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## Above the Fold

### **Brater extends service to university as IUSM dean**

IUPUI Chancellor Charles R. Bantz announced Thursday that IUSM Dean Craig Brater, MD, has agreed to continue serving the university as dean of the IU School of Medicine beyond his originally planned retirement date of November 2010.

“Since 2000, Craig Brater has served as our dean of medicine with great distinction and with great leadership,” said Chancellor Bantz. “My thanks to Craig for his continued commitment to the School of Medicine, IUPUI, Indiana University, and the health of Indiana.”

In consultation with President McRobbie and Dean Brater, Dr. Bantz has established a timeline for identifying a successor. Ideally, a successor will joining the school in the third quarter of 2011, he said.

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### **First Mamlin Professor of Medicine**

William M. Tierney, MD, has been recommended to be named the first Joseph J. Mamlin Professor of Medicine pending approval by the IU trustees.

Dr. Tierney is a Chancellor's Professor of Medicine, director of the Division of General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics at IU and a senior research scientist at Regenstrief Institute. He graduated from the IU School of Medicine in 1976, completed his residency at IU, and joined the faculty in 1980.

The Joseph J. Mamlin Professorship was established in 2001 by the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County in honor of Dr. Mamlin, who retired in 1999 as medical director at Wishard Memorial Hospital and the IU School of Medicine after more than 30 years of service. The intent of the professorship is that it be held by an IUSM faculty member who serves as chief of general internal medicine at Wishard Hospital.

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### **Bloomington Hospital joins Clarian Health**

Clarian Health continues to expand its services with the integration of Bloomington Hospital into its statewide system. The hospital has campuses in Bloomington and Orange County. The integration was completed Jan. 1 after two years of planning and discussion.

The integration became official Jan. 1, following approval by Bloomington Hospital's and Clarian's boards of directors. The announcement, made Thursday, is an initial step to aligning facilities and resources to better support the needs of the patients in south central Indiana and develop a seamless continuum of care.

The Clarian Health integration includes Bloomington Hospital, Bloomington Hospital of Orange County and Bedford Regional Medical Center.

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## **Events & Lectures**

### **IUSM community invited to attend curricular change discussions**

All IUSM faculty, staff and students are invited to join in conversation to discuss goals and visions for IUSM curricular change. These will be open dialogues designed to provide an opportunity for the IUSM community to meet and discuss curricular change directions in all four years.

Statewide curricular change conversations will be held the first Monday and third Wednesday of each month beginning Monday, Jan. 4, from noon to 1 p.m. in VanNuys Medical Science Building, room B11, and on video bridge 104. If phoning in, call 812-856-7060 and enter conference code "104" when prompted.

The second discussion will be on the fourth Wednesday in January instead of the third Wednesday due to a scheduling conflict. All other Wednesday discussions will remain on the third Wednesday, so mark your calendar. All of the curriculum discussions will be from noon to 1 p.m. in Medical Science Building, room B11, and the same video bridge and phone number will be used.

Feel free to attend any or all of the events. Hear what's being discussed around campus and share your viewpoints and ideas.

For information on curricular change research and visions shared to date, visit the MECA website [meca.iusm.iu.edu](http://meca.iusm.iu.edu) and click on the "Integrated Curriculum" link. These conversations are being co-sponsored by the Curriculum Council Steering Committee, Faculty Council, Medical Student Council, Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, and the Offices of Medical Education and Curricular Affairs and Medical Student Affairs.

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### **Fundraising is topic at Jan. 12 biomedical entrepreneurs meeting**

"Fundraising Strategies and Trends: Angels & VCs" will be the topic of the Tuesday, Jan. 12, meeting of the Indiana Biomedical Entrepreneur Network.

Come learn about the current investment environment and how to effectively position your company to be an attractive investment opportunity. Speakers will include Oscar Moralez, co-founder and managing partner of StepStone Business Partners, and Michael Shepard, partner at Heron Capital. The moderator will be Jeremy Schieler of the IU Emerging Technology Center.

The meeting will begin at 5 p.m. at the IU Emerging Technology Center, 351 West 10th Street, Indianapolis. The meeting is free, but registration is required at the IBEN web site at <http://www.indianabionetwork.org/>.

