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Above the Fold

► **Glick Eye Institute celebrates new clinic opening in Lebanon**

A new eye clinic at Witham Health Services staffed by faculty members from the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute celebrated its opening May 23 with a morning ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house from 4 to 7 p.m.

The clinic, on the second floor of the hospital's North Pavilion, will provide convenient vision care services to residents in Lebanon, Ind.

"The faculty of the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute at the IU School of Medicine bring their expertise and state-of-the-art care to our community," said Raymond Ingham, CEO and President of Witham Health Services. "It's important for our patients to receive care close to home, and this service will be a significant benefit to our patients."

Louis B. Cantor, M.D., chairman of the IU School of Medicine Department of Ophthalmology at the Glick Eye Institute, agreed that the new clinic will help improve eye health by offering eye care services in a familiar and convenient setting.

"We know that additional ophthalmology and optometry services are needed in this area and we are pleased to send two of our highly regarded faculty members to Lebanon to provide quality patient care," he said. "We hope to provide comprehensive eye care services at Witham Health as the clinic grows."

Daniel Spitzberg, M.D., clinical associate professor of ophthalmology, will see patients at the new clinic on Tuesdays and Fridays; Melanie Pickett, O.D., assistant professor of optometry, will be in the clinic on Wednesdays.

The clinic will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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

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► **Bioethicists launch global research platform in genomics**

An IUSM faculty member is among a group of international bioethicist collaborating to better respond to the global aspects of the ethical, legal and social implications (ELSI) of modern genomics.

The group, which includes Eric M. Meslin, Ph.D., associate dean for bioethics, professor of medicine and medical and molecular genetics, and director of the IU Center for Bioethics, recently announced the creation of [ELSI 2.0](#), an international "collaboratory" for genomics and society research, in the journal [Science](#). The Web-based initiative is designed to grapple with the pervasive and global societal impact of the mapping of the human genome on an international stage.

"Society can benefit from the ELSI research being undertaken globally," Dr. Meslin said. "The issues, the problems, the questions are no longer the province of a small group of ELSI researchers in a handful of countries. There are many genomics research initiatives worldwide, and now there are ELSI initiatives to match them. It's time to leverage this amazing resource."

The human genome project began with mapping and then sequencing the genes that make up human DNA, and the original ELSI program of the genome project did much the same thing: "mapping" broad issues such as genetic discrimination and then "sequencing" the individual components such as genetic discrimination in insurance, housing and education. Now, Dr. Meslin asserts that ELSI research needs to move to the next level — to better understand how to

ensure greater impact from research and how to design better policies.

Hosted at the [P³G Consortium](#) in Montreal, Canada, ELSI 2.0 takes advantage of many new collaborative research tools such as webinars and crowd-sourcing to provide access to the world's ELSI research to enable scientists to build on, not repeat, research done somewhere.

"The traditional model in which you do research, write it up and hope someone notices is no longer the only way, or the most effective way, to do research," Dr. Meslin said.

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► **IUSM Alumni Weekend photos**

IUSM alumni who returned to their alma mater for the 2012 Alumni Weekend May 18 and 19 in Indianapolis enjoyed social events, educational programs and campus tours, including a visit to the IUSM Simulation Center, a state-of-the-art medical training facility in Fairbanks Hall. To see photos of alumni at a demonstration of the center's advanced simulation technology, visit the [IUSM Facebook page](#).

Additional activities included the 65th Annual Strawberry Shortcake Luncheon and the annual alumni awards program on May 18 in Scholar's Hall at University Place Conference Center and Hotel. For a list of the award recipients, visit [this page](#).

The event hosted more than 120 IUSM alumni from the classes of 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987 and 2002.

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Student Showcase

► **Ophthalmology resident co-edits book on pediatric eye disease**

A first-year resident in the Department of Ophthalmology at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute at IUSM has co-edited a book on pediatric eye cancer with a physician from the Wills Eye Institute in Philadelphia.

Aparna Ramasubramanian, M.D., is co-editor on "Retinoblastoma," a comprehensive textbook that covers all aspects of retinoblastoma management. Retinoblastoma is a pediatric eye cancer that usually occurs in children younger than 5. Her co-editor is eye cancer expert Carol Shields, M.D., of the Wills Eye Institute in Philadelphia.

"Retinoblastoma is one of the success stories in medicine with the survival rates being greater than 95 percent in developed countries," Dr. Ramasubramanian said. "The survival rate is much lower in underdeveloped nations; the cumulative survival of this type of cancer is around 42 percent worldwide. The idea for the book grew from that – if someone wanted to treat retinoblastoma anywhere in the world, which one reference book would be most beneficial."

Dr. Shields said the textbook will help clinicians around the world.

