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Doctors' group joins national petition drive to save Medicare

The Indiana State Medical Association is participating in a nationwide petition drive to collect one million signatures urging Congress to save Medicare by fixing a faulty payment formula.

In March, Congress delayed a 21.2 percent cut to physicians who see Medicare patients, but it is now scheduled to take effect April 14. After short-term fixes to this problem every year for 10 years, the ISMA wants a permanent solution. Even Congress agrees the payment formula is broken and should be repealed.

"The U.S. Senate left for spring recess without addressing Medicare," said ISMA President Frederick Ridge, M.D. "Congress' constant toying on this issue and the inability to solve it threatens access to care for all our seniors and military families."

The ISMA joins several other states in urging people to add their names to the Medicare Petition Campaign before Congress reconvenes April 12. The online petition asks Congress to fix Medicare so patients can choose their doctors and their doctors can stay in the program. Find it at www.ipetitions.com/petition/meltdown.

Dr. Ridge noted, “We’re asking Congress for a rational Medicare physician payment formula that keeps up automatically with the cost of running a practice. As physicians, we want to continue taking care of Medicare patients, and we can do that if Congress focuses on correcting this issue.”

The ISMA, formed in 1849, has more than 8,000 members statewide. The organization works in public, private and governmental sectors to promote sound health care policies and advance continuing medical education for doctors.

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Assist cancer patients, families through 100 Hearts

Join Fair Haven Foundation and help provide a place to stay for IUSCC cancer patients and their families who come to Indy from out of town. The foundation provides fully furnished apartments for cancer patients and their families who come to IUSCC for long-term treatment. The apartments are located across the street from IU Hospital in Lockefield Gardens. They are provided free of charge and the majority of the patients served are undergoing stem cell transplantation or radiation therapy.

For a monthly gift of \$12.50 you can join 100 Hearts – since 100 donors fully support one apartment. When you join 100 hearts your name is placed on a fabric heart that is made into a quilt of 100 hearts and hung in an apartment to let the patient and family know someone cares.

To join, go to www.fairhavenfoundation.org and click on “Make a Donation,” complete the donor info and then click on “subscribe.” Be sure to note if you are from IU/Clarian.

Fair Haven Foundation was initiated by Amanda Milner, a medtech with the Pathology Stem Cell Lab, in order to address the long-term overnight lodging needs of patients and families. The 100 Hearts campaign was conceived and initiated by Chris Fausel, pharmacist, and Kelly Ward, BMT nurse practitioner, in an effort to promote participation and gain additional support from their colleagues.

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Spring House Calls this weekend

Nearly 150 IUSM students, faculty, friends and family members will gather Saturday at the Christamore House Family and Community Center for the 15th annual Spring House Calls service project sponsored by the Office of Medical Service-Learning.

Spring House Calls volunteers provide home and lawn maintenance for elderly, disabled and minority homeowners in two inner-city neighborhoods located just north and west of the IUPUI campus. Participants will clean yards, plant flowers and other spring-time chores at about 30 homes in the Haughville and Blackburn neighborhoods.

The event concludes with lunch attended by homeowners and the IUSM crew at the Christamore House.

The MS2 project co-chairs are Luke Miller and Bill Godley. For more information, visit medicine.iu.edu/shc.

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Research Faculty Development Seminar Monday

The next Research Faculty Development Seminar, "Getting Recognized as an Independent Scientist — Without Being a Photon Magnet" will be from noon to 1:30 p.m., Monday, April 12, in VanNuys Medical Science Building, room 326.

Postdoctoral mentors are invaluable when seeking a faculty position. However, these "coattails" do not last forever. How does one make a name for himself/herself in the field while providing proper credit to others? We at the IUSM value a culture where credit is generously given – being inclusive, rather than being exclusive. This has important ramifications in the service mission of the school and for the professional growth of the research faculty member. Some ideas meant to help get one's name "out there" will be discussed.

Randy Brutkiewicz, PhD, assistant dean for faculty affairs and professional development and professor, microbiology and immunology, will lead the presentation and invites faculty to attend. These seminars are designed to help research faculty on the tenure-track and scientist ladder, as well as research associates, be successful in the laboratory and as members of the IU School of Medicine.

Register at faculty.medicine.iu.edu/events.asp. Questions? maquarle@iupui.edu

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AHEC annual meeting # April 13

The Indiana AHEC (Area Health Education Center) Third Annual Meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, at the IUPUI Campus Center. The meeting provides an opportunity for educators, advocates, health care professionals, community leaders, students and others from across the state to share a day of dialogue and idea exchange.