IBEN is sponsored by the Indiana University Research and Technology Corp., Ice Miller and the Indiana Health Industry Forum.

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### **JSB lecture to feature public health expert**

"Legacy of a Creative Bacillus" will be presented by Stephen J. Jay, MD, professor of medicine and public health, from 4 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, in the VanNuys Medical Science Building, room 311. The lecture is part of the John Shaw Billings History of Medicine Society series.

Does disease cause creativity and genius? Was consumption the "fire" that wasted the body and caused peculiar nervous forces in the intellectually gifted? Recent research suggests ancient ideas about consumption and the human condition, including creative genius, may have a scientific basis.

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### **Diversity Week Noon Speakers**

Four guest speakers will participate in Diversity Week 2010's Noon Lecture Series. All presentations will be in Myers Auditorium at Wishard Memorial Hospital. Lunch is provided and CME credit is available.

The series, presented by the IU Division of Diversity Affairs, the Student National Medical Association and the Society of Latinos, includes:

**Tuesday, Jan. 19**

“Embracing Diversity in Academic Medicine: Does it Matter to Our patients?”  
Maria Soto Greene, MD, vice dean and professor of medicine, New Jersey Medical School

### **Wednesday, Jan. 20**

“Death the Ultimate Tool of Diversity”

Joye Maureen Carter, MD, chief forensic pathologist, Marion County Coroner’s Office and director, IUSM Forensic Pathology Fellowship

### **Thursday, Jan. 21**

“Health Equity in the Era of Health Care Reform”

Willarda V. Edwards, MD, MBA, president, National Medical Association

### **Friday, Jan. 22**

“Bridging Health Disparities through Cultural Competence”

Thanakorn Jirasevijinda, MD, assistant professor of pediatrics and director of pediatric undergraduate medical education at New York-Presbyterian Hospital

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### **Ultrasound development topic of history lecture**

“Seeing with Sound,” the part of the series of History of Medicine lectures, will be from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, with Richard Gunderman, MD, PhD, presenting. The lecture on ultrasound and how the concept was conceived and developed will take place in room 326 of the VanNuys Medical Science Building.

Lunch will be provided, but space is limited. Please RSVP to Rebecca Cervenka, Medical Humanities – Health Studies Program, at 278-1669 or [rcervenk@iupui.edu](mailto:rcervenk@iupui.edu). For information about the Medical Humanities – Health Studies Program, contact [medhumanities.iupui.edu](http://medhumanities.iupui.edu).

The History of Medicine Speaker Series is sponsored by the John Shaw Billings History of Medicine Society, Indiana University School of Medicine, and the Medical Humanities – Health Studies Program.

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### **American English intonation class**

The Department of Pediatrics at Riley Hospital for Children is initiating its next course of American English Intonation: Effective Intercultural Communication for the Healthcare Professional.

The program, made possible by support from a Clarian Values Grant, is designed for international faculty, postdocs, fellows, residents, medical students and nurses. The course is now offered to our medical colleagues beyond the Clarian/IU system. The course is designed to make each participant’s speech more comprehensible through modification – not elimination – of the international accent.

It will be offered on 12 consecutive Tuesdays, Feb. 2 – April 20, from 3-4:30 p.m.

To ensure individual attention, class size is limited and registration is required.

Registration fee:

IU/Clarian employees: \$180 by Dec. 31, (\$220 after that date)

Non IU/Clarian employees: \$280 by Dec. 31, (\$320 after that date)

For more information and registration, contact:

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### **Research Faculty Development Seminar**

The next Research Faculty Development Seminar, "Dealing with Personnel Problems in the Laboratory - as a Principal Investigator," will be from noon to 1:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 8, in VanNuys Medical Science Building, room 122A.

Laboratories are not always well-oiled machines; sometimes there are problem people who disrupt the continuity. Identifying and taking care of problems before they get out of hand are essential to do. Some examples of real personnel problems and how to deal with them (or how they were actually dealt with) will be discussed.

Randy Brutkiewicz, PhD, assistant dean for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development and professor of microbiology and immunology, will lead the presentation. 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 IUSM.

Please register at <https://faculty.medicine.iu.edu/events.asp>. Questions?

