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Above the Fold

IUSM research leads to risk factor test for rare chest cancers

Research conducted by IUSM physicians and scientists has resulted in a genetic test to predict the risk of recurrence of thymoma, a rare tumor of the upper chest. The study results were presented June 2 in a poster presentation at the 2012 American Society of Clinical Oncology Annual Meeting in Chicago.

Sunil Badve, M.D., professor of pathology and laboratory medicine; Yesim Gökmen-Polar, Ph.D., assistant scientist in medicine; and Patrick Loehrer Sr., M.D., director of the IU Simon Cancer Center, have pinpointed 19 genes that appear to forecast the chance that thymoma patients will develop a second tumor after the first is removed via surgery. These biomarkers were initially identified based upon genomic analysis of 36 frozen thymoma samples from patients at the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center. Additional tests confirming the results were later performed on 75 other thymoma biopsies provided by other institutions.

“Obtaining objective molecular data to support traditional histological assessment will lead to improved diagnostic accuracy for thymomas and thymic cancers,” Dr. Badve said. “The test which recently completed validation is called DecisionDx-Thymoma and provides an objective, accurate assessment of an individual’s risk of metastasis.”

The ability to predict this risk of recurrence will help physicians create individualized treatment plans that avoid side effects caused by adjuvant treatments that may be unnecessary in some

patients. Adjuvant treatments, such as radiation and chemotherapy, are given in addition to the primary treatment, such as surgical removal of the tumor.

All development and validation work on the test was performed by [Castle Biosciences](#), a rare cancer molecular diagnostics company whose mission is to serve individuals afflicted with rare or orphan cancers. The test also will be exclusively marketed by the company.

“The ability to accurately assess metastatic risk based upon the thymoma’s molecular signature will enable personalizing therapeutic options,” said Dr. Loehrer, H.H. Gregg Professor of Oncology at IU School of Medicine and an international expert on thymomas and thymic carcinomas. “This will assist in deciding which patients should receive post-operative therapy.”

The partnership between Castle Biosciences and the IU investigators was brokered by the [Indiana University Research and Technology Corp.](#) Support for early research was also provided by the [Indiana Clinical and Translational Science Institute](#) and [IU Simon Cancer Center](#).

The test will be available for routine clinical ordering beginning this month.

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U.S. News ranks Riley Hospital as one of nation's best

Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health has been ranked in 10 out of 10 specialties nationally by U.S. News & World Report in its annual [Best Children’s Hospitals rankings](#), with six of the rankings putting the hospital among the top 20 children’s hospitals in the country. Riley at IU Health is also the only facility ranked in the state of Indiana.

“We’ve long known that we have the most dedicated and skilled physicians and nurses on our team. Rankings like this are confirmation from our colleagues in children’s health care around the country of the extraordinary care that our team provides for our children and their families,” said Jeff Sperring, M.D., volunteer clinical assistant professor of pediatrics at IUSM and president and CEO of Riley at IU Health. “It’s a privilege to be entrusted with the care of so many children who need us, and we never take that for granted.”

Riley at IU Health ranks in "2012-13 Best Children’s Hospitals" as follows:

- Urology — 3rd
- Pulmonology — 10th
- Neurology and Neurosurgery — 14th
- Cardiology and Heart Surgery — 19th
- Nephrology — 19th
- Orthopedics — 20th
- Diabetes and Endocrinology — 21st
- Gastroenterology — 24th

- Cancer — 25th
- Neonatology — 36th

The rankings are available [online](#) and will be published in the U.S. News "Best Hospitals 2013" guidebook, available on newsstands Aug. 28.

For more information, visit the [IUSM Newsroom](#).

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• **Women's health center to target teen pregnancy**

The Indiana University National Center of Excellence in Women's Health has been awarded two grants from the Maternal and Child Health Division of the Indiana State Department of Health. Totalling nearly \$400,000, the grants focus on pregnancy prevention, with one geared specifically for pregnant and parenting teens called Healthy Mothers 1st.

Using the Center of Excellence's Women's Wellness on Wheels Bus, the programs will provide health screenings and health and nutrition education, and will connect women and teens age 14 and older with resources in their community.

"Our WOW Bus will travel throughout Marion, Clay and Delaware counties to reach underserved women," said Theresa M. Rohr-Kirchgraber, M.D., associate professor of clinical pediatrics and medicine and executive director of [the IU National Center of Excellence in Women's Health](#). "We'll connect them with local primary care providers and other resources to promote healthy choices and lifestyles."