For additional information or to register, log on to www.ahec.iupui.edu.

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Free oral, head and neck cancer screenings # April 14

It's quick, painless and free.

Free oral, head and neck cancer screenings will be offered from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, April 14, in room 3170 of the Adult Outpatient Center at Indiana University Hospital. The screenings are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. For additional information, call 948-3231.

For more details, see

www.medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=1259&print=true.

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Health Disparities topic of Cultural Competency Series

Michael Railey, MD, associate dean for multicultural affairs at St Louis University School of Medicine, will be the guest speaker at the Wednesday, April 14, Cultural Competency Series lecture hosted by

the IU Department of OB/GYN in conjunction the Dean's Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development.

Dr. Railey's presentation is entitled "Health Disparities: Medical Intervention." It will be in Walther Hall (R3), room 203, at 8:15 a.m.

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Zen Buddhist priest next Embracing Diversity Series speaker

The Embracing Diversity Series will continue at the 8 a.m. Wednesday, April 14 Pediatric Grand Rounds in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium with Walter Robinson, PhD. A Zen Buddhist priest, Dr. Robinson will present "A Buddhist Philosophical Psychology."

Dr. Robinson is a member of the IUPUI Department of Philosophy.

This Pediatric Grand Rounds Series — Embracing Diversity: The Influence of Diverse Belief Systems on Health Care Delivery — is designed to increase health-care providers' awareness of and sensitivity to the influence of spiritual and religious beliefs on the health-care experience.

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EndNote X3 Workshop

Learn to insert citations and references in Word documents with a click. Setting up an EndNote Library is simple. We'll show you how. Export references from Ovid Medline and PubMed to EndNote. Workshops are in the newly renovated Medical Research and Library Building computer lab, IB room 226.

Wednesday, April 14, 2:30-4:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 20, 2:30-4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, June 8, 2:30-4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, July 27, 10-11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Aug. 11, 2:30-4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2:30-4:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 20, 10-11:45 a.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 10, 10-11:45 a.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 14, 10-11:45 a.m.

For assistance with EndNote or to register for a workshop, contact medical librarian, Carole Gall, 274-1411, cfgall@iupui.edu, or technical specialist, Doug Bartlow, 317 274-5077, jbartlo@iupui.edu.

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Department of Public Health information session

Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend an information session to learn about the educational programs offered in the IU School of Medicine Department of Public Health. The event from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Thursday, April 15, will provide an overview of the MPH Program, the graduate certificate in public health, the PhD in epidemiology, and the Office of Public Health Practice.

The event will be in the Department of Public Health office, room 220, 714 N. Senate Ave.

(corner of Senate and St. Clair streets). Free parking is available in the two lots north of the building. Enter the building on the canal level.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Leah Jansen at lwissel@iupui.edu or 278-0765. Visit the website at www.pbhealth.iupui.edu.

Can't attend the information session in person?

Log on to: breeze.iu.edu/mphinfosession/ to attend the session from your personal computer.

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Life-Health Sciences poster session

The Life-Health Sciences Internship Program poster session will be Friday, April 16, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm in the VanNuys Medical Science Building atrium.

Interns from the 2009-2010 group will present posters of their work with faculty and staff. Welcoming remarks will be made by D. Craig Brater, MD, IUSM dean, and Bart S. Ng, PhD, dean of the IUPUI School of Science.

All are invited. More information is available at grad.medicine.iu.edu/lhsipostersessions.

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Prehistoric Midwest takes center stage at Medical Humanities seminar

Jeremy Wilson, PhD, IUPUI assistant professor of anthropology, will present "Modeling Life Through Death in the Late Prehistoric Midwest" on Monday, April 19, from noon to 1 p.m. in Cavanaugh Hall, room 438.

Space is limited so please contact Rebecca Cervenka at 278-1669 or rcervenk@iupui.edu to reserve a seat.

The Seminars in Medical Humanities presentation is presented by the Medical Humanities and Health Studies Program at IUPUI.

For more information, visit medhumanities.iupui.edu/new/template.seminars.htm.

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Second Annual Indiana CTSI meeting # April 19

The second annual meeting of the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute will provide an opportunity to learn about a broad range of research initiatives and issues from the perspectives of local and national speakers.