[maquarle@iupui.edu](mailto:maquarle@iupui.edu)

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### **Comparative effectiveness research lecture**

Norman Daniels, PhD, Harvard School of Public Health, will speak on "Comparative Effectiveness Research: What it can and cannot help with in a priority setting" from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in room 1110 at the HITS Building.

His talk is sponsored by the Comparative Effectiveness Study Group, which is a component of the Consortium for Health Policy, Law, and Bioethics.

Contact: Eva Jackson at 278-4034 or email at [evajacks@iupui.edu](mailto:evajacks@iupui.edu)

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### **Promotion and Tenure workshops**

Five informational workshops on promotion and tenure, sponsored by the IUSM Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, are being offered to the IUSM faculty (tenure and non-tenure) on the following dates:

- Promotion & Tenure: General  
Monday, February 22, from 8-9 a.m. in Fairbanks 5005  
[Register Here](#)
- Promotion & Tenure: Excellence in Research  
Monday, March 1, from 8-9 a.m. in HITS 1110  
[Register Here](#)
- Promotion & Tenure: Excellence in Service  
Tuesday, March 9, from 4-5pm in Fairbanks 1111  
[Register Here](#)
- Promotion & Tenure: Special Session for Women Faculty  
Wednesday, March 10, from Noon-1 p.m. in Fairbanks 5005  
[Register Here](#)
- Promotion & Tenure: Excellence in Teaching  
Friday, March 12, from 4-5 p.m. in Fairbanks 5005  
[Register Here](#)

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### **Free seminars on venture capital**

ProLiance Energy and the IU Research and Technology Corporation (IURTC) will host a series of free venture capital and company formation seminars.

The first seminar, "Venture Capital and Company Formation: 2010" will be Monday, Feb 22, from 8 until 11:30 a.m. at University Place Conference Center.

IUSM Dean Craig Brater and IU Vice President of IT Brad Wheeler will kick off the seminar. Designed specifically with IU faculty, staff and graduate students in mind, the seminar will provide an overview on the venture capital market in 2010 and company formation.

Speakers will include Matt Neff (CEO of Clarian Health Ventures), faculty member entrepreneurs – Ali Jafari, Bruce Molitoris, Linda Malkas and Bob Hickey, and EndGenitor CEO Ron Henriksen.

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### **Sibshop training offered in February**

Siblings of children with special health care needs benefit from getting to know other sibs with the same unique concerns. The 2010 Sibshop Awareness and Sibshop Facilitator Training presented by Riley Community Education and Child Advocacy on Feb. 26-27, at Riley Hospital for Children, will be facilitated by Don Meyer, director of the Sibling Support Project and creator of the Sibshop model for brothers and sisters of kids with disabilities or health care needs.

The training flier and registration form can be downloaded from the Riley Hospital web site at

[rileychildrenshospital.com/parents-and-patients/wellness-center/commed/sibshops-training.jsp](http://rileychildrenshospital.com/parents-and-patients/wellness-center/commed/sibshops-training.jsp) or can be obtained by calling 1-888-365-2022, or by sending an e-mail to [kids1st@iupui.edu](mailto:kids1st@iupui.edu).

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## Faculty Development & News

### Applications sought for emergency medicine chair

Indiana University School of Medicine seeks candidates for the position of chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine.

Candidates for this position must be board certified in emergency medicine and possess excellent academic and clinical credentials. They must have a demonstrated ability to lead and foster a multi-faceted program in a competitive environment. Salary commensurate with qualifications. Women and under-represented candidates are particularly urged to apply.

Please send curriculum vitae and letter of interest to David Canal, MD, Chair, Search and Screen Committee, Indiana University School of Medicine, Fairbanks Hall, Suite 6200, 340 West 10th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202 or [dcowley@iupui.edu](mailto:dcowley@iupui.edu). Applications will be reviewed as received. Indiana University is an AAEOE, M/F/D.

Link: [iu-iusm-emer.ads.iu.edu:8081/iuem](http://iu-iusm-emer.ads.iu.edu:8081/iuem)

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### Life-Health Sciences Internship Program Seeks Mentors, Project Descriptions

The Life-Health Sciences Internship program is now accepting internship project descriptions for the 2010-2011 academic year. This program provides IUPUI undergraduates with a chance to gain experience and explore health-related careers through internships with on-campus and campus-affiliated locations. The program provides the student's pay and you provide the experience.