The Center of Excellence, a program of the IU School of Medicine and the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, aims to expand these types of programs to counties throughout the state, especially in areas where women have fewer resources.

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Student Showcase

• **Doctor Camp gets local students excited about careers in medicine**

The excited sound of middle and late elementary school children echoed through the halls on the third floor of the VanNuys Medical Science Building on June 4 as students from Grades 5 to 7 poured into a classroom to participate in Doctor Camp, an annual project co-sponsored and conducted by IUSM students through the IUSM Office of Medical Service-Learning.

The daylong event, which aims to interest children from across Indianapolis in careers in science and medicine, kicked off with a crash course in conducting a basic physical during a workshop

led by medical and doctoral students from IUSM. More than 20 volunteers, who also included undergraduate students from the Purdue School of Science at IUPUI, were among the instructors and “camp counselors” at this year’s Doctor Camp and at Camp Medical Detectives, a related program on June 5 and 6 for high school students.

“Our goal is to give the kids a taste of what it’s like to be involved in medicine, either as a medical student or as a student in one of the other related fields, such as paramedic science and laboratory science,” said Enola Okonkwo, a second-year medical student at IUSM and co-director of this year’s event. “The program is really designed to target minority students and attract them to the health care field.”

Doctor Camp participants included more than 30 children from Indiana schools such as Francis Scott Key Elementary School (Indianapolis Public School 103) and Indian Creek Elementary School in Indianapolis; Woodbrook Elementary School in Carmel; and Kingsway Christian School in Avon. This is the 12th annual Doctor Camp and the sixth annual Camp Medical Detectives, in which nearly 20 high school students from across Indianapolis are participating.

“I’m interested in medicine, biology and diseases,” said Jarrod Hubbard, a fifth-grader at IPS 103, who came to Doctor Camp with his twin brother, Jarred, through a separate mentorship project at his school that connects kids interested in medicine with professionals in fields such as medicine, nursing and veterinary science. “It’s exciting to be here and learning about how to be doctor.”

To read the full story, with photos, visit [this page](#).

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Faculty News

Seifert and Humbert named assistant deans for curriculum

Mark F. Seifert, Ph.D., has been selected to serve as assistant dean for curriculum in the foundational sciences, and Aloysius J. "Butch" Humbert, M.D., has been selected to serve as assistant dean for curriculum in the clinical sciences, in the Office of Undergraduate Medical Education at IUSM.

Dr. Seifert, professor of anatomy and cell biology, is the course director for the gross anatomy course at IUSM-Indianapolis and has served as chair of the basic science component of the curriculum committee in the Office of Undergraduate Medical Education.

Dr. Humbert, assistant professor of clinical emergency medicine, has served as the statewide director for the Emergency Medicine Clerkship and the problem-solving competency group, and as chair of the competency directors’ administrative group.

"Drs. Seifert and Humbert are active participants in the curricular reform efforts currently under way in the IU School of Medicine and bring experience, a passion for education and a

commitment to our students and to the continuous enhancement of teaching and learning," said Maryellen Gusic, M.D., executive associate dean for educational affairs. In their roles as assistant deans, Dr. Gusic said, their responsibilities will include managing the statewide curriculum for the school of medicine and providing oversight of the development and implementation of its integrated, competency-based undergraduate medical education program.

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Haas appointed vice chair for research in OB-GYN

David Haas, M.D., associate professor of obstetrics and gynecology, has been appointed vice chair for research for the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, effective June 1.

As vice chair for research, Dr. Haas will act as a resource for research-oriented faculty and their division directors to optimize scholarly activity and funding. He will monitor the progress of mentorship efforts for tenure track faculty and assist with recruitment and retention of faculty to meet divisional and departmental goals. He will advise the chair on policies and fiscal decisions such as start-up and bridge support, annual budgeting, and the use and allocation of cost for departmental research infrastructure, such as personnel, space and equipment.

An expert clinical and translational researcher in obstetrical pharmacology, Dr. Haas joined IUSM in 2005 as assistant professor and director of clinical research and was promoted to his current faculty position in 2011. Dr. Haas also is director of PREGMED, the Indiana University Center for Pharmacogenetics and Therapeutics Research in Maternal and Child Health, and associate editor of the Cochrane Collaboration's Pregnancy and Childbirth Group.

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Events & Lectures

Indiana Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Conference — today

Sen. Patricia Miller, chair of the Indiana Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services, will deliver a short presentation on campus at noon Friday, June 8. Miller's talk will take place at the Indiana Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Conference, which runs from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the University Place Conference Center and Hotel.