The meeting, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, April 19, will include presentations on biobanks and virtual biorepositories, the physician scientist development program and the National Center for Research Resources vision of a national consortium. Several CTSI investigators will provide updates on their research, and there will be breakout sessions on comparative effectiveness, health informatics initiatives, building a biorepository and updates on novel technologies.

There will also be a poster session for CTSI-funded investigators at the meeting, which will be held in the atrium of the Health Information and Translational Sciences (HITS) Building, 410 W. 10th Street in Indianapolis. Complimentary breakfast and lunch will be provided.

For the complete schedule and to register, go to <http://www.indianactsi.org/workshops/ctsiann2010>.

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Regenerative biology scientific conference

The IU Center for Regenerative Biology and Medicine (CRBM) at IUPUI will host its first scientific conference covering recent advances in regeneration research on Friday, April 23, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the IUPUI Campus Center, rooms 405 and 409.

Dinner follows the conference at 6:30 p.m. with a keynote address by Eric M. Meslin, PhD, founding director of the IU Center for Bioethics, who will discuss bioethical issues in regenerative biology and medicine.

The conference, which is free and open to the public, will appeal to researchers, policy-makers, venture capitalists and entrepreneurs who seek new opportunities in Indiana's life sciences industry. To register, visit www.regen.iupui.edu/conference.asp.

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Tobias Public Forum discusses religion and public life

Former Indiana Congressman Lee Hamilton and the Rev. Richard Hamilton will present "Keeping Religion in its Place – In Public Live Two Views: A Politician and a Preacher at a Tobias Public Forum from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 29. The event, which is sponsored by the Tobias Center for Leadership Excellence at IU, will be in the University Place Conference Center auditorium.

The event is free and open to the public. RSVPs are appreciated at www.tobiascenter.iu.edu or call 278-2800.

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Satcher to speak at cultural competence conference

The 9th Annual Indiana Conference on Cultural Competency for Behavioral Healthcare will be Thursday, April 29, with the keynote delivered by former U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher, MD, PhD.

The conference, "Beyond Cultural Competence; What's Next?" is sponsored by the Indiana Minority Health Coalition, IUSM, the Indiana State Department of Health and the Family and Social Services Administration.

Dr. Satcher will speak at the conference and will join breakout sessions led by IUPUI/IUSM faculty and staff including Geroge Rausch, EdD, Mary Austrom, PhD, Virginia Caine, MD, Darla Cohen, and Kenneth Durgans, EdD.

A special reception will be held in Dr. Satcher's honor on Wednesday, April 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Fairbanks Hall. The conference will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn North at the Pyramids. Both events are open to the public.

To RSVP for the Satcher reception: faculty.medicine.iu.edu/registration/indexDirect.asp?id=271

To register for the conference: faculty.medicine.iu.edu/docs/CC10_Conference_Reg.pdf

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IUPUI to host *Disney Institute*

Disney's Approach to Quality Service for Healthcare Professionals, a one-day event, has been rescheduled from March 22 to Monday, May 17.

Every hospital, clinic, group medical practice, dental practice, or freestanding medical care provider has the opportunity to distinguish themselves through the delivery of quality services.

The workshop will demonstrate the importance of attention to detail in everything Disney does — from training its cast members (employees) to treating every guest (patient) as a VIP.

This program is designed to help healthcare professionals improve their organization's quality service by immersing themselves in the successful Disney model.

Limited Time Offer: Register and pay by Friday, April 16, and be automatically entered in a drawing for a free 3-day Disney Institute class at the Walt Disney Resort in Orlando or Anaheim. Contact Disney's guest services manager at 877-544-2384 ext. 1 for details.

Use the IUPUI promotional code IUPSFNEJ to receive \$50 of per guest when registering. Additional group discounts are available. For more information and to register, visit www.KeysIndianapolis.com.

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Fall Faculty Meeting minutes available

Minutes from the IUSM Fall Faculty Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 13, are available for review on ANGEL.

To view the minutes, click on "complete details" under the "Top Stories" section at angel.medicine.iu.edu/default.asp.

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Cancer Research Day abstracts due April 16

The deadline for submitting abstracts for posters for the IU Simon Cancer Center Cancer Research Day is Friday, April 16.

Abstracts for basic science, translational/clinical or population science/epidemiology categories will be presented at the event on Wednesday, May 5. Individual laboratories may submit multiple abstracts; if space becomes limited, each laboratory will be asked to identify representative posters. Please submit all abstracts to IUSCCCRD@iupui.edu.

Abstract form and more information is available at www.cancer.iu.edu/crd.