Faculty and staff interested in mentoring an IUPUI undergraduate in this program are invited to submit a project description. When designing projects, keep in mind that interns will work up to 10 hours per week for the entire academic year (fall to spring).

Applicants will be screened before moving on to interviews with potential mentors. Project description forms are available at [grad.medicine.iu.edu/LHSIMentors](http://grad.medicine.iu.edu/LHSIMentors). Questions may be directed to Brandi Gilbert, director of Life-Health Sciences Internships at 278-3637 or [brgilber@iupui.edu](mailto:brgilber@iupui.edu).

This program is funded by an IU Commitment to Excellence grant to Simon Rhodes, PhD, associate dean for graduate studies, and Douglas Lees, PhD, chair of the IUPUI Department of Biology.

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## **Cultural Competency Grand Rounds initiated**

Because of the rapidly changing demographics of our world, the IU School of Medicine is dedicated to promoting a diverse and inclusive environment where all members of the community can succeed to their highest potential. Diversity and open-mindedness cannot be instilled in a single presentation; rather, diversity and inclusion must be taught and celebrated year-round. Remember our vision: “the IUSM family, where diversity is an everyday reality.” To that end, we would like to take this opportunity to announce the development of the IUSM Cultural Competency Grand Rounds.

We would like to invite each IUSM department to volunteer to lead one school-wide Cultural Competency Grand Round each year. The IUSM Faculty Affairs and Professional Development’s Division of Diversity Affairs will maintain the calendar of these grand rounds, ensuring that each month provides a new learning opportunity to the IU School of Medicine community.

This important initiative has the support of the dean’s office and your involvement, though voluntary, is crucial to its success. We are piloting this project with two Cultural Competency Grand Rounds this academic year.

The first is sponsored by the Department of Medicine, Friday, Jan. 8, from noon to 1 p.m. in Myers Auditorium at Wishard Hospital. The featured speaker will be Dr. Virginia Caine, the medical director of the Marion County Health Department. Our second Grand Round will be sponsored by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and will be Wednesday, April 14, at a time and place to be determined.

The Division of Diversity Affairs will be in touch with each department regarding scheduling a preferred month to sponsor the Cultural Competency Grand Round.

George H. Rausch, Ed.D.  
IUSM Associate Dean of Diversity Affairs  
of Clinical Surgery

Clark J. Simons, MD  
Associate Professor

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## **Glick Eye Institute seeks basic research scientist**

The Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute and the IU School of Medicine Department of Ophthalmology are seeking outstanding vision scientists who will complement existing research programs or add new areas of research as we expand into a new Eye Institute dedicated to eye care, research and education.

These positions will be a basic research scientist at the assistant, associate or full professor level as a full time, non-tenure or tenure track position with competitive salary and fringe benefits depending upon level of experience. These positions will serve as team members contributing to the strategic planning and growth of a cohesive and robust basic science research team.

Candidates may hold MD and/or PhD degrees. Faculty members will be expected to participate in the academic environment at the university, and qualified individuals may participate in the clinical environment of departmental

research as well. Academic rank will be based on applicant's qualifications. Opportunities for joint appointments in basic science departments are available.

Interested applicants should forward their CV and a cover letter to:

Louis B. Cantor, MD  
Chair and Professor, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute  
Indiana University Department of Ophthalmology  
Department of Ophthalmology  
702 Rotary Circle #140D  
Indianapolis, IN 46202

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## **Grants & Other Opportunitites**

### **IUSM internal grant deadline**

The application deadline for the Biomedical Research Grant is 5 p.m.

**Monday, Jan. 11.**

Application forms and further information can be found online at [operations.medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=9&oTopID=42](http://operations.medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=9&oTopID=42).

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### **Young Investigator Awards in Clinical-Translational Research**

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) is seeking applicants for special research fellowships in clinical-translational research.

Clinical research includes epidemiological studies, clinical trials, or other investigations involving human subjects. Translational research consists of either "T1 research" (interface of basic science to human studies) or "T2 research" (interface of human studies to the community).

