Mirmira named director of Herman B Wells Center for Pediatric Research

IU School of Medicine will continue its nationally recognized work in the scientific discovery of innovative medical treatments and care for children with the appointment of Raghu G. Mirmira, MD, PhD, as director of the school's Herman B Wells Center for Pediatric Research, which is associated with Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health.

Dr. Mirmira is an international leader in Type 1 diabetes research--specifically the biology of islet cells, which include the beta cells that produce insulin in the pancreases of healthy people, but are attacked by one's own immune system in people who develop Type 1 diabetes. Among his many achievements, Dr. Mirmira's research studies have led to the discovery and characterization of fast-acting insulin analogues, which are widely used by patients with diabetes today.

As director of the Wells Center, Dr. Mirmira will lead efforts to increase research collaboration among scientists and physicians to accelerate the development of new approaches to the diagnosis and treatment of childhood diseases, as well as providing an outstanding training environment for students, residents and fellows. Seven interdisciplinary working groups within the center focus on research related to asthma and allergic diseases, basic diabetes research, cardiovascular genetics, developmental cardiology, hematologic malignancies and stem cells, infectious diseases and global health, and molecular oncology and experimental therapeutics.

For more on Dr. Mirmira's appointment, visit the [IU School of Medicine Newsroom](#).

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IU School of Medicine activates new authentic voice; become a blogger

Real stories humanize the learning and working environment, and blogs are an excellent platform for delivering personalized advice, insight and information for future and current members of the IU School of Medicine community. That's why, as part of the schoolwide website rebuild work, IU School of Medicine launched a [new blogs hub](#) to feature news, stories and helpful insight about the working and learning environment.

The blogs hub allows the school to better leverage social media to reach journalists and other influencers while activating an authentic voice about the school, its work and the student/faculty experience. Prospective students are eager to hear from enrolled students about what medical school is really like; similarly, prospective faculty care deeply about the workplace culture.

For this reason and more, blogs are central to the IU School of Medicine website and digital strategy, and students, faculty and staff are encouraged to contribute to this platform.

To learn more about being a blogger for IU School of Medicine, visit the [MedNet Blogs page](#). If you're interested in writing for an existing blog or adding a new category, submit a request for access using the form on the [website page of MedNet](#).

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Research News

Scheel awarded grants to protect U.S. troops against mosquito-borne illness

Molly Duman Scheel, PhD, associate professor of medical and molecular genetics, IU School of Medicine-South Bend, was awarded two multi-year grants from the Department of Defense (DOD) to aid her work in abating mosquito-borne illnesses and keep field troops safe from diseases, such as Zika and dengue.

Dr. Scheel received a \$1.1 million, three-year Investigator Initiated Research award from DOD to address mosquito proliferation through larvicides. She shares the grant with University of Notre Dame research associate professor Nicole Achee of the Department of Biological Sciences.

Dr. Scheel received \$750,000 from the Deployed War Fighter Protection (DWFP) Program to address adult mosquito abatement. Partners on the project include David Severson of Notre Dame, the Walter Reed Army Institute of Research in Maryland and the Armed Forces Research Institute of Medicine Sciences in Thailand.

For more on the research studies, visit [IU School of Medicine Newsroom](#).

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June research awards total over \$8.3 million

Investigator	Sponsor	Type	Project Title	Begin Date	End Date
Samer Abu-Sultaneh	Riley Children's Foundation	New	Riley Pediatric ICU Follow-Up Program	5/1/17	6/30/17
Samer Abu-Sultaneh	Indiana University Health	New	I-PREP: Indiana Pediatric Readiness Emergency Project	7/1/17	6/30/17

Sunil Badve	Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation	New	Novel Strategies to Overcome Resistance to Standard Therapies in Breast Cancer	4/1/17	3/31/1
David Basile	American Heart Association Incorporated	New	Role of renal endothelial side population as a source of progenitor activity during growth or response to injury	7/1/17	6/30/1
Alan Breier	Eskenazi Health	New	Prevention and Recovery Center for Early Psychosis (PARC) and Coordinated Specialty Care (CSC) Network (YR1)	9/1/16	8/31/1
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DuyKhanh Ceppa	Methodist Health Foundation	New	Cardiothoracic Surgery Simulation Laboratory	7/1/17	6/30/1
D Clapp	Johns Hopkins University	New	Testing the Pharmacologic role of Molecular Target Inhibition on Plexiform Neurofibromas in a Genetically Engineered Mouse Model that closely Phenocopies Human Neurofibromatosis Type 1	9/1/16	8/31/1
Stephanie Davis	Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva Uni	New	Developmental Impact of NICU Exposures (DINE) - Capitation account	9/21/16	8/31/1

