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Top News

Adams sworn in as U.S. surgeon general

Jerome Adams, MD, MPH, associate professor of clinical anesthesia, IU School of Medicine, was sworn in this week as the nation's 20th surgeon general. Vice President Mike Pence administered the oath of office to Dr. Adams, whose motto is "Better health through better partnerships." Read about Dr. Adams' plans as surgeon general in [USA Today](#).

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Busha departing for leadership position at Western Michigan University

Michael E. Busha, MD, MBA, interim assistant dean of career mentoring, has accepted a leadership position at Western Michigan University as the associate dean for educational affairs. His final day at IU School of Medicine is Friday, Sept. 22.

"Dr. Busha is a valued colleague, and he did fantastic work on behalf of our students-- we appreciate his expertise and collaborative spirit and wish him all the best in this next big step in his career," said Emily Walvoord, MD, associate dean for student affairs.

"We have a plan in place to support our students and are taking deliberate steps to permanently fill this role *and* provide enhanced support to students."

The search for an assistant dean of career mentoring is underway (see article under Opportunities in this issue of InScope). The position is being restructured to allow more time for student support. In addition to permanently filling this role, the school will add the position of assistant director for career mentoring. This decision was prompted by learner feedback and recognition from leaders that more support is needed to help students consider options and plan for their careers in medicine.

Support to students during the transition

All mock interviews and residency preparation will continue as planned. Dr. Busha is supporting these efforts until his departure, with assistance from Dr. Walvoord and members of the Medical Student Education team. The team is committed to ensuring no disruption of service or responsiveness to students.

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IU issues statement on DACA decision

In response to the Trump administration's announcement this week that it will end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program, Indiana University President Michael A. McRobbie issued a statement.

"Indiana University is deeply disappointed in the Trump administration's decision to end the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, especially in light of the administration's prior statements expressing support for young people protected by DACA and the strong bipartisan support that exists nationwide for maintaining the program."

Read the university's full statement at [News at IU](#).

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Hurricane Harvey relief efforts underway: here's how to help

In response to the recent devastation of Hurricane Harvey, many are interested in how best to support those affected. Until waters recede and damages are assessed, financial contributions are the best way to support. Those interested in donating to the [Hurricane Harvey Relief Fund](#) or to the American Red Cross can do so as this will provide relief workers the flexibility to offer the most urgent care.

"Analysis of previous natural disasters shows that Harvey's survivors will need attention and care far into the future," wrote Aaron E. Carroll, MD, professor of pediatrics, IU School of Medicine, and health economist, Austin Frakt, in the [New York Times](#).

Relief efforts across the university include IU men's basketball and IUPUI Lady Jags offering support through donations of athletic gear to Texas schools in need of shirts and shoes once teams begin playing again.

Indiana University Health has donated \$25,000 to the American Red Cross, and team members wishing to provide personal contributions have been directed to the Red Cross, United Methodist Committee on Relief, and Team Rubicon. IU Health

employees have also been directed to send hygiene kits, cleaning buckets and other specifically listed items to St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Indianapolis.

Send support to the [American Red Cross](#) or one of the countless [GoFundMe relief funds](#).

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Faculty and Staff News

Bosslet and Tucker Edmonds appointed to OFAPD assistant dean positions

Two IU School of Medicine faculty members have been appointed to assistant dean positions in the Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development (OFAPD).

Gabriel T. Bosslet, MD, MA, will serve as assistant dean of faculty affairs and professional development, helping clinical faculty members advance and be successful in their careers. His appointment began Sept. 1.

Brownsyne Tucker Edmonds, MD, MPH, MS, has been appointed assistant dean of diversity affairs, a position in which she will support the career goals, advancement and vitality of underrepresented faculty members. Her appointment becomes official Nov. 1.

"I am thrilled to be adding such talented leaders to our team. Both Drs. Tucker Edmonds and Bosslet bring exciting new ideas that will enhance our efforts aimed at ensuring the success and vitality of all IU School of Medicine faculty members," said Mary Dankoski, PhD, executive associate dean for faculty affairs and development.

Dr. Bosslet is an associate professor of clinical medicine and clinical neurology in the Department of Pulmonary, Critical Care, Sleep and Occupational Medicine, where he is fellowship director for pulmonary and critical care medicine. He also is an affiliate faculty member at the Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics and co-director of IU Talk, a workshop for IU physicians that has trained more than 500 faculty members and trainees in empathic communication skills.

Dr. Bosslet earned an undergraduate degree at the University of Notre Dame and his medical degree at the Ohio State University, where he completed his residency. He completed his fellowship in pulmonary and critical care medicine at IU, where he was chief fellow in his final year of training. During that time, he completed the clinical ethics fellowship at the Fairbanks Center and a master's degree in philosophy and bioethics.

Dr. Tucker Edmonds is an assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology who is internationally known for her work in treatment disparities, shared decision-making and periviable care of infants delivered from 20 weeks to 25 weeks, six days, of gestation. As a policy advocate for the Indiana American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, she is motivated to eliminate health disparities, advance social justice and promote professionalism and humanism in the care of underserved populations.