To be eligible, candidates must be:

- Clinician-scientists with a doctoral degree (physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, clinical psychologists, optometrists, veterinarians, allied health care professionals, etc.).
- US citizens or permanent residents
- Full-time junior faculty or research scientists who would be eligible to apply as principal investigator on an NIH grant or career development award but who have not to date been a principal investigator on an R01 or equivalent grant.
- Able to identify co-mentors who are faculty investigators from at least two different disciplines (preferably a clinician and a nonclinician-scientist).
- Planning to submit a grant for external funding (either a career development award or independent research grant) during the first 12 months of the award.

Postdoctoral clinical or research fellows are not eligible to apply unless their institution has arranged for them to have a full-time faculty or research scientist appointment by summer 2010.

Benefits include partial salary support as well as tuition and fees for required and elective coursework, pilot research monies, and travel funds to attend the national CTSI young investigator meeting.

Applications must be submitted by **Monday, Feb. 8**, and awards will begin July 1.

Interested candidates should e-mail their CV to Donna Burgett at [dburgett@regenstrief.org](mailto:dburgett@regenstrief.org) (phone: 317-630-7447). Eligible candidates will be informed how to proceed with applying.

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### **Showalter Trust applications due Jan. 11**

Since 1975, the Indianapolis campus of IUSM has received research funding through gifts made possible from the Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust Fund. The areas of appropriate biomedical research eligible for funding are broad and described by the benefactors as “the type of medical research that is most likely to permanently benefit mankind.”

Applications for funding from the Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter Research Trust will be reviewed in two stages. An initial review by the IUSM Biomedical Research Committee will select the most meritorious proposals for further discussion and ranking. The BRC will then provide a recommended ranking to the Showalter Trustees who conduct a second review. Final funding decisions are made by the Showalter Trustees.

Applications for funding that begins July 1 must be received via email by the IUSM Office of Operations ([iusmoper@iupui.edu](mailto:iusmoper@iupui.edu)) by 5 p.m. on **Monday, Jan. 11**.

Instructions and forms may be downloaded from the web at [operations.medicine.iu.edu/](http://operations.medicine.iu.edu/)

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### **Research Frontiers Trailblazer Award seeks applicants**

The Research Frontiers Trailblazer Award recognizes outstanding IUPUI researchers who are showing great promise in becoming nationally and internationally known for their accomplishments in advancing the frontiers of knowledge.

For 2010 awards, all application materials must be [submitted electronically](#) by **Wednesday,**

**Feb. 17**, to Etta Ward ([emward@iupui.edu](mailto:emward@iupui.edu)), director of research development, IUPUI Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research.

For eligibility guidelines and submission criteria, [click here](#).

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### **Dana Foundation offers funding in imaging, neuroimmunology**

The Dana Foundation Program in Brain and Immuno-Imaging and Neuroimmunology seeks proposals for individual grants of up to \$200,000, payable over three years. Each US medical school dean, and each president of the few selected biomedical research institutions that have been invited by letter, may nominate one proposal.

The deadline for presentation of applications to the dean's office is **Wednesday, Jan 14**. Full applications should be sent to Nuria Morral ([imsewell@iupui.edu](mailto:imsewell@iupui.edu)). Details of the program can be found at:

Brain and Immuno-Imaging: [www.dana.org/grants/imaging/default.aspx](http://www.dana.org/grants/imaging/default.aspx)

Neuroimmunology: [www.dana.org/grants/neuroimmunology/default.aspx](http://www.dana.org/grants/neuroimmunology/default.aspx)

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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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### **NIH Roadmap applications sought**

NIH has posted a request for applications for the 2010 NIH Director's Transformative Research Projects Program. The program has been created under the auspices of the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research "to enhance submission and support of exceptionally innovative, high risk, original and/or unconventional research that has the potential to have a profound impact in clinical, basic, and or behavioral/social science arenas."

The awards provide up to \$25 million total costs per year for a single project. The deadline for submitting applications is **Friday, Jan. 22**, with letters of intent due by Tuesday, Dec. 22.