Groot De	Indiana University Health	New	Diabetes Tune Up: Adherence Education for Diabetes Patients and Educators	7/1/17	6/30/1
Alexander Dent	American Association of Immunologists	New	AAI Careers in Immunology Fellowships Application	9/1/17	8/31/1
Alexander Dent	National Institute Allergy & Infectious Diseases	New	The control of allergic immune responses by follicular regulator T cells	6/1/17	5/31/1
Linda DiMeglio	Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason	Renewal (not prev committed)	Immune Tolerance Network-EXTEND	2/1/17	1/31/1
Linda DiMeglio	University South Florida	Renewal (not prev committed)	Safety & Efficacy of Imatinib for Preserving Beta-cell Function in New -onset Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus	10/1/16	9/30/1
Samer Gawrieh	National Institute of Diabetes, Digestive & Kidney	New	Fatty liver in HIV infected individuals	6/1/17	5/31/1
Shaun Grannis	The Pew Charitable Trusts	New	Evaluating the impact of data standardization and normalization on matching effectiveness	6/8/17	9/30/1
Susan Gunst	National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute	Renewal (not prev committed)	Smooth Muscle Mechanisms in Dynamic Airway Properties	7/1/17	4/30/1
Haitao Guo	Grace M. Showalter Trust	New	Showalter Scholar - Haitao Guo	7/1/17	6/30/1
David Haas	Grace M. Showalter Trust	New	Showalter Scholar - David Haas	7/1/17	6/30/1
Tamara Hannon	University of Pittsburgh	New	Impact of cognitive function on weight management outcomes in adolescents	9/1/16	8/31/1

Thomas Hurley	University of Michigan	New	Isozyme-selective ALDH Inhibitors for Sensitizing Ovarian Cancer Stem-like Cells to Chemotherapy	4/1/17	3/31/1
Raymond Konger	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	New	IPA: Chin-Sinex Regulation of cutaneous immune function and anti-tumor immune responsesby PPARgamma-mediated transrepressive signaling	4/1/17	3/31/1
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Raymond Konger	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	New	IPA for Marc Mendonca: Regulation of cutaneous immune function and anti-tumor immune responsesby PPARgamma-mediated transrepressive signaling	4/1/17	3/31/1
Tim Lahm	University of Pennsylvania	New	Affordable oral delivery of human blood protein drugs bioencapsulated in Plant cell	3/1/17	8/31/1
Tim Lahm	American Heart Association-Greater Midwest Affiliate	New	Apelin-mediated regulation of right ventricular angiogenesis in pulmonary hypertension	7/1/17	6/30/1
Bruce Lamb	National Institute on Aging	New	Central and Peripheral Roles	5/15/17	6/30/2

			of TREM2 in Alzheimer's Disease		
Xiaochun Li	Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center	New	A Unified Method to Study Heterogeneity in Treatment Effect	12/1/16	1/31/1
Yan Liu	St. Baldrick's Foundation	New	Targeting PRL2 phosphatase in T cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia	7/1/14	6/30/1
Todd McKinley	Johns Hopkins University	New	A Retrospective Study of Early Mechanical Stabilization and Bleeding in Disruption of the Pelvic Ring (PilotBIND)	4/17/17	9/29/1
Harikrishna Nakshatri	U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs	New	VA - IPA	7/1/17	6/30/1
R. Payne	Children's Hospital Medical Center of Cincinnati	New	Pediatric Heart Network Prairieland Consortium	1/1/17	12/31/
Roberto Pili	National Cancer Institute	New	Epigenetic modulation of SEC24D and circulating miR-605 in renal cell carcinoma	6/15/17	5/31/1
Karen Pollok	Purdue University	New	Development of SHP2 inhibitors for targeted anti? cancer therapy	4/1/17	3/31/1
Priya Rajagopalan	Radiological Society of North America	New	Cortisol Gene Variants Alter Cerebral Perfusion in Mild Cognitive Impairment: A Novel Genetic Pathway	7/1/17	6/30/1
Andrew Saykin	University of Washington	New	ADNI Psychometrics	4/15/17	3/31/1
Andrew Saykin	National Institute on Aging	Renewal (not prev	Memory Circuitry in MCI and Early	6/1/17	5/31/1

		committed)	Alzheimeras Disease Prodrome: Molecular Drivers		
Don Selzer	Foundation for Surgical Fellowships	New	Foundation for Surgical Fellowships- Fellowship Program Grant	8/1/18	7/31/1
Sylk Sotto	Professional & Organizational Development Network	New	A study of Underrepresented minority faculty development programs	5/1/17	4/30/1
Dimitrios Stefanidis	Agency For Healthcare Research and Quality	New	Development of a simulation-based mental skills curriculum for surgeons	8/7/16	9/29/1
William Sullivan	Instituto De Investigaciones Biologicas	New	Novel components of Homologous Recombination Repair in the parasite Toxoplasma gondii	4/1/17	3/31/1
Ronald Wek	Grace M. Showalter Trust	Renewal (not prev committed)	Translation and Stress Regulatory Pathways in Health and Disease	7/1/17	6/30/1
Mervin Yoder	Riley Children's Foundation	Renewal (not prev committed)	Wells Center summer internship	5/1/17	4/30/1
Nicholas Zyromski	Foundation for Surgical Fellowships	New	Foundation for Surgical Fellowships- Fellowship Program Grant	8/1/18	7/31/1

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Faculty and Staff News

Fisher joins school as medical director of breast surgical

oncology

Nationally known breast cancer surgeon Carla Fisher, MD, is IU School of Medicine's new medical director of breast surgical oncology. In her role, Dr. Fisher will work to expand research efforts in the fields of breast cancer and breast disease, and continue to grow the surgical education program within the Department of Surgery. Read this [Q&A](#) for more on Dr. Fisher and her goals for IU School of Medicine's breast cancer research program.