Students, fellows and faculty conducting cancer research at IUPUI, Indiana University-Bloomington, Purdue University and the Walther Cancer Research Center at the University of Notre Dame are eligible to present their current cancer research efforts at the event.

Cash awards for best posters by graduate students, post-doctoral/medical fellows, research technicians and clinical nurses in all three research categories will be selected by a review board.

James Abbruzzese, MD, chair of the Department of Gastrointestinal Medical Oncology, the M.G. and Lillie A. Johnson Professor for Cancer Treatment and Research, and professor of medicine at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, will deliver the keynote address.

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Grants and Awards March 2010

PI	Agency	Type	Project Title	Begin	End	Total
Sherri Lynn Bucher-Yiannoutsos	Save The Children Federation, Inc.	New	Helping Babies Breathe Kenya: Expanded Field Test	12/15/09	9/30/10	60,000
Robert J. Fallon	Natl Childhood Cancer	New	Children's Oncology Group Chair's Grant funded under The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA): CA98543-07S1 Supplemental Award 19389	6/1/09	5/31/11	45,999
Janice C. Froehlich	Univ Of Washington	New	Noradrenergic agents as potential new pharmacotherapies for alcohol drinking	3/1/10	2/28/11	182,626
Bernardino Ghetti	Univ Of Washington	New	GWAS Phase 2	9/30/09	8/31/10	4,100
Stacey L. Halum	NIH-NIDCD	New	Engineered Autologous Muscle Stem Cells for the Treatment of Vocal Fold Paralysis	3/15/10	2/28/11	239,172
Quyen Quoc Hoang	Michael J Fox Fdn	New	Specific inhibition of nucleation of alpha-synuclein aggregation as a	12/29/09	12/30/10	87,500

			therapeutic strategy			
Marc S. Mendonca	Univ Calif, Davis	New	NF-kB-mediated HER-2 overexpression in radioresistant breast cancer stem cells	9/22/09	7/31/10	10,517
Eugenia P. Molleston	Childrens Hosp Assoc	Contin/Competing	Longitudinal Study of Cystic Fibrosis Liver Disease	1/1/10	12/31/10	94,596
Christie Marie Orschell	NIH-NCRR	New	BioPlex 200 System with High Throughput fluidics (HTF) Multiplex Array System	3/25/10	3/24/11	84,372
Andrew J. Saykin	Purdue University	New	Effect of Manganese Exposure on GABA and Glutamate in Human Brains by MRS	12/1/09	6/30/10	38,797
Changyu Shen	Univ Of Louisville	New	Mass Informatics for Two Dimensional Gas Chromatography Time-of-Flight Mass Spectrometry Based Metabolomics	5/1/09	4/30/10	74,445
Anna Maria V. Storniolo	Johns Hopkins Univ	New	A Prospective Analysis of Surgery in patients Presenting with Stage IV Breast Cancer	7/1/09	6/30/10	32,731
William J. Sullivan Jr.	Inst For Research In Biotechnology Fdn (Argentina)	New	Novel nucleosome composition and modifications in protozoal parasite	8/1/09	7/31/10	20,000

			Toxoplasma gondii			
William Michael Tierney	Moi Faculty Hlth Sci	New	ASANTE Cardiovascular Pulmonary Disease Center of Excellence	6/7/10	46,722	
Stephen Bowman Trippel	NIH-NIAMS	Contin/Competing	Gene Transfer Treatment of Articular Cartilage Damage	3/1/10	2/28/11	398,475

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Research Funding Update

The IU Office of the Vice Provost for Research and the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research offer a weekly digest containing information about funding opportunities including those that limit the number of allowable pre-proposal or proposal submissions. Digests are published on Wednesdays but may be sent more frequently if deadlines are urgent.

View the current [Research Funding Update](#).

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Breast tissue bank at IUSM to be featured on WTHR-TV

Researchers with the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Tissue Bank at the IU Simon Cancer collect and share healthy breast tissue samples with researchers worldwide to help understand how breast cells turn cancerous. The tissue bank is the nation's first and only healthy breast tissue bank.

Learn more about it during a special broadcast, "Race for the Cure: Bringing Hope to Millions," at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 10, on WTHR-TV (Channel 13). It will be repeated sometime between 6 a.m. and 10 a.m. Saturday, April 17, during WTHR's coverage of the Indianapolis Race for the Cure.