See: [grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-09-022.html](http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-09-022.html)

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### **Awards December 2009**

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D. Craig Brater	Lilly Endowment	New	Indiana Physician Scientist Initiative	12/1/09	1
Christopher M. Callahan	NIH-NIA	Contin/ Competing	Patient-Oriented Research to Improve Geriatric Care - K24	9/30/09	8
Robert V. Considine	Brown University	New	Increasing Sleep Duration: A Novel Approach to Weight Loss	9/28/09	8
Kenneth W. Dunn	Dialysis Clinic, Inc. (DCI)	New	Transport of PKD proteins to the primary cilium.	12/1/09	1
David A Flockhart	Mayo Clinic	Contin/ Competing	Tamoxifen biotransformation pathway pharmacogenetics	6/1/09	5
James Dennis Fortenberry	Univ Alabama Birming	New	ATN Coordinating Center - ATN 093	10/1/09	9
Bernardino Ghetti	Univ Of Washington	Contin/ Competing	National Alzheimer's Coordinating Center	7/1/09	6
Michelle Suzanne Howenstine	University Of Miami	New	iCARE( I Change Adherence and Raise Expectations)	12/3/09	1
Katherine J Kelly	Dialysis Clinic, Inc. (DCI)	Contin/ Competing	Mechanisms of Diabetic Renal Injury	12/1/09	1
Patrick J. Loehrer	Walther Cancer Fdn	New	Walther Scholars Program	7/1/09	6
David Grayson Marrero	YMCA of The USA	New	YMCA Pilot Louisville	6/1/09	5

Munro Peacock	Creighton University	New	Vitamin D in Older Subjects (ViDOS)	9/30/08	5
Andrew J Saykin	N California Inst For Res	New	Amyloid Imaging, VMCI, and Analysis for ADNI	9/30/09	8
Bryan Paul Schneider	Inflam Breast Cancer	New	Next-generation whole transcriptome sequencing in triple-negative inflammatory breast cancer to comprehensively identify novel therapeutic targets	12/1/09	1
George W Sledge Jr	Komen Cancer Fdn	Contin/ Competing	Proj 1:Examination of the human kinome for novel genome-specific therapeutic targets in triple-negative breast cancer; Proj 2:Association of genetic variability with receptor activation of tumor angiogenesis inhibitors: an in vitro genetic biomarker	4/1/09	3
Anna Maria V Storniolo	Johns Hopkins Univ	New	Investigation of Genetic Determinants of Capecitabine Toxicity	7/1/09	6
Michael Stephen Sturek	Purdue University	New	Layer-by-Layer Assembly for Making	9/1/09	8

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## **Indiana Clinic Updates**

### **Indiana Clinic continues to grow**

After closing out a successful and productive year in 2009, the Indiana Clinic looks forward to continuing to add physician practices and specialty groups in 2010. Within two years, the Indiana Clinic expects to be the largest multi-specialty physician group in Indiana.

### **Indiana Clinic to launch web site**

The Indiana Clinic is creating a Web site to explain the clinic's purpose and how the organization works. Most notably, visitors to the site can learn about its initiatives to increase access to care and coordinate every aspect of it for patients. The site also explains the clinic's mission, vision and values, and how they relate to serving patients. As more physicians are welcomed to the organization, the site will include an Indiana Clinic physician directory across Clarian-affiliated facilities, online bill payment and other integrated services for physicians and patients. The Indiana Clinic will promote its efforts broadly with the surrounding community after approximately 650 physicians are on board.

To learn more about the organization's mission to deliver preeminent medical services to its patients and the community through outstanding and innovative medical leadership and practice among the Indiana Clinic, Clarian and IU School of Medicine employees, visit the clinic's "preview" Web site at [www.indianacclinic.org](http://www.indianacclinic.org). Tools and information for physicians and patients will be added throughout the coming months; however, questions not addressed on the site at this time can be sent to a special e-mail address – [askaquestion@indianacclinic.org](mailto:askaquestion@indianacclinic.org) – for answers.

### **Indiana Clinic growth**

As of Dec. 20, 2009, approximately 375 physicians and 550 staff had joined the Indiana Clinic. Some of the larger physician practice groups include Methodist Medical Group, Respiratory and Critical Care Consultants (RCCC), Emergency Medicine (EMGI), University Clinical Neurologists, Inc. and Clarian Arthritis Care Centers, as well as other Clarian-employed physician groups representing diabetes and endocrinology, geriatrics and psychiatry. Newly recruited physicians in cardiology, general surgery, orthopedics and pediatric otolaryngology also have joined, along with Clarian-employed staff from Clarian Cardiovascular Surgeons and Methodist Cardiology Physicians.

