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Swine flu information

General questions about the flu will be answered by the Marion County Health Department Swine Flu Hotline at 317-221-3366 or the Indiana State Department of Health call center; Indiana residents may call 877-826-0011 from 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday.

An IU employee who wants to know if s/he can work should call Employee Health at 317-274-5887. Clarian employees should see the Clarian Pulse website for work-related information.

The IU School of Medicine home page at www.medicine.iu.edu has a listing of informational sites pertaining to the flu including:

Swine Flu (H1N1 influenza) [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Information of particular interest to IU School of Medicine and its related health care providers is at the IUSM swine flu (H1N1 influenza) information and updates [web site](#)

University and IUPUI announcements are available at the Indiana University emergency preparedness [web site](#) and the IUPUI emergency preparedness [web site](#)

State information is at the Indiana State Department of Health swine flu (H1N1 influenza) [web site](#)

Indiana State Department of Health and Indiana Department of Homeland Security have created a twitter profile: twitter.com/ISDH_IDHS

National information is at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention swine flu (H1N1 influenza) [web page](#)

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Beering Award winner receives ‘American Nobel’

This year's Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research has been awarded to three men whose groundbreaking research has led to important discoveries in "innate immunity," which is the less understood function of the body that responds instantly to fight off diseases and infections.

Charles A. Dinarello, MD, from the University of Colorado, Ralph M. Steinman, MD, of Rockefeller University, and Bruce Beutler, MD, of the Scripps Research Institute in La Jolla, Calif., will be awarded the \$500,000 prize that comes with the country's highest award for medicine, also known as the "American Nobel." The collective work of the recipients has led to new therapies for rheumatoid arthritis, diabetes, Crohn's disease, and cancer and "holds the promise of new and improved vaccines" in the future.

Dr. Dinarello was the 2008 Steven C. Beering Award recipient at IUSM.

Information: see www.amc.edu/Academic/AlbanyPrize/

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IUSM web design deadline approaches

Most sites at IUSM have adopted the new web design, giving the school an appealing, professional image. Some sites, however, have not been updated with the new look.

The deadline for adopting the official school web design is **Tuesday, June 30**.

After June 30, the web team will create “splash” pages for non-compliant sites, requiring visitors to those sites to make an extra click to reach their destination.

Webmasters can find the templates for re-skinning their sites at communications.medicine.iu.edu/htmltemplates. Alternatively, the web team welcomes webmasters to adopt the school's web content management system, [SiteMaker](#). SiteMaker sites automatically comply with the school's official web design.

If you have questions, contact Marti LaChance, IUSM web manager at lachance@iu.edu or 317-274-7923.

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Commencement cap and gown orders

It's not too late to get your cap and gown for Commencement. Caps and gowns for the 2009 IUPUI Commencement ceremonies will be available for pick up in Room 405 of the IUPUI Campus Center, Tuesday,

May 5, and Wednesday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Students who did not place an order for apparel may rent extra caps, gowns, hoods, and tassels on a first-come, first-served basis during distribution.

See: www.alumni.iupui.edu/commencement

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Bioethics Journal Club

The next meeting of the Bioethics Journal Club will be held on Wednesday, May 6, from 4 to 5 p.m. at the IU Center for Bioethics, HITS building, third floor.

Alexia Torke, MD, will discuss “Religious Coping and Use of Intensive Life-Prolonging Care Near Death in Patients with Advanced Cancer,” A. Phelps et al. JAMA. 2009; 301(11):1140-1147. Dr. Torke is an assistant professor of medicine at IUSM and senior affiliate faculty at the Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics.

The article is posted in the Resources section of the BJC Oncourse project site. Questions can be directed to Robin Bandy at rjakers@iupui.edu. Drinks and snacks will be provided.

The program is co-sponsored by the IU Center for Bioethics and the IUPUI Philosophy Graduate program.

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IUSCC research day invitation

The IUSM community is invited to the scientific poster session from 10 a.m. to noon Wednesday, May 6, during this year’s IU Simon Cancer Center’s Cancer Research Day. The posters of graduate students and post-doctoral/medical fellows will be judged for best poster awards in three research categories: basic science, translational/clinical research, and population science/epidemiology. The poster session will be in Joseph E. Walther Hall’s (RIII) atrium, located on the second floor.

For more information about Cancer Research Day, visit www.cancer.iu.edu/crd.

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Physician career reception

Residents and fellows are invited to meet the representatives of more than 50 Indiana hospitals, physician groups and health-care systems to learn about practice opportunities during the 2009 Physician Career Reception. The event will be from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 7, in the White River Gardens at the Indianapolis Zoo, 1200 W. Washington Street.

Bring a current CV and enjoy light hors d’oeuvres and beverages. Free parking is available. RSVPs are not required. If you are unable to attend this event, but are still interested in practicing in Indiana, email a CV IndianaDocs@gmail.com or contact Khalisha Brooks at 866-394-4138.

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Town Hall meetings to answer Indiana Clinic questions

Indiana Clinic is an exciting development for the health of state and region. Along with this change come questions and the need for information. Indiana Clinic leadership will provide information to interested staff in three town hall meetings on May 8, 18 and 19:

- **Friday, May 8, 8-9 a.m.**
Riley Outpatient Center Auditorium
- **Monday, May 18, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
IUPUI Campus Center (SW corner of W. Michigan St. and University Blvd.)
Rooms B&C, 4th Floor
- **Tuesday, May 19, Noon -1 p.m.**
Methodist Conference Room, DG422B & DG422C, Basement (under library)

At each meeting, D. Craig Brater, MD, Indiana University vice president and dean of the IU School of Medicine, along with Dan Evans, CEO of Clarian Health, will explain what the Indiana Clinic is and why it's being formed.