Dr. Tucker Edmonds earned undergraduate degrees in community health and African-American studies at Brown University and master's degrees in quantitative methods from Harvard School of Public Health and health policy research from the University of Pennsylvania, where she participated in the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program in Health Services Research. She studied medicine at Brown Medical School and completed her residency at Duke University Medical Center.

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Herbert named new assistant dean for physician-scientist development

In her new position as assistant dean of physician-scientist development, Brittney-Shea Herbert, PhD, will oversee programs focused on the training of future physician-scientists at the undergraduate, graduate and postgraduate levels. Since joining IU School of Medicine in 2003, Dr. Herbert, associate professor of medical and molecular genetics and graduate advisor for the Medical and Molecular Genetics Program, has mentored more than 30 trainees at all stages of their biomedical careers.

Learn more about Dr. Herbert and her new role in this [Q&A](#).

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Hurley appointed new associate dean for research and graduate studies

Tom Hurley, PhD, is the new associate dean for research and graduate studies at IU School of Medicine. A professor of biochemistry and molecular biology and interim chair of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Dr. Hurley is a Chancellor's Professor at IUPUI and a leader of the IU Precision Health Initiative. He earned a PhD in biochemistry from IU and completed postdoctoral training at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Dr. Hurley joined the IU School of Medicine faculty in 1992.

[Get to know Dr. Hurley](#) and learn about his plans for engaging graduate students and postdocs in biomedical research.

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Kacena earns Fuller Albright Award

Melissa Kacena, PhD, professor of orthopaedic surgery, was awarded the Fuller Albright Award by the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research. This award is given in recognition of exemplary achievements in the bone and mineral field to researchers under the age of 45.

Dr. Kacena received her PhD in aerospace engineering from the University of Colorado in collaboration with Harvard Medical School and NASA Ames Research Center,

followed by postdoctoral training in orthopaedics at Yale University School of Medicine. Dr. Kacena joined the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery in 2007 and recently achieved full professor status as of July 1. She is the first female in the department's history to reach full professorship.

Dr. Kacena's **overall research** goal is to improve the understanding of the interaction between the bone and hematopoietic systems, potentially improving the treatment of metabolic bone disease, hematopoietic disorders and fracture healing.

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Postdoc and faculty mentor appreciation reception is Sept. 22

In honor of National Postdoc Appreciation Week, Sept. 18-22, IU School of Medicine's Office of Postdoctoral Affairs is hosting a reception for postdocs and their principal investigators, faculty, graduate students and administrators from 3-4:30 pm, Friday, Sept. 22, in the Van Nuys Medical Science Building atrium. Annual awards for outstanding postdoc and mentor will be presented during the event.

[Register your attendance](#) by Friday, Sept. 15.

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Student News

Mitra named Cagiantas Scholar

Eshaani (Bidisha) Mitra, graduate student in microbiology and immunology, has been named the 2017-2018 Cagiantas Scholar. Through a generous donation from the Cagiantas family, the IU School of Medicine established an award for outstanding PhD graduate students in 2016. As this year's recipient, Mitra will receive tuition, fees, benefits and a \$27,000 stipend for one year. She also receives \$1,500 for travel to a scientific meeting.

Mitra is a fourth-year graduate student in the microbiology and immunology program under the direction of Haitao Guo, PhD, associate professor, microbiology and immunology.

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Opportunities

Sept. 28 is deadline to apply for career mentoring assistant dean

position

The IU School of Medicine Office of Medical Student Education is accepting applications for the position of assistant dean of career mentoring and professional development. The assistant dean will focus on assisting students with choosing a career path that aligns with their skills and interests and ultimately matching into a residency position to meet their goals. Cultivating relationships statewide and nationally through networking with center directors, residency directors, teaching faculty and students, the assistant dean will focus on developing processes and programs to enhance the opportunities and standardize the approaches to career mentoring across all campuses and all specialties. This person will also help provide a professional development blueprint to contribute toward the leadership, service and career development portfolio of each student.

The person selected for this position must be an enthusiastic, organized and student-focused leader. The assistant dean should have previously demonstrated excellence in medical education, with leadership experience in MSE and/or GME settings preferable. Attributes would include the ability to implement effective statewide programs, lead change and work with multiple stakeholders. This position will be part time and require a 0.4 FTE commitment.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and CV to Bradley Allen, MD, PhD, senior associate dean for medical school education. Application deadline is Thursday, Sept. 28.

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Transitions II statewide course director and course site leader positions open

Applicants are being sought for nine key positions in Medical Student Education (MSE) that are dedicated to establishing high-quality clinical and scientific education at IU School of Medicine.

The positions, one statewide course director and eight course site leaders, will collaborate in assisting students in the two-week Transitions II Course which will advance students' knowledge and clinical skills, but will also emphasize the professionalism, communication and systems-based practice that is needed to provide comprehensive patient care. This introduction will serve to build upon the previous foundational knowledge allowing students to effectively integrate as a member of the healthcare team as they begin their mandatory clerkship rotations.