### **Avatar training supports patient-centered care**

To reinforce the organization's service commitments of communication, quality and professionalism, the Indiana Clinic has focused on "Our Vision of Service Excellence," a highly interactive online training module for staff and physicians, and its new AVATAR patient satisfaction database. AVATAR tracks how

physicians and staff are doing relative to patient care and quality. Among the information provided, patients also can add comments about their experiences. Results are available to all providers, offering transparency that will encourage an even higher level of performance.

For more information on the Indiana Clinic, visit [indianaclinic.org](http://indianaclinic.org). Questions? E-mail [askaquestion@indianaclinic.org](mailto:askaquestion@indianaclinic.org).

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## Kudos

### And what would you suggest?

The winner of the first Employee Suggestion Program spotlight is Andrea Johnson, gift administration manager for financial affairs. She is being recognized for submitting the best employee suggestion for this quarter in the newly initiated program at IUSM that seeks suggestions on how the school can improve processes and save money. Big or small, these suggestions could add up to significant improvements.

The Employee Suggestion Program was initiated at the end of October and more than two dozen suggestions from faculty and staff were received by the end of the year. The suggestions included some great cost saving ideas, as well as ideas for improving various administrative processes.

Andrea's suggestions were:

- Install electronic signs announcing where the People Mover trains are going so passengers don't have guess when boarding.  
Response: Monitors installed in key areas letting passengers know where the trains are on the "loop" between the Methodist and IUSM stations.
- Set-up a "Craigslist" for IUSM so departments can list equipment and/or surplus items that could be shared or acquired.  
Response: A committee has been formed to set-up a Craigslist for the IU School of Medicine.

Each quarter, one or two faculty or staff members will be recognized for submitting helpful suggestions.

Share your ideas today. Simply visit

[www.medicine.iu.edu/EmployeeSuggestionProgram](http://www.medicine.iu.edu/EmployeeSuggestionProgram) to learn more about the Employee Suggestion Program.

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## Student Showcase

### Summer Research Program applications available

Do you know of high school and college students interested in exploring a career in cancer research? If so, encourage them to apply for this summer's IU Simon Cancer Center Summer Research Program.

The cancer center's annual program places students with a mentor physician or researcher for nine weeks (June 1-July 31). The students will work with faculty who are doing research in the most progressive areas of cancer research. Students interested in the Summer Research Program can find additional information and an online application at [www.cancer.iu.edu/srp](http://www.cancer.iu.edu/srp). Applications are due **Monday, March 1**.

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## News to Use

### Visa processing lengthened with recent changes

A recent change in H-1B visa processing is anticipated to significantly lengthen the process of obtaining H-1B status for international employees, according to the IUPUI Office of International Affairs.

Mary Upton, assistant director for scholar services, suggests H-1B petition requests be submitted to her office as early as possible. Previously, prevailing wage determination from the U.S. Department of Labor was provided by fax through an Indiana agency. That agency previously provided these determinations for Indiana employers, usually within 1-2 weeks. As of Jan. 1, this process became centralized in Washington, D.C., and now requires hard copy request through U.S. Postal Service.

It is anticipated the change will extend the process by 2 to 4 weeks. This change is in addition to the longer Labor Condition Application process initiated July 1, 2009. Based on these changes, the IUPUI Office of International Affairs is recommending that, whenever possible, departments prepare the H-1B request form six months before the required start date if you would like to avoid the additional \$1,000 expense of premium processing. It is becoming impossible to prepare and receive a decision on an H-1B petition (even using premium processing), in less than 3 months.

Questions can be referred to Mary Upton at [maupton@iupui.edu](mailto:maupton@iupui.edu), or by calling 274-3260. The office web site is at [www.international.iupui.edu](http://www.international.iupui.edu).

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### Centralized postdoc job database created

Postdoc positions can now be posted in a [centralized, searchable database](#) designed to enhance the recruitment of quality postdocs. Visit the online

Postdoctoral Job Posting System on the faculty section of the postdoctoral affairs website, [www.postdoc.medicine.iu.edu](http://www.postdoc.medicine.iu.edu).

If it is your first time using the system, you will need to create an account. After that, you simply need to log in to manage your job postings.