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AMPATH requests *Oprah* magazine

AMPTH is seeking donations of *Oprah* magazine during IUPUI's 6th annual International Festival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, April 22, in Woods Memorial Plaza.

The magazines will be sent to Imani Workshops in Kenya via the Indiana-Kenya Partnership, where they will be turned into beautiful jewelry by AMPATH clients and sold around the world. Imani artisans prefer *Oprah* magazine due to its superior color and paper quality.

For more information, visit international.iupui.edu/festival.

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Jag Radio seeks musicians

Jag Radio is seeking musical artists and bands to feature on its new online platform. Participants will appear on the website as part of an effort to create a new online destination for local music in Indiana.

For more information, visit www.iupuistudentmedia.com/jagradio or contact jagradio@iupui.edu.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 11, or 8 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, to *Sound Medicine*, the award-winning weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1FM) in Indianapolis.

Two hospital safety experts will discuss what hospitals are doing to reduce avoidable errors and hospital acquired infections. Robert Wachter, MD, associate chair of medicine and chief of hospital medicine and medical service at the University of California, San Francisco, and John Nance, JD, author of *Why Hospitals Should Fly: The Ultimate Flight Plan to Patient Safety and Quality Care*, will lead the discussion.

Two of the founders of the Research Advocacy Program, Mary Lou Smith and Elda Railey, will explain the role of patient research advocates in the design and implementation of clinical trials.

Tanning beds and the possible links to melanoma and other skin cancers will be the focus of *Sound Medicine* reporter Sandy Roob.

Ora Pescovitz, MD, former *Sound Medicine* co-host and executive vice president of medical affairs at the University of Michigan and CEO of its health system, will take a look back at changes in medicine over the past 10 years since she helped launch the *Sound Medicine* radio program. *Sound Medicine* continues the celebration of its decade of programming.

In this week's *Sound Medicine* "Checkup," Jeremy Shere, PhD, will explore treating asthma with kung fu.

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

Sound Medicine is underwritten by Clarian Health, IU Medical Group and Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. Primary care segments are underwritten by Wishard Health Services.

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IUPUI honored with Top 20 Award

IUPUI was honored as a Top 20 - 2009 Workplace Campaign by United Way of Central Indiana (UWCI). Raising a total of \$410,991.15, which was 99 percent of the \$417,000 goal, the campus placed 16th in overall funds raised out of approximately 1,200 workplace campaigns and was first for all educational institutions in central Indiana.

Visit www.iupui.edu/unitedway.

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Sibshop registration opens for April 17 event

For typically developing siblings of children with special needs - Sibshops registration is now open for Saturday, April 17, for ages 4 to 7 years and 8 to 13 years.

For more information and the registration form, visit

rileychildrenshospital.com/parents-and-patients/wellness-center/commed/sibshops.jsp.

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Special Care Sitter training available

Community Education and Child Advocacy at Riley Hospital is sponsoring a Special Care Sitter training on Saturday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Zionsville United Methodist Church.

Registration cost is just \$15. Class size is limited to 10 people. Registrations will be accepted through Wednesday, April 14. People who attend this training will be able to train teens (ages 13 – 17) to sit for children with special needs. This is a very unique and affordable training opportunity.

For more information see

rileychildrenshospital.com/parents-and-patients/wellness-center/commed/special-care-sitter.jsp.

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Continuing Medical Education

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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Resources

Want to find a room that has a Polycom hook-up? Need official IUSM templates for your PowerPoint presentation or poster about a guest lecturer? Check out the new “Resources For” page on the IUSM web site. Resources For is accessible from the school’s home page (medicine.iu.edu) – look on the right-hand side of the page.

If you have suggestions of other resources that would be beneficial and could be added to this list, contact the Office of Public and Media Relations at medschl@iupui.edu.

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MedTV

The Office of Public and Media Relations now manages the MedTV screens on the medical school campus. This closed-circuit TV system, part of the IUPUI network, presents a wonderful opportunity for faculty, staff and students to communicate events and information of interest to others. It also serves as a source for broadcasting emergency information on campus.

The MedTVs are located in public areas of the HITS building, the VanNuys Medical Science Building atrium, the Daly Center and Walther Hall.

Announcements from departments and offices are welcome. To have your department or office announcements posted on MedTV, please read the MedTV guidelines:

communications.medicine.iu.edu/medtv. Questions? Phone 274-7722.

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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)

To keep the electronic version of *Scope* as streamlined as possible, only seminars and lectures of general or multidisciplinary interest will be included.

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