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### News to Use

#### InScope begins biweekly summer publication schedule

After this week's issue, InScope will alter its publication schedule to biweekly during the summer. Weekly publication will resume with the Aug. 20 issue. InScope will publish on the following dates June through August:

- June 11 and 25
- July 9 and 23
- Aug. 6, 20 and 27

News items for InScope should be submitted to [scopemed@iupui.edu](mailto:scopemed@iupui.edu). [Submission guidelines for InScope are available](#). Information and announcements for the MedTV closed-circuit TV system should be submitted at least a week in advance of event date to [medtv@iupui.edu](mailto:medtv@iupui.edu). [Submission guidelines for MedTV are available](#).

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#### Fox named director of IUSM-South Bend

IU School of Medicine has selected Mark D. Fox, M.D., Ph.D., an expert in community health and providing health care to disadvantaged populations, to become associate dean and director of IU School of Medicine-South Bend.

Dr. Fox has served as associate dean for community health and research development at the University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine in Tulsa since 2008. He also is medical director of the OU Wayman Tisdale Specialty Health Clinic and associate director of the Oklahoma Bioethics Center in Tulsa. [His appointment at the IU School of Medicine is effective Aug. 1.](#)

"Dr. Fox brings a broad range of critically important skills and experience with him to lead our campus at South Bend and continue our strong collaboration with the University of Notre Dame," said Jay L. Hess, M.D., Ph.D., vice president for university clinical affairs and dean of the IU School of Medicine.

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#### IU center hosts first Nexus site visit to review current projects

The IU Center for Interprofessional Health Education and Practice hosted its first IU Nexus site visit earlier this month. The visit's goal was to acquaint site visitors with health science deans and faculty on the IUPUI and IU Bloomington campuses, including University Clinical Affairs deans, student and faculty leaders from

the IU Student Outreach Clinic, and executive officers from IU Health Methodist and Bloomington hospitals. During their time here, site visitors became oriented to projects currently in the IU Nexus portfolio:

**The IU Bloomington Nexus project** -- Initially started with Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation funding, this project will evaluate the impact of interprofessional education on student team assessment on patient outcomes during and shortly after transitions in care.

**The IU Methodist Hospital project** -- This project will evaluate the impact of interprofessional education on practitioners' interprofessional collaborative team practice competencies and the impact of interprofessional care on patient outcomes during and shortly after acute care within accountable care team units. Susan Hendricks, EdD, R.N., CNE, associate professor and associate dean for undergraduate programs, IU School of Medicine, leads this project.

For the third project, Andrea Pfeifle, EdD, PT, associate professor and director, IU Center for Interprofessional Health Education and Practice, and Javier Sevilla-Martir, M.D., will work with IU Student Outreach Clinic leaders to obtain a baseline status of the clinic's interprofessional collaborative practice and education opportunities and then implement a participatory action research model to identify ways to facilitate these opportunities at the clinic.

All three projects were well represented, as leaders engaged site visitors in open dialogue about the work being accomplished, challenges and next steps. The site visitors shared information about resources available through their national repository that houses data from hospitals and health care organizations from across the country.

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## Part of Eskenazi Avenue to close for Saturday's Health Stride

The annual Eskenazi Health Stride will affect travel near the hospital this weekend. From 2 p.m. Friday, May 29, until 11 a.m. Saturday, May 30, Eskenazi Avenue will be closed from Dr. Harvey Middleton Way to Fairbanks Street. Drivers should use St. Margaret's Drive to get to 10th Street or Michigan Street.

The Health Stride, featuring both a 5K and five-mile course, will begin on Saturday with an opening ceremony at 8 a.m. and race events starting at 8:15 a.m. The event will conclude with an awards ceremony at 9:30 a.m. [Same-day registration is available.](#)

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## Check travel reimbursements this summer

Summer is a busy time for Travel Management Services with the onset of sabbaticals, research travel and the conference season. The service makes every effort to process reimbursements in a timely manner, however due to additional seasonal workload, processing time may be longer.

You can check the status of your travel reimbursements by following these instructions:

- Go to Travel@IU and select "View my trips" or "View my travelers."
- Open the document by clicking the Options request.
- Open the Reimbursement tab.

- Copy the Document ID.
- Click the Notifications tab, then Document Search.
- Enter the Document ID, click "Search," and then click "Route Log."
- The Route Log will tell you where your document is in the system.

Some common routing statuses are:

- Processed -- This means the reimbursement has been disbursed and is awaiting acknowledgement.
- En route -- The document is en route. Check the "Pending Action Requests" to see who needs to approve.
- Final -- The document has been fully approved, and the reimbursement has been disbursed.

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## Research News

### Researchers focus on tool for predicting prostate cancer survival, staging

Researchers with the IU School of Medicine have identified a molecule that promotes metastasis of advanced prostate cancer to the bone, an incurable condition that significantly decreases quality of life. **The research, published online in the journal Cancer Cell, may offer new targets for diagnosing and treating this common disease.**

The researchers homed in on a protein that is essential in multiple cell functions such as cell growth and proliferation and, in some cases, natural cell death. The protein, TGF-beta, also has been found to promote bone metastasis in patients with breast cancer and melanoma.

Prostate cancer is the second most common cancer among men, according to the American Cancer Society. When diagnosed in the early stages, prostate cancer is often successfully treated. However, in advanced stages, metastasis to the bone is common. The tumors in the bone are incurable, cause increased pain and bone fractures, and potentially hasten death.