Through this system:

- Departments can post, remove, monitor and repost their own postings including the deadline
- Job descriptions are saved, so they can easily be duplicated for future recruitment needs

Also, through this system, prospective postdocs are able to:

- Access all postdoc opportunities at IUSM in a centralized database
- Search positions by keyword as well as P.I. name

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Williams at [jlw25@iupui.edu](mailto:jlw25@iupui.edu).

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### **Phone numbers to change at IUH and Riley**

Indiana University and Riley hospitals are changing to a new phone system beginning next week. The conversion will provide users with leading-edge communication technology while significantly reducing Clarian's phone system costs.

The new main number for IU and Riley hospitals will be 944-5000; individual and departmental phone numbers' prefixes will change as well. Numbers that currently have 274 prefixes will change to 944; those with 278 prefixes will change to 948. The last four digits of the phone numbers will remain the same.

The old telephones will be collected over a two-week period after the switch. Please leave the old phones connected and in their original location so the telephone equipment can be collected, inventoried and returned to UITs, unless other arrangements have been made with your manager. Equipment that is removed and cannot be located for return will be charged to the office's cost center.

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### **H1N1 and Seasonal Flu Clinics Scheduled for January**

The H1N1 injectable vaccine is now available to any IUPUI student, faculty and staff that is interested.

IUPUI Health Services will hold Flu Clinics open to all IUPUI students, faculty and staff during January 2010. Both H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccines will be available free of charge. An IUPUI ID is required in order to receive a free vaccine.

In addition, spouses and domestic partners of staff/faculty/students may also receive the H1N1 vaccine free of charge. If the employee/student

cannot accompany the spouse, the clinic requests the spouse to bring the student/employee's IUPUI ID and an official photo ID for the person receiving the vaccine. The vaccine is not available for the children of employees or students.

Clinic dates, locations and times are:

- January 11: Ball Residence Hall (Main Lobby) from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- January 12: Park Place Student Apartments (Main Lounge) from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- January 13: Campus Apartments on the Riverwalk (Orvis 160) from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
- January 14: Campus Center, Room 450 (Multipurpose Room) from 10a.m. – 2 p.m.
- January 15: Campus Center, Room 450 (Multipurpose Room) from 10a.m. – 2 p.m.

For updated information on flu clinics, please visit the IUPUI Health Services Web site at: <http://health.iupui.edu/>.

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### **MLK Tickets available**

As the Black Student Union gears up to present the 41st Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Dinner. We want to make sure everyone available has the opportunity to attend, in doing so we must let you know that the last day to purchase tickets to the MLK Dinner is Tuesday, January 12th. If you have interest in purchasing a table, the Table Reservation form can be found on the Campus and Community Life website at [www.life.iupui.edu/ccl](http://www.life.iupui.edu/ccl).

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### **This week on Sound Medicine**

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 10, or 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, to Sound Medicine, the award-winning weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1FM) in Indianapolis.

This week, Sound Medicine host Barbara Lewis and guests will discuss bone strength in older athletes, children and soft drinks and a new “Grace Notes” series on prayer and patient care.

Aaron Carroll, MD, MS, associate professor of pediatrics and director for the Center of Health Policy and Professionalism Research at IUSM, will update listeners on the status of health care reform legislation.

Vonda White, MD, director of the Performance and Research Initiative for Master Athletes at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, will explain her recent study which found that playing high impact sports like basketball, running and volleyball actually helps strengthen old bones.

Dominick Zero, DDS, PhD, associate dean of research and chair of preventive and community dentistry at the IU School of Dentistry, will explain why he

urges parents to limit their children's intake of soft drinks to reduce tooth decay.

Also this week, Sound Medicine will air a new installment of "Grace Notes," a series of first-person essays about end-of-life issues written and read by Larry Cripe, MD, associate professor of medicine and director of palliative care services at Indiana University Hospital. This essay's focus is on prayer and patient care.

In this week's Sound Medicine "Checkup," Jeremy Shere, Ph.D., will explore dental care and mental health.

Archived editions of Sound Medicine as well as other helpful information can be found at [www.soundmedicine.iu.edu](http://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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## **At Your Fingertips**

### **Continuing Medical Education**

The Continuing Medical Education office launched a new and improved website at [cme.medicine.iu.edu](http://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 for...**

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](http://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](mailto:medschl@iupui.edu).

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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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