This annual conference will feature presentations and discussion about work supported by the Indiana Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Fund — a state-supported program that funds research for the treatment and cure of spinal cord and traumatic brain injuries. Additional speakers include Adam Taliaferro, a formerly paralyzed Penn State football player whose tale of recovery was chronicled by Scott Brown and Sam Carchidi in the 2001 book, "Miracle in the Making."

Also scheduled are poster presentations on research funded by the Indiana Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Fund from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the second-floor lobby of the conference center and four afternoon breakout sessions led by IUSM faculty.

For more information, visit the [Indiana CTSI HUB](#).

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» **Memory University presentation on cognitive stimulation and aging**

Frederick W. Unverzagt, Ph.D., professor of clinical psychology in clinical psychiatry and clinical medical and molecular genetics, will present “Cognitive Stimulation and Aging” from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Thursday, June 14, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium.

Dr. Unverzagt is the training director for the clinical neuropsychology residency program at the IU School of Medicine and performs outpatient consultations for patients with possible brain disorders in the neuropsychology clinic in the Department of Psychiatry. His research interests are focused on the clinical assessment of memory loss and cognitive impairment associated with neurodegenerative disease and breast cancer. He also developed and adapted cognitive assessments for use in cross-cultural studies in Nigeria, Kenya, Jamaica and China and is the director of one of the largest randomized, controlled trials of a cognitive intervention ever undertaken, the Advanced Cognitive Training for Independent Vital Elderly study.

Dr. Unverzagt will present as part of the Fourth Annual Memory University, a program for professionals and families to learn more about Alzheimer's disease from nationally known clinicians affiliated with the Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center. For more information and upcoming lectures, visit the [event flier](#).

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» **Orthopedic surgery conference and lecture — June 15**

Michael A. Simon, M.D., associate dean for graduate medical education and professor of surgery at the University of Chicago, will deliver the 36th Annual George J. Garceau and James B. Wray Lecture from 1 to 1:45 p.m. Friday, June 15, at the University Place Conference Center and Hotel.

Dr. Simon's lecture, “When Is a Subcutaneous Lipoma Not a Lipoma?” will take place during a conference for orthopedic surgeons, residents and orthopedic allied health professionals from 8 to 3:45 p.m. The event also will feature presentations by local residents and fellows, and bring together the most recent advances in the field of orthopedic surgery by allowing experts, community physicians and researchers to come together to address a variety of orthopedic topics in the area of diagnosis and treatment for hip, spine, shoulder, knee, pediatrics, trauma, foot and ankle disorders.

Registration is \$100; IUSM Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, faculty, staff and residents-in-training may attend free of charge. Registration is required.

To register or for more information, visit the [event brochure](#).

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Registration open for biostatistics short course

Matt Wand, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of Statistics at the University of Technology in Sydney, Australia, will present a short course on semiparametric regression from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thursday, June 21, in the Health Informatics and Translational Science (HITS) Building, Room 1110.

Semiparametric regression is concerned with the flexible incorporation of nonlinear functional relationships in regression analyses. Assuming only a basic familiarity with ordinary regression, this short course explains the techniques and benefits of semiparametric regression in a concise and modular fashion. For more information, see the [course flier](#).

This course is offered by the Department of Biostatistics. Registration costs \$40 for students, \$80 for faculty and staff and \$120 for attendees outside IU. The registration deadline is **Friday, June 15**.

To register, contact Ann Lyon at annlyon@iupui.edu or harezlak@iupui.edu.

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Panel discussion to feature UK's top drug regulator

Mark your calendars: The IU Center for Bioethics will co-host a panel presentation on the “Ethical and Scientific Issues in Studying the Safety of Approved Drugs” from 3 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 11, at the Health Information and Translational Science (HITS) Building, Room 1110.

Panel presenters are Sir Alasdair Breckenridge, chair of the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency, London, U.K.; Bruce Psaty, M.D., Ph.D., professor of medicine, epidemiology and health services and co-director of the Cardiovascular Health Research Unit at the University of Washington; and Eric Meslin, Ph.D., director of the IU Center for Bioethics and associate dean for bioethics at the IU School of Medicine. Breckenridge, Psaty and Meslin were members of the Institute of Medicine Committee on Ethical and Scientific Issues in Studying the Safety of Approved Drugs, whose [recently published report](#) is the focus of the panel.