John Fitzgerald, MD, CEO of Indiana Clinic, will provide an overview of physician groups joining the Indiana Clinic and the timeline.

Amanda Bates, Indiana Clinic executive director of human resources, will help staff understand who may move to Indiana Clinic and answer questions about transitioning into Indiana Clinic.

There will be a general question and answer session, with Indiana Clinic executive leadership, John Kohne, MD, chief medical officer; Kim Sherbrooke, COO; and Carol Karp, CFO. Human resource staff from IU, IUSM, IUMG-Specialty Care and Primary Care, Methodist Medical Group, as well as Clarian Health will be on hand to address specific questions.

Staff who know their physician group will join Indiana Clinic in the next nine months are urged to attend.

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IU Medical Reunion Weekend 2009

The IU School of Medicine Alumni Association will host its 62nd Annual Strawberry Shortcake Awards Luncheon on Saturday, May 16. This year, the Alumni Association will honor five School of Medicine alumni for their distinguished work in the field of medicine and School of Medicine alumni who graduated in years ending in "4" and "9."

This year's distinguished alumni include:

David E. Longnecker, MD '64 – Distinguished Alumnus (Annapolis, MD)
Robert K. Stoelting, MD '64 – Distinguished Alumnus (Indianapolis)
Ronald D. Miller, MD '64 – Distinguished Alumnus (Mill Valley, CA)
David G. Reuter, MD /PhD '94 – Early Career Achievement (Bothell, WA)
Eric S. Williams, MD '71 – Glenn W. Irwin, Jr., Distinguished Faculty (Indianapolis)

All IU School of Medicine faculty and staff are invited to attend. Register today online or call Michael at 274-5060 or email IUSMalum@iupui.edu. Cost is \$30 for non-members and \$25 for members of the IU Alumni Association.

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Remember, honor Dr. Williams: Join Team Williams

In February, the IUSM lost a valued friend and leader with the passing of Dr. Stephen Williams, the founding director of the IU Simon Cancer Center. He was serving as honorary race co-chair of Outrun the Sun Race Against Melanoma when he died of that disease.

This year's Outrun the Sun race -- which includes a five-mile competitive run, a 5K non-competitive run/walk, and a one-mile fun walk -- is Saturday, June 6, in and around the scenic Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park area. Start time is 7 p.m., with packet pick-up and announcements preceding. Post-race events include live music, refreshments, and a kids' zone.

See www.kintera.org/faf/search/searchTeamPart.asp?ievent=310059&team=3372425 to join Team Williams. Click on "Join Our Team" at the top of the page and follow the registration instructions. The registration deadline is **Friday, May 29**.

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Come out and run

Do you like to run, but have no one to run with? Then come on out for a group run on Wednesday, May 6. All paces welcome. This is open to all faculty, staff and students. Meet in front of the Campus Center by the bicycle racks at 5:30 p.m. The route will start at the Campus Center, and continue to and along the canal, then back to the Campus Center.

For more information, please contact runclub@iupui.edu.

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2009 Faculty Loan Repayment Program

The Health Resources and Services Administration's Bureau of Clinician Recruitment and Service seeks applicants for the 2009 Faculty Loan Repayment Program, which provides a financial incentive for degree-trained health professionals from disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue academic careers.

Individuals selected agree to serve on the faculty of an accredited health professions college or university for a minimum of two years.

In return, the federal government agrees to pay, for each year of faculty service, up to \$20,000 of the outstanding principal and interest on the participant's educational loans.

To learn more about the Faculty Loan Repayment Program and for application information, please visit bhpr.hrsa.gov/dsa/flrp/ or contact the HRSA call center at 1-800-221-9393.

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Honors

C. Subah Packer, PhD, associate professor of cellular and integrative physiology has received the Arthur C. Guyton Educator of the Year Award from the American Physiological Society. The award was presented at the 2009 Experimental Biology Meetings in New Orleans on April 21.

Pediatric endocrinologist **Ora H. Pescovitz**, MD – president and CEO, Riley Hospital for Children; associate dean of research affairs at IUSM and interim vice president of research administration at IU – has been named among the ‘Top 25 Women in Healthcare (2009)’ by Modern Healthcare magazine. The ‘Top 25 Women in Healthcare’ recognition program honors female healthcare executives who make a positive difference in the industry through their leadership roles and recognizes executives from all sectors of the industry including hospitals, health systems, physician organizations, insurance, government, vendors and suppliers, trade and professional organizations, and patients’ rights groups.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 3, or 8 p.m. Tuesday, May 5, to *Sound Medicine*, the award-winning weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis.

An outbreak in Mexico of the North American/human flu, also known as the swine flu, is spreading through the U.S. and abroad. John Brownstein, PhD, assistant professor of pediatrics and director of computational epidemiology at Harvard Medical School and Children’s Hospital of Boston, will discuss how decreasing air travel can slow the spread of the flu.

James Lazorchak, PhD, a biologist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, will explore the challenges of keeping estrogen-based medications out of public water systems. Dr. Lazorchak will be a keynote speaker at the second annual Indiana Environmental Summit at IUPUI on May 15.

Sound Medicine bioethicist Eric Meslin, PhD, and Michael Olinger, MD, medical director of emergency medical services at Wishard Health Services and professor of clinical emergency medicine at IUSM, will discuss the medical and ethical aspects of a clinical trial of two devices that are designed to increase blood flow during CPR.

In this week’s *Sound Medicine* “Checkup,” Jeremy Shere, PhD, will explore noise-induced hearing loss.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine*, as well as other helpful information, including when and where the program airs around the state, can be found at www.soundmedicine.iu.edu.

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