"This textbook is a spectacular contribution to our understanding of this malignancy," Dr. Shields said. "Retinoblastoma, the most common cancer of the eye, affects children worldwide and can be a major threat in some countries. Our goal was to invite experts from around the world to contribute to this volume in an effort to unify our experiences. This is the most comprehensive publication on the clinical features and management of retinoblastoma. Together with Dr. Ramasubramanian and the numerous contributors, we have diligently worked to make this idea a reality. Now clinicians throughout all continents can understand the current strategies and outcomes of retinoblastoma management."

The book contains 36 chapters and more than 70 contributors from many countries including England, France, India, Italy, the Netherlands and the United States. In addition to co-editing the book, Dr. Ramasubramanian co-wrote eight chapters. Tim Corson, Ph.D., an IU Department of Ophthalmology faculty member and researcher, also co-authored a chapter in the book. Dr. Corson is researching retinoblastoma biology and potential novel therapies.

"This is a major achievement and contribution to the field," Dr. Corson said. "It is a rare opportunity and a great success for a resident to tackle a project of this significance."

Dr. Ramasubramanian attended medical school and did her ophthalmology residency in India. She did an ocular oncology fellowship at Wills Eye Institute and a pediatric ophthalmology fellowship at Children's Hospital in Boston.

"My particular interest is pediatric ocular oncology with an emphasis on retinoblastoma," she said. "I knew of Dr. Corson's interest in ocular tumors so I contacted him when I came to IU for my residency, and we worked together on one of the

chapters."

Dr. Corson said the strength of the book is its straightforward discussion of the major issues in retinoblastoma care today and includes appendices for quick reference of chemotherapy regimens, treatment protocols and genetic counseling.

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Faculty News

► **Flaherty named assistant dean for medical student affairs**

Anne Flaherty, Ph.D., will serve as the next assistant dean for medical student affairs at the IU School of Medicine beginning in July.

Dr. Flaherty holds a doctorate degree in higher education administration from Kansas University and joins IUSM with experience in student affairs, having served as director of student wellness and assistant dean for students and registrar at the Kansas University School of Medicine. At IUSM, she will join Rakesh Mehta, M.D., associate dean for medical student affairs and associate professor of clinical medicine, in leading efforts to provide comprehensive services and programming that support student development and academic success across the nine medical education centers.

The Office of Medical Student Affairs supports IUSM students by managing academic records, providing financial aid counseling, supervising student development and mentoring, organizing opportunities for service learning, and coordinating special events from matriculation to graduation.

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► **Wiseman earns Greening IUPUI grant**

Dean A. Wiseman, Ph.D., assistant research professor of pediatrics, is the recipient of a 2012 Greening IUPUI grant from the IUPUI Office of Sustainability.

Dr. Wiseman's project will provide bat shelters along White River and Fall Creek, and raise campus and community awareness about this important species. Bats play a vital role in controlling insect populations, which helps curb the spread of insect-related disease in both humans and animals.

The Greening IUPUI grant provides up to \$50,000 in funding for student, faculty and staff-led initiatives to "green" IUPUI by advancing sustainability principles through projects or activities that reduce the campus's environmental impact and support learning, teaching or instituting "green" behavior. Grant recipients are selected by a multi-disciplinary committee, representing a range of campus interests.

The nine fund recipients will share a total of \$46,000 to support their projects that range from planting native and urban gardens to developing sustainable best practices and sustainability-related education programs.

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

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Events & Lectures

► 2012 Mark Brothers of South Bend Lecture — May 31

Victor Ling, Ph.D., will present the 2012 Mark Brothers Lectureship Seminar at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, May 31, in Walther Hall (R3), Room 203.

Dr. Ling, president and scientific director of the Terry Fox Research Institute in Vancouver, Canada, will present "The experiment didn't work ... the beginning of enlightenment."

Dr. Ling also will meet with scholars and students and present the seminar on May 30 and 31.

This event will be available to view online via [live Web streaming](#).

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► Medical and molecular genetics presentations

The IUSM Department of Medical and Molecular Genetics will host two presentations this week:

May 29: Bixiz Xiang, Ph.D., associate director of cytogenetics at City of Hope Helford Clinical Research Hospital in Duarte, Calif., will present "From Clinical Molecular Cytogenetics to Personalized Medicine" from 4 to 5 p.m. in Walther Hall, 980 W. Walnut St., (R3), Room 303-305.

May 30: Melissa Spurr, M.D., a medical genetics resident in Division of Clinical and Biochemical Genetics in the IUSM Department of Medical and Molecular Genetics, will present "Brachytelephalangic chondrodysplasia punctata: a novel

causative mutation and phenotypic finding" from noon to 1 p.m. in Walther Hall (R3), Room 203.

These events will be hosted by Gail Vance, M.D., professor of medical and molecular genetics, director of the cytogenetics division and director of the Indiana Familial Cancer Program in the Department of Medical and Molecular Genetics.

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► **Molecular biology workshop series begins June 4**

The Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine will present the 2012 Molecular Biology Workshop June 4 to 21.