This event is co-hosted by the IU Center for Bioethics; Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute; Regenstrief Institute; Office of the Executive Associate Dean of Research, IU School of Medicine; and the Indiana Institute for Personalized Medicine

For more information, contact Eva Jackson at 317-278-4034 or evajacks@iupui.edu.

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» **Accent modification course for health care professionals**

Enrollment is open for Accent Modification for the International Healthcare Professional. This 10-week course will meet from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays from Aug. 7 to Oct. 9 in the IU Health Methodist Hospital, Room A3050-A.

This course aims to improve participants' spoken communications with colleagues, patients and staff through modification — not elimination — of their international accents to conform more closely to spoken American English. In addition to the traditional concerns of accurate sounds, the classes focus on fluency (word stress, sentence rhythm and intonation).

This course is open to international faculty, postdocs, fellows, residents, medical students and nurses. For more information or to register, visit www.faculty.medicine.iu.edu/special/aei.html or contact Poonam Khurana, M.D., at 317-962-2275 or pkhurana@iupui.edu.

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News to Use

» **IUSM transition to Oncourse to be complete Aug. 15**

The School of Medicine is transitioning from Angel to Oncourse, the learning management tool used by Indiana University. On Aug. 15, Angel will no longer be used as the IUSM course management system. Support is available for faculty and students during this transition period.

Faculty or learners who have materials on Angel that they will need at a later date must save their files to another location by Aug. 15.

For more information, visit the [IUSM Oncourse Transition Web page](#).

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» **Mark Brothers of South Bend lecture available online**

The 2012 Mark Brothers Lectureship Seminar delivered by Victor Ling, Ph.D., president and scientific director of the Terry Fox Research Institute in Vancouver, Canada, is available for online viewing.

Dr. Ling's May 31 lecture was titled "The experiment didn't work ... the beginning of enlightenment." Dr. and Mrs. Guey C. Mark established the endowed Mark Brothers Lectureship in 1997 to recognize nationally and internationally renowned medical scientists of Asian descent. Dr. Mark, who died in 2010, was a member of the IUSM class of 1954.

To access the video, visit the [IUSM Mediasite](#) and log in using your institutional username and password.

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• **Do not open suspicious ‘wire transfer’ emails**

The University Information Security Office has issued a warning about scam emails appearing in many inboxes across the university with subjects related to a "Wire Transfer Canceled."

No official response is normally issued for email spam and phishing (bogus requests for personal and other sensitive data) due to their prevalence; however, these messages have reached enough individuals – and caused enough questions about their legitimacy or authenticity – to raise an alarm.

These messages are [phishing](#)/spam and should not be opened. Never click links in unsolicited emails or from unknown senders. Even messages that appear to be from a familiar person or organization can be “spoofs” from a malicious attacker using an assumed identity to increase the chances a message will be opened and infect computers with malware or steal personal information.

For more information, including suggested actions after opening a suspicious message, visit the [Protect IU website](#).

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• **This week on 'Sound Medicine'**

“Sound Medicine,” an award-winning radio program that covers controversial ethics topics, breakthrough research studies and the day-to-day application of recent advancements in medicine, is co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio and underwritten by IU Health Physicians and IUPUI. The program next airs at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 10, on WFYI 90.1 FM, and is also available via [podcast](#) and [Stitcher Radio](#) for mobile phones and iPads. Reports on Primary Health Care topics are sponsored by Wishard Health Services.

To hear this week's episode, visit the ['Sound Medicine' website](#). For more information, visit the [IUSM Newsroom](#).

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Opportunities

• **Cardiovascular Research grants — applications due June 18**

The Center of Excellence in Cardiovascular Research is seeking applications for grants to support clinical and translational cardiovascular research projects. The research projects must be relevant to cardiovascular disease and provide information to enhance an application for a larger extramurally funded research activity.

The maximum amount for this grant is \$80,000 per year for up to two years. Applicants must have an Indiana University faculty appointment or demonstrate a close link to the IU Health Cardiovascular Programs. IU Health physicians with affiliate appointments are eligible to apply.

Applicants must submit a letter of intent by **5 p.m. Monday, June 18**. Complete applications are due by **5 p.m. Monday, July 2**. To apply, visit www.indianactsi.org/grants. Log in using your institutional username and password and select "Center of Excellence in Cardiovascular Research: Research Grants -- 2012.07."

For more information, email info@indianactsi.org.

