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Peterson to lead IU Center for Global Health/AMPATH development board

The IU Center for Global Health will continue to improve health worldwide with the appointment of Bart Peterson as chair of the center's development board.

Peterson, former Indianapolis mayor and Eli Lilly and Company executive, brings an expansive knowledge of community collaborations and innovations in health systems. Peterson will lead the development board's work to advocate and fundraise for IU's global health partnerships, such as the [Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare \(AMPATH\)](#).

"The work of the [IU Center for Global Health](#) and School of Medicine is truly one of Indiana's greatest contributions to humankind," Peterson said. "I'm thrilled to lead efforts to expand the center's impact as it saves lives around the globe and helps improve health care here in Indiana."

Read Peterson's recent [Indianapolis Business Journal editorial](#) about the importance of AMPATH. For more, visit the.

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IU School of Medicine awarded \$2.1 million grant to study TBI

IU School of Medicine, in partnership with Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana, has been

awarded a \$2.1 million grant to study traumatic brain injury (TBI) over five years as one of 16 National Institute on Disability Independent Living and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) Traumatic Brain Injury Model Systems sites in the country.

The grant will continue to fund the work of IU physician-scientists and their contributions to a leading national network of researchers studying and treating traumatic brain injury and how it affects the lives of patients and their families.

“This award recognizes that the IU School of Medicine and Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana have an excellent continuum of care, a solid research plan and world-renowned clinical researchers,” said [Flora Hammond, MD](#), chair of the IU School of Medicine [Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation](#) and Covalt Professor of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation. “This work will lead to a deeper understanding of life-long challenges that occur following traumatic brain injury, and test new treatment methods, while helping current patients by sharing that information with clinicians and researchers worldwide.”

Visit the [IU School of Medicine Newsroom](#) for more information about the study.

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Einhorn named one of 25 most influential physicians of the past century

[Lawrence Einhorn, MD](#), distinguished professor, Livestrong Foundation Professor of Oncology and professor of medicine, has been named one of the 25 most influential physicians of the past 100 years by [Medscape](#).

To determine [the rankings](#), Medscape editors and advisors “endeavored to identify the 25 giants of medicine from the last century who we feel stand apart due to the extent of their achievements [and] whose contributions have had a major impact on the development of medical practice.”

Dr. Einhorn also celebrated his 75th birthday last week, receiving [75 cards from cancer survivors](#), families of former patients, colleagues and others.

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Research News

IU, Regenstrief, LifeOmic announce collaboration to revolutionize medicine

Indiana University, the [Regenstrief Institute](#) and Indianapolis-based technology company [LifeOmic](#) have announced a first-of-its-kind collaboration to advance the development of precision medicine, a personalized approach to disease treatment and prevention.

Under terms of the agreement, LifeOmic receives a blanket license to a broad range of intellectual property owned by IU and Regenstrief as well as access to faculty. In return, IU and Regenstrief receive a minority equity position in LifeOmic. The strategic agreement will greatly facilitate collaboration across the three partners, removing traditional barriers between for-profit and not-for-profit organizations.

“Indiana University’s expertise in precision health research, combined with the Regenstrief Institute’s long history of innovation in medical records data and LifeOmic’s impressive capabilities in genomic data storage and management, make for a powerful partnership that will help our institutions collaborate to improve health in Indiana and beyond,” said IU President Michael A. McRobbie, PhD. “We look forward to seeing the discoveries that will stem from this alliance of academia and industry.”

For more on the collaboration, read the [full announcement](#).

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Study: Youth in justice system less likely to use preventive care

Youth who have been arrested or involved in the juvenile justice system are less likely to attend well-child visits and are more likely to use emergency services compared to their peers who are not involved in the justice system. [Matthew C. Aalsma, PhD](#), professor of pediatrics, and an author of the study, wrote, “Increasing use of preventive primary care services is one approach offered to improve the health of vulnerable populations, including justice-involved youth.”

More information about the study, which was published in Pediatrics, is [available online](#).

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Ott leads IU team as part of Interdisciplinary Research Leaders

[Mary A. Ott, MD, MA](#), associate professor of pediatrics, was recently selected to join Interdisciplinary Research Leaders, a leadership development program led by the University of Minnesota with support from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. As a member of one of only 15 three-person teams selected, Dr. Ott will join a diverse group of researchers and community leaders, including directors of nonprofits, psychologists, community organizers and sociologists from across the country, to collaboratively solve persistent health challenges. Together, these fellows will help advance a Culture of Health—one that places well-being at the center of every aspect of life.

Dr. Ott’s team designed their project to address youth development approaches to prevent violence and promote health. Other members of the team include [Matthew Aalsma, PhD](#), professor of pediatrics and psychology at IU School of Medicine, and Abby Hunt, MSW, executive director of Health Care Education and Training, Inc.