Bone disease experts Theresa A. Guise, M.D., senior author of "The TGF-beta Signaling Regulator PMEPA1 Suppresses Prostate Cancer Metastases to Bone," and lead author Pierrick G.J. Fournier, Ph.D., showed in earlier research that TGF-beta is active in the proliferation of metastatic disease. By inhibiting the action of TGF-beta, the researchers reasoned that bone metastases could be reduced in advanced disease.

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## Opportunities

### Indiana CTSI seeks community-based research pilot projects

The Indiana CTSI Community Health Engagement Program seeks proposals from applicants developing or currently involved in collaborative, community-based research projects. For this RFA, community-based research is a collaborative effort with at least one community-based organization and at least one academic partner.

The Indiana CTSI CHEP will provide up to \$25,000 in funding per pilot project. Proposed project duration should not exceed 12 months. Focus areas of the 2015 RFA are in line with the priorities of the Indiana State Department of Health:

- Reducing infant mortality.
- Increasing immunizations.
- Decreasing tobacco use.
- Decreasing obesity.

Projects that propose achieving their objectives by changing or demonstrating the potential to change policy, systems and/or the environment are strongly encouraged.

Proposals are due by 5 p.m. July 21. [For more information, the full Request for Applications is available.](#) [Frequently asked questions are also available.](#)

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### Applications sought for Watanabe Translational Scholars

The Watanabe Prize for Translational Research and the selection of two Watanabe Translational Scholars are presented biennially by the IU School of Medicine. The awards are named after the late August M. Watanabe, an IUSM alumnus whose illustrious career spanned academia and the pharmaceutical and life science industries.

The 2015 Watanabe Prize for Translational Research has been awarded to Carl June, M.D., for his significant contributions to the field of translational science. Dr. June is the Richard W. Vague Professor in Immunotherapy and director of the Center for Cellular Immunotherapies in the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania.

IUSM is currently accepting applications for two Watanabe Translational Scholars. Holding the title for two years, these scholars will present their work during the annual Indiana CTSI meeting Sept. 11. They will also benefit from the mentorship of Dr. June. In addition, scholars receive \$5,000 for travel and mentor meetings. IUSM junior faculty who hold an assistant professor, tenure track position are eligible. Winners must also be focused on conducting translational research.

The application consists of the following information:

- Applicant's name, title and contact information.

- Applicant's CV.
- Statement of interest: One-page statement summarizing the applicant's current research program and how informal mentoring from Dr. June will help advance the applicant's research program.

Application materials should be sent to Donna Burgett at [dfburget@regenstrief.org](mailto:dfburget@regenstrief.org) by June 15. Applicants will be notified of a decision in early July.

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## Applications for Research Coordinator Education Program due June 19

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, IU Office of Research Compliance and Richard L. Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center are now accepting applications for the fall 2015 RCEDU Level Three Program. The program will be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Aug. 19 and 20 in Lockefield Village.

A mix of panel discussions and seminars will be presented, allowing participants to:

- Identify best practices related to clinical research from start to finish, including registration into [clinicaltrials.gov](http://clinicaltrials.gov), budget development and billing compliance.
- Compare types and levels of human subject reviews, as well as vulnerable populations and noncompliance.
- Recognize areas that might affect research such as privacy, investigator-initiated research, investigational drugs and devices, and emerging technologies.
- Summarize internal quality assessment processes that assist in project management, clean data collection and reporting procedures.

**The application deadline is June 19.** Applicants must have at least three years of experience in human subjects research. An up-to-date certification (e.g., ACRP, SOCRA, etc.) is preferred. Fee for attendance is \$225, and the charge will not be assessed until participation is notified of acceptance into the program. CME credit will be offered. For questions, contact [rceducat@iu.edu](mailto:rceducat@iu.edu). **General information about RCEDU is available.**

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## 'Dementia and the Arts' series begins June 5

Plan to attend the Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center's Memory University, "Dementia and the Arts" for four consecutive Fridays beginning June 5. Topics and speakers include:

**June 5: Early Stage Alzheimer's Disease Engagement and Enrichment Program** -- Linda Altmeyer, MPH, Alzheimer's Association

**June 12: Music Therapy and Dementia** -- Crystal Black

**June 19: Art Therapy and Dementia** -- Juliet L. King, MA, ATR-BC, LPC

## June 26: Bravo! Neurology at the Opera -- Brandy R. Matthews, M.D.

Sessions will be at the IU Health Neuroscience Center, Goodman Hall auditorium, 355 W. 16th St. [Online registration and more information is available](#). Interested participants may also register by contacting Donna Wert at 317-963-7297 or [dwert@iupui.edu](mailto:dwert@iupui.edu).

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## Reflections seeks submissions

Do you have the soul of a poet? How about the eye of an artist? Perhaps you are the teller of tales? If so, your talent may be a perfect addition to Reflections, the IUSM student-led creative arts therapy journal.

Each year, students, faculty, administrators and staff are asked to make submissions of poetry, essays, stories, photos or artwork for possible publication in the booklet, which is distributed to incoming medical students at the White Coat Ceremony and also published online. Each edition has a theme related to the practice of medicine, healing, learning, helping and other altruistic qualities.

This year's theme is "ME in Medicine - Self in the Sprint" and contributors are asked to share thoughts about self, including but not limited to how they lost, retained or found themselves in medicine. The "sprint," said co-editors Carla Arellano and Stefani Tica, relates to how medical training and practice can seem similar to running a race.

[Submissions to Reflections](#) will be accepted through the end of June.

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