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Carol D. Nathan Staff Council Scholarship applications due July 1

Applications are open for the Carol D. Nathan Staff Council Scholarship. Applicants must be a full-time IUPUI staff employee with at least two years of service who is pursuing an associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree at IUPUI and who has completed 12 credit hours at IUPUI with a GPA of at least 3.0.

The scholarship is worth \$500 total: \$250 awarded at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters, provided the recipient is currently enrolled for at least three credit hours.

For more information or to apply, visit www.iupui.edu/~scouncil/awards/nathan.html.

The application deadline is **Sunday, July 1**.

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IU Health Values Grants — request for applications

IU Health is seeking applications for its 2013-14 Values Fund grants in the categories of "Medical Research," "Medical Education" and "The Integration of Religious and Spiritual Dimension in Health Care."

Eligible applicants include employees of the IU Health Academic Health Center (i.e. IU Health University, Riley at IU Health, IU Health Saxony and IU Health Methodist) or those with IU Health medical staff, including physicians and health professionals with admitting privileges at the IU Health Academic Health Center.

The Medical Research and the Medical Education grant applications are due at **noon Monday, Oct. 15**. These are two-year awards for \$100,000. Open information sessions for the Medical Research grant program will take place from 10 to 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, in the IU Health Methodist Hospital, Room 101, and from 2 to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 11, in the IU Simon Cancer Center, Room. 101. Open information sessions for the Medical Education grant program will

take place from 10 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 21, in the IU Simon Cancer Center, Room 101, and from 2 to 3 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 13, in the IU Health Methodist Hospital, Room 433.

Applicants for The Integration of Religious and Spiritual Dimensions in Health Care are due by **noon Monday, Oct. 15**. Applications must also submit a letter of intent and any questions by **Monday, Aug. 27**, to the attention to Steven Ivy, Ph.D., senior vice president for Values Ethics, Social, Responsibility and Pastoral Services via Nicole Veal at 317-962-3591, nveal@iuhealth.org.

For more information, or to apply, visit [this page](#).

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Grants & Funding

Grants and Awards — May 2012

The following list includes new and competing research awards received during May 2012, excluding commercial projects. Amounts shown are based on the first budget period/year:

PI	Agency	Type	Project Title	Begin	End	Total
Natalia Vladimirovna Bogatcheva, Ph.D.	American Heart Association	New	The signaling mechanisms of 2-methoxyestradiol-induced endothelial hyperpermeability	1/1/2012	12/31/2012	\$77,000
Randy R. Brutkiewicz, Ph.D.	Ohio State University Research Foundation	New	Novel Mechanisms Regulating Post-transplant Humoral Alloimmunity	1/1/2012	7/31/2012	\$8,125
Indra Jeet Das, Ph.D.	Northwestern University	New	Cardiac Sparing Whole Lung IMRT in Children and Young Adults with Lung Metastases	6/1/2011	5/31/2012	\$44,097
Signe Maria	IU Health	Continuing/Competing	Prioritization of Preventative	5/1/2012	4/30/2013	\$50,000

Elisabet Finnell, M.D.			Pediatric Interventions			
Allon Friedman, M.D.	Dialysis Clinic Inc.	New	Obesity and the Kidney	3/1/2011	2/28/2012	\$14,756
Mitchell Goldman, M.D.	IU Health	New	A novel online case-based system for medical education based on evidence based practice and cost containment	5/1/2012	4/30/2014	\$50,000
Darel Edward Heitkamp, M.D.	IU Health	New	'Realview'-Dedicated Real Time Magnetic Resonance and Computed Tomography Imaging Teaching Workstations	5/1/2012	4/30/2014	\$38,630
Lisa Marie Hess, Ph.D.	NIH-NCI	New	Estimating health utilities using QOL data among patients with gyn malignancies	5/1/2012	4/30/2013	\$80,517
Shelley A. Johns, O.D.	Walther Cancer Foundation	New	Treatment for Breast Cancer Survivors with Persistent Cancer-Related Fatigue: A Randomized Controlled Trial	5/1/2012	10/31/2013	\$30,000
Mark H. Kaplan, Ph.D.	NIH-NIAID	New	STAT3 in T helper cell development	5/1/2012	4/30/2013	\$77,917
Marc	NIH-NLM	New	Creation of	2/3/201	2/2/2013	\$24,993