[IU School of Medicine Newsroom](#) has more details.

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Overall cancer risk not increased with use of popular diabetes med

People taking a new oral medication for Type 2 diabetes can breathe a sigh of relief concerning suspicions they might be at an increased risk for many types of cancer, according to IU researchers.

A review of 46 clinical trials involving more than 34,000 patients and [published in the July online issue of the journal Diabetologia](#) showed no increased risk of developing most forms of cancer for individuals taking sodium-glucose cotransporter 2 (SGLT2) inhibitors. The article is the first meta-analysis looking at the risk associated with SGLT2 and cancer using multiple resources including all available randomized clinical trials, multiple subgroup analyses, as well as meta-regression and sensitivity analyses.

Researchers from the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center and the Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health at IU conducted the analysis.

For details on the study, visit [IU School of Medicine Newsroom](#).

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Faculty and Staff News

Bradley joins ombuds office

Marly Bradley, MD, JD, FAAP, was recently appointed ombudsperson in the [IU School of Medicine Ombuds Office](#). Dr. Bradley is an assistant professor in the Department of Pediatrics and associate medical director of Eskenazi Health's pediatric urgent visit center. Dr. Bradley chaired the IU School of Medicine's [Teacher Learner Advocacy Committee](#) from 2009-2017.

As a member of the ombuds office team, Dr. Bradley will be available to learners and faculty across all nine IU School of Medicine campuses who wish to discuss concerns, complaints or disputes in an impartial, safe environment. The IU School of Medicine Ombuds Office was established in 2016 as a resource for individuals to explore and assess options for resolving conflicts, lapses in professionalism, allegations of mistreatment and other problematic issues or concerns at IU School of Medicine. The office is one way the school strives to provide a positive, inclusive environment for learners and faculty.

Dr. Bradley is the second ombudsperson to join the office. [Joseph DiMicco, PhD](#), was appointed as the inaugural IU School of Medicine ombudsperson in 2016.

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Health and benefits fair is Oct. 27

Save the date for a health and benefits fair from 9 am-2 pm, Friday, Oct. 27. The event, which will be held in the IUPUI Campus Center, fourth floor Multipurpose Room, will feature campus and community resources to support health and wellness, including flu shots and free health screenings. Information will be available about IU employee benefit plans with representatives from Anthem, IU Health Plans, Cigna, Care.com, IUEAP, Fidelity, TIAA, Nyhart and more.

Note: Pre-registration with Healthy IU is required for some health screenings. Email healthyiu@indiana.edu or call 317-274-6470 to register.

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Robbins and Williams honored with Richard B. Heyman Award

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recently awarded Drs. [Cynthia Robbins](#) and [Rebekah Williams](#) with the Richard B. Heyman Award for their work in adolescent health. Both Drs. Robbins and Williams serve as assistant professors of clinical pediatrics as well as co-directors of the Eskenazi Health Teen Care and Wellness Program. The award was presented at the annual AAP National Conference in Chicago.

This is the first time the award has been given to two recipients. Learn more about the award recipients from [the conference](#).

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Postdoctoral award recipients named

[Xi Wu, PhD](#), a postdoctoral trainee in clinical pharmacology, recently received the Outstanding Postdoc Award from the [IU School of Medicine Office of Postdoctoral Affairs](#). The award recognizes the achievements of postdocs, not only as exceptional researchers, but also as mentors, role models and advocates for fellow postdocs and students at IU School of Medicine.

[Tim Lahm, MD](#), associate professor of medicine, received the Outstanding Postdoc Mentor Award, which honors outstanding postdoc faculty mentors, who serve as excellent examples of researchers as well as mentors, role models and advocates for postdocs at the school. The outstanding postdoc mentor serves as an example throughout the university by helping to promote a culture of positive mentorship at IU School of Medicine.

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Benjamin receives Women of Influence Trailblazer Award

[Tara Benjamin, MD, MS, FACOG](#), assistant professor, clinical obstetrics and

gynecology, received the Women of Influence Trailblazer Award from the National Center of Excellence in Women's Health. Dr. Benjamin is a trailblazer in the area of substance abuse treatment of pregnant women. She serves as a mentor to other physicians caring for pregnant women battling opioid use disorder and advocates for solutions to the exploding narcotics addiction epidemic on local, state and national levels.

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Student News

Students: Activate two-step login by Nov. 2

All IU students will need two-step login with Duo for Central Authentication System (CAS) logins by Thursday, Nov. 2. Two-step login helps prevent anyone but you from logging in to your accounts, even if they have your username and passphrase. At IU, two-step login is accomplished through Duo.