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Snyder named IUPUI Staff Council member of the year

Kurt Snyder, director of Continuing Medical Education at IU School of Medicine, was recognized as the IUPUI Staff Council Member of the Year in honor of exemplary dedication to the school's mission, values and goals.

Snyder was recognized for his advocacy for maternity/paternity rights on behalf of staff at IUPUI. When a member of his staff shared news of her pregnancy, Snyder learned that IUPUI did not provide parental leave, and he immediately started to advocate for change.

Additionally, Snyder was instrumental in advocating for a change to the rules related to the taxation of fee courtesy benefits on behalf of all IU employees taking graduate courses. After taking a class at IU, he noticed that he was being taxed on the benefit when he suspected that was not necessary. He immediately started a campaign to change the rule, which was adopted this spring. As a result, IU employees taking graduate-level courses are no longer taxed on the first \$5,200 in fee courtesy benefits each year, saving individuals hundreds of dollars per class and thousands of dollars per degree.

For more information about this honor, visit [IUPUI Staff Council](#).

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Student News

Peer Mentorship Committee Indy Eleven tailgate is Aug. 5

IU School of Medicine's Peer Mentorship Committee is hosting a tailgate at 6:30 pm, Saturday, Aug. 5, before the Indy Eleven soccer game. The event will be held in the parking lot directly across from the soccer field (Michael A. Carroll Stadium). Tickets are \$5, and snacks and drinks will be provided.

The soccer game against Edmonton starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets for the game are \$5 and may be purchased [at this link](#) for the [east goal and end line section](#). Indianapolis students may use their student parking pass in the Barnhill Garage.

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Dr. Allen announces fall office hours

Beginning next month, Bradley Allen, MD, PhD, senior associate dean for medical student education, will offer regular office hours for students with questions or concerns. Dr. Allen’s office hours will be held in MS 166 on the IUPUI campus during the following days and times for the fall semester:

- Friday, Aug. 11: noon-1 pm (change from Aug. 9)
- Wednesday, Aug. 16: 11 am-noon
- Monday, Aug. 21: 11:30 am-1 pm
- Wednesday, Aug. 30: 11 am-1 pm
- Thursday, Sept. 21: noon-1 pm
- Wednesday, Oct. 25: 11 am-1 pm
- Wednesday, Nov. 1: noon-1 pm
- Thursday, Nov. 9: 11:30 am-1 pm
- Thursday, Nov. 30: 11:30 am-1 pm

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Medical students share their stories with underserved youth

With helpful advice for underserved high school students, several IU School of Medicine-Northwest-Gary students participated in a recent panel discussion about what it takes to succeed in college and get accepted to medical school. The discussion was part of the Health Professions Enrichment Program, designed to introduce local, underserved high school students to careers in medicine, dentistry, advanced nursing and other healthcare careers.

Now in its third year, the program is an initiative of Project Outreach and Prevention (POP) on Teen Violence, a nonprofit organization founded by Michael McGee, adjunct faculty member at IU School of Medicine-Northwest-Gary and medical director of the emergency department at The Methodist Hospitals.

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Opportunities

Apply for program exploring spiritual and religious dimensions in health care

Interested health professionals are invited to apply for the Integration of Spiritual and Religious Dimensions in Healthcare program sponsored by the IU Health Values Fund.

The program highlights the role that spirituality plays in enhancing professional engagement at IU Health. It brings together 15 health professionals from a variety of fields for conversations around spirituality and engagement. Each applicant is expected to complete monthly readings, meet once per month in the evenings for group discussions, and develop a project to enhance spirituality’s contribution to engagement in their work environment. The program begins in September and will last for one year.

Application deadline is Tuesday, Aug. 15. With questions, email Richard Gunderman, MD, PhD, at rbgunder@iu.edu.

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All-provider networking event is Sept. 21

IU Health Physicians will host an all-provider networking event from 5:30-7:30 pm, Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Indianapolis Scottish Rite Cathedral in downtown Indianapolis. The informal event is an opportunity for physicians, advanced practice providers and IU Health administrators to meet and network. Watch your email for more information.

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Partner News

Wright named president and CEO of Eskenazi Medical Group

Curtis Wright, MD, assistant professor of clinical medicine, IU School of Medicine, has been named the president and chief executive officer of Eskenazi Medical Group.

Eskenazi Medical Group includes physicians of the Eskenazi Health system who are faculty of the Indiana University School of Medicine specializing in primary care, including care for seniors, children and families, as well as hospitalists. The group has more than 180 physicians, advanced practice providers and staff providing care at the Sidney & Lois Eskenazi Hospital and in 10 community health care centers throughout Indianapolis.

“Dr. Wright has done a wonderful job as the interim president and CEO of Eskenazi Medical Group, and we are grateful for his willingness to take on the responsibilities of leading this group,” said Dr. David Crabb, chief medical officer of Eskenazi Health.

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