David Kohli, M.D.			Digital X-Ray Data Set for TB Research	2		
Rolf Peter Kreutz, M.D.	IU Health	Continuing/Competing	Antiplatelet therapy guided by thrombelastography in patients with acute coronary syndromes (TEGCOR Study)	5/1/2012	4/30/2013	\$50,000
Irina Petrache, M.D.	National Jewish Health	New	Metabolic profiles of COPD phenotypes	4/15/2012	2/28/2013	\$30,800
Sherry F. Queener, Ph.D.	Duquesne University	New	Novel Agents at a Novel Target: Potent and Selective Toxoplasma gondii Thymidylate	2/1/2012	1/31/2013	\$49,222
Mark Ransford Rigby, M.D., Ph.D.	University of Michigan	New	Procurement services agreement between the regents of the University of Michigan and the trustees of Indiana University issued under the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute Award (REFERENCE NO. U01HL094345; CFDA NO. 93.837)	4/6/2012	2/28/2013	\$30,481

Mark Ransford Rigby, M.D., Ph.D.	NIH-NHLBI	New	Glycemic control in pediatric critical illness: The Ped-E-Trol trial	4/6/2012	2/28/2013	\$303,074
Robert Virgil Stahelin, Ph.D.	NSF	Contin/Competing	Collaborative Research: SPK1-ROP signaling at the ER surface: implications for ERES assembly and morphogenesis	9/1/2011	8/31/2013	\$85,806
Yuichiro Takagi, Ph.D.	NSF	New	Molecular basis of Mediator interactions with RNA polymerase II transcription machinery	5/15/2012	4/30/2013	\$225,000
Matthew Turner, D.O.	Dermatology Foundation	New	Inductive Keratinocyte-derived Cytokines in a Murine Model of Atopic dermatitis	7/1/2012	6/30/2013	\$55,000
David S. Wilkes, M.D.	IU Health	New	Strategic Research Initiative (SRI) IUH and Indiana University School of Medicine	1/1/2012	12/31/2012	\$15,000,000
Sarah Elizabeth Zauber, M.D.	IU Health	New	Impact of Medical and Surgical Therapies on Communication in PD	5/1/2012	4/30/2014	\$92,372

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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 weekly digests containing information about funding opportunities including those that limit the number of allowable pre-proposal or proposal submissions.

Funding opportunity categories include the sciences, limited submissions, technology and multidisciplinary:

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- [Limited Submissions](#)
- [Multidisciplinary](#)
- [Technology](#)

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Alon Harris, Ph.D., director of clinical research at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute and Letzter Professor of Ophthalmology and of cellular and integrative physiology at the IU School of Medicine, has received an award from the president of Lithuanian Glaucoma Society for his contributions to developing glaucoma research and educational programs in Lithuania. This is the first time the society has given this award.

C. Conrad Johnston Jr., Distinguished Professor Emeritus and professor emeritus of medicine, has been awarded the distinction of Master of American College of Endocrinology. The honor is given to an American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists member who has received Fellow of American College of Endocrinology distinction, is recognized as a distinguished practicing endocrinologist as well as a role model for developing endocrinologists and contributor to AACE and to the art and science of endocrinology. Dr. Johnston received the honor May 27 during AACE 21st Annual Scientific and Clinical Congress in Philadelphia. For more information, visit [this page](#).

Valerie Dean O'Loughlin, Ph.D., associate professor of anatomy and cell biology at IUSM-Bloomington, was recently elected president of the [Human Anatomy and Physiology Society](#). This appointment is a three-year commitment to the society's board of directors, as Dr. O'Loughlin will serve as president-elect, president and past president. The Human Anatomy and Physiology Society's mission is to promote excellence in the teaching of anatomy and physiology. The society has over 1,700 members in the United States, Canada and around the world.

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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 other useful 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” page on the IUSM web site. This section is accessible from the left-hand side of the school’s home page at medicine.iu.edu.

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

The MedTVs are in public areas of the HITS building, the VanNuys Medical Science Building atrium and corridor/lounge, the Daly Student Center, Fesler Hall, Gatch Hall (formerly Clinical Building), Research II (R2), Walther Hall (R3) and the Cancer Research Institute (R4).

Announcements from departments and offices are welcome. To display your department or office announcement on MedTV, read the MedTV guidelines and find our online submission form at communications.medicine.iu.edu/get-the-word-out/medtv.

For more information, call 317-274-7722.

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Scope submission guidelines

Scope wants your news items.

The deadline for submission is 8:30 a.m. Thursdays. Scope is published electronically and sent to faculty, staff, students and residents on Fridays, except on holiday weekends. Photos are encouraged with submissions and also may be used on the IUSM homepage or social media channels.

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

- Email the information to scopemed@iupui.edu
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