Duo completes the two-step login by using your mobile device (recommended) or phone to complete the login. Sign up now at twostep.iu.edu. [View the email from UIT](#) in your browser for more information.

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Opportunities

Register for PCORI workshop by Oct. 10

The IU School of Nursing's Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute is hosting a workshop from 9 am-3 pm, Thursday, Oct. 26, in the Tower Ballroom, University Tower, on the IUPUI campus. Keynote speaker is Dan Mullins, PhD, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy. The deadline to [register](#) is Tuesday, Oct. 10.

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Apply by Nov. 15: Indiana CTSI predoctoral training awards

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) seeks applicants for [special predoctoral training awards](#) in translational research. These awards are aimed at predoctoral students whose research is at any point along the translational spectrum. Funding is for two years (with the second year of funding contingent upon satisfactory progress).

Opportunities available for CTSI predoctoral trainees include:

Annual stipend comparable to other predoctoral training positions

Partial tuition and fees for coursework relevant to the applicant's research

Mentoring with a faculty member whose research program includes peer-reviewed, extramurally funded clinical or translational research

Networking with other pre- and postdoctoral trainees, program mentors and allied researchers from multiple institutions in Indiana to develop a cross-disciplinary community of scientists

Attendance at a national meeting that involves similar trainees from 40 other medical schools and research institutions

Interested candidates must be prescreened for eligibility. Submit a copy of your CV by Wednesday, Nov. 8, to Dr. Colleen Gabauer at ictsi@purdue.edu. Full application deadline is Wednesday, Nov. 15.

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Sign up for Nov. 14 biostatistics short course

IU School of Medicine Department of Biostatistics is offering a short course on biostatistics for health care researchers Nov. 14-16, from 1-5 pm each day. The course, open to faculty, fellows and residents, covers basic concepts of statistical methods commonly encountered in health care literature. **Enrollment** is limited to the first 30 registrants. Questions? Email Ann Lyon at annlyon@iupui.edu.

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Register for Nov. 2-3 disease and therapeutic response modeling symposium

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) will host the seventh annual Symposium on Disease and Therapeutic Response Modeling and Simulation on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 2 and 3. The two-day program will be held in Hine Hall on the IUPUI campus and will feature speakers from Indiana University, State University of New York (SUNY), Harvard University, Duquesne University, University of Florida, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Eli Lilly and Company, Merck and others.

Registration is free for participants in academia and government, and Eli Lilly employees. The symposium fee for **other registrants** is \$250. Registration deadline is Thursday, Oct. 26. Questions? Email Violeta Rodriguez Romero, PhD, at viorodri@iupui.edu or Cheryl Weatherholt at weatherc@iu.edu.

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Technology Enhancement Award application deadline is Monday

The Indiana Center for Biomedical Innovation (ICBI), in partnership with [Indiana CTSI](#) and [IU School of Medicine](#), supports the development of technologies originating from academic research through the Technology Enhancement Award. Awardees will receive funding up to \$50,000 and mentorship support through the ICBI advisory council and SPARK-Stanford partnership.

[Details and the online application are available](#). Submission deadline is Monday, Oct. 16. With questions, contact Padma Portonovo at pportono@iupui.edu.

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Around Campus

Terre Haute-Campus renovations

The gross anatomy lab and several other Holmstedt Hall facilities at [IU School of Medicine-Terre Haute](#) were renovated in time for the new school year to meet demands of the new curriculum and accommodate research by two faculty members.

A quick renovation was done on the gross anatomy lab in 2002 when the campus's class size grew from 16 to 24, said [Taihung "Peter" Duong, PhD](#), associate dean and director of IU School of Medicine-Terre Haute. But the work space was still tight, so the latest renovation freed up some elbow room.

Touchless lights that brighten or dim with a wave of the hand also were installed, as was a sink that makes it easier to clean the lab's six dissecting tables.

In addition, two research labs were renovated. One will accommodate the work of [Scott Canfield, PhD](#), a physiologist who recently arrived from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. The other is for research in immunology by [Steve Templeton, PhD](#), who received a grant last year from the National Institutes of Health.

Two other spaces were improved to house small-group discussions.

"The new curriculum puts considerable emphasis on small-group discussions," Duong said. "With some fresh paint and new furniture, these rooms will be more comfortable for students and, we hope, more conducive to the kinds of informative and analytical discussions we want students to have."

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Indianapolis-Oct. 12 suicide prevention vigil

A candlelight vigil for suicide prevention and awareness will be held at 5 pm, Thursday,

Oct. 12, on the steps of the Van Nuys Medical Science Building. Sponsored by the [IU School of Medicine Mental Health Services](#) team, the 30-minute event will include candle lighting, a moment of silence, poetry reading and remembrances.

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