Statewide Course Director for Transitions II

Working with campus directors and department chairs, the statewide course director is responsible for final determination of all IU School of Medicine student learning activities. By implementing competency assessments of students, assisting in LCME accreditation document preparation and recruiting faculty that are dedicated to the education of medical students, the statewide course director will provide leadership to course site leaders and students.

Course Site Leader

These eight new roles provide administrative and educational leadership of a campus' delivery of a statewide course, provide assistance for students with academic difficulty in need for remediation and serve on the course management team.

Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and CV to [Dr. Jennifer Schwartz](#), assistant dean for Medical Student Education, Phase 2. Application deadline is Friday, Sept. 22.

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New Oct. 1 deadline to apply for Research Support Funds Grant program

The Research Support Funds Grant (RSFG) program enhances the research mission of IUPUI by providing seed funding for research projects and scholarly activities that are sustainable through external funding. All full-time, tenure-track faculty having appointments of assistant professor and above are eligible to apply.

Note that the deadline to apply for the RSFG program this fall has changed to Oct. 1. For eligibility, proposal requirements and application details, visit research.iupui.edu.

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CTSI funding available for research use of core facilities

The CTSI Pilot Funding program is intended to promote the use of technologies and expertise afforded by the CTSI Core Facilities available at all partner institutions. Examples of eligible projects include obtaining critical preliminary data for a grant application (either new award or competing renewal); obtaining a critical reagent or resource for new studies (a new transgenic or knockout mouse model, for example); or pilot experiments to test a new idea or establish a new line of research.

Funding is for use of designated Indiana CTSI core facilities only. Information describing each core is available at legacy.indianactsi.org. Pilot funding application details are outlined in this [Request for Applications](#). Application deadline is Monday, Oct. 9.

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Apply for CTSI adult GI and liver disease research funding

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) and the Division of Gastroenterology/Hepatology in the IU School of Medicine Department of Medicine are soliciting proposals for pilot projects from investigators to develop and promote translational and transdisciplinary collaborative research projects in adult gastrointestinal and liver diseases.

The objective is to fund studies that establish or strengthen already established

collaborations between faculty members in the GI Division and investigators from other departments and schools and generate preliminary data for extramural funding applications investigating adult GI and liver disorders. The areas of interest include acute and chronic liver diseases, GI and hepatobiliary malignancy, inflammatory bowel disease, GI motility disorders, chronic abdominal pain and chronic functional bowel disorders.

See the [Request for Applications](#) for application details. Deadline is Monday, Nov. 6.

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Conflict resolution is topic of Sept. 13 Merritt Lecture in Women's Health

The IU National Center of Excellence in Women's Health will host the annual Doris H. Merritt, MD, Lectureship in Women's Health from 8:15-10 am, Wednesday, Sept. 13, in Walther Hall Auditorium.

Ana Núñez, MD, will discuss the importance of recognizing the potential for conflict and how to communicate effectively to optimize outcomes. "Conflict Resolution: From the Boardroom to the Exam Room" also features a panel discussion with Drs. Núñez, Chemen Neal, Richard Frankel, Daniel Griffith and Theresa Rohr-Kirchgraber (moderator). All are welcome to attend. More information and [registration for continuing medical education](#) are available.

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Technology Enhancement Award applications due Oct. 16

In partnership with the Indiana CTSI and IU School of Medicine, the Indiana Center for Biomedical Innovation (ICBI) 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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Plan to attend upcoming Alzheimer's disease caregiver symposium

The Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center is hosting the 11th annual Martin Family AD Caregiver Symposium on Friday, Sept. 22. The event is designed to provide updates and information for research participants, families and professional caregivers regarding the transitions in care faced by so many coping with Alzheimer's disease.

While the symposium is offered free of charge, [registration](#) is required. Information about exhibitor opportunities also is available on the website.

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IU Health AHC physician golf outing is Oct. 5

Join IU Health academic health center physician colleagues for a relaxing day of golf at the Brickyard Crossing Golf Course on Thursday, Oct. 5. Breakfast and registration begins at 9 am with a shotgun start at 10 am. Greens fees are supported by Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and a luncheon and reception are provided by IU Health. Register by Sept. 6 to kwassman@iuhealth.org. Questions? Call 317-963-1311.

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South Bend – Autism documentary screening is Sept. 12

Indiana University School of Medicine-South Bend will present a screening at 6 pm, Tuesday, Sept 12, of a new documentary film, “Deej: Inclusion Shouldn’t Be a Lottery,” the story of a non-speaking autistic’s battle for inclusion. The presentation is free and open to the public at the medical school campus, 1234 Notre Dame Ave., South Bend. The film will be shown in the medical school auditorium, followed by a question and answer session. For more information, visit deepmovie.com.

IU School of Medicine-South Bend is among 40 institutions selected for a free screening. The film will premiere on PBS World on Tuesday, Oct. 17, as part of the “America Reframed” series.

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