This workshop covers principles and applications of common molecular biology techniques and combines lectures and hands-on lab sessions. Lecture times will be from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., except June 4, which will be from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Lab times will be from 1:30 to 5 p.m.

This workshop, which is open to IU faculty and staff, is also being offered as a three-credit graduate course, "Methods in Molecular Biology and Pathology" (IUPUI Course Number G890).

For more information, visit www.iupui.edu/~mbwksnp. To register, contact Chao-Hung Lee, Ph.D., at 317-274-2596 or chlee@iupui.edu.

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► **Diabetes research seminar — June 7**

Zhanxiang Wang, Ph.D., assistant research professor of pediatrics, will present a seminar from 1 to 2 p.m. Thursday, June 7, in the VanNuys Medical Science Building, Room B14.

Dr. Wang will present "Anti-Apoptotic Effects of Dietary Supplements in Pancreatic Islet β -cells: Dual Role of P21-activated Kinase-Pak1.

Food will be served. This event is presented by the Indiana University Center for Diabetes Research.

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► **Spinal Cord and Brain Injury conference — June 8**

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 — will host a conference on Friday, June 8, in the University Place Conference Center and Hotel.

"The Indiana Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Fund: A Program Making an Impact" will feature presentations and discussion about work supported by the fund. Keynote speaker will be Adam Taliaferro, a Penn State football player who was paralyzed after a routine helmet-to-helmet tackle during a game against rival Ohio State. Given only a 3 percent chance of ever walking again, Taliaferro's 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. Afternoon breakout sessions will be led by IUSM faculty, including Xiao-Ming Xu, M.D., Ph.D., Mari Hulman George Professor of Neuroscience Research and professor of neurological surgery; James Malec, Ph.D., professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at IUSM and research director at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana; and Flora Hammond, Chair and Covalt Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at IUSM and director of medical affairs, Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana.

Additional presenters include Samantha Backhaus, Ph.D., a clinical neuropsychologist at the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana.

For more information, see the [event flier](#).

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► **Orthopaedic surgery lectureship and conference**

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 a.m. 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 orthopaedic surgery by allowing experts, community physicians and researchers to come together to address a variety of orthopaedic 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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► **Indiana family physicians annual convention — July 26-29**

Mark your calendars: The Indiana Academy of Family Physicians will host the 2012 IAFP Annual Scientific Assembly from 9 a.m. Thursday, July 26, to 11:30 a.m. Sunday, July 29, at the JW Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis.

This event will present numerous speakers on topics such as new medical advances, preventative medicine strategies, enhancements of clinical skills, emergency preparedness and practice management. IUSM faculty presenters will include Stephen Bogdewic, Ph.D., George W. Copeland Professor of Family Medicine and executive associate dean for faculty affairs and professional development; Kevin Gebke, M.D., chair and associate professor of clinical family medicine; Marcus Schamberger, M.D., associate professor of clinical pediatrics; Scott Renshaw, M.D., assistant professor of clinical family medicine; Jeffrey Kons, M.D., assistant professor of clinical family medicine; and Thomas Kintanar, M.D., volunteer clinical associate professor of clinical family medicine at IUSM-Fort Wayne. To review the complete agenda, visit [this page](#).

Continuing Medical Education credit will be available. Registration fees range from \$599 to \$99 or less based on IAFP membership and events and sessions selected. To register online, visit [this page](#).

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

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News to Use

► **IUSM Library Memorial weekend hours**

The Ruth Lilly Medical Library will operate on a reduced schedule over the Memorial Day weekend. Holiday hours are:

Saturday, May 26: 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Sunday, May 27: Noon to 9 p.m.

Monday, May 28: Closed

Regular library hours will resume on Tuesday, May 29.

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► **History of Hospitals fall course**

Kevin Robbins, Ph.D., professor of history at the IU School of Liberal Arts at IUPUI, will offer a course this fall titled "The History of Hospitals."

This course, History H425 (section 30792) and H509 (section 30793), will address hospital history and hospital development in global perspective, including analysis of healing institutions, nursing and health care in ancient Byzantium, Europe, Ottoman Turkey, Central and South America and the United States. Course texts will be drawn from prize-winning recent books in the comparative, critical, socio-economic, socio-political and socio-cultural history of medicine, science and institution building.

Classes will meet on from 6 to 8:40 p.m. on Wednesdays. Dr. Robbins holds a master's and doctorate from Johns Hopkins University.

For more information, visit registrar.iupui.edu/schedule.html or email krobbin1@iupui.edu.

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► **Learn to use EndNote X5**

The Ruth Lilly Medical Library will offer a class on EndNote X5 at 10 to 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 7, in the IUSM Library, Room 227.

The class will provide an overview on how to use EndNote X5 bibliographic software in the medical sciences.

For more information, visit library.medicine.iu.edu or contact Sherry Kieper at skieper@iupui.edu.

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► This week on 'Sound Medicine'

This week, 'Sound Medicine' will inspire a summer reading list with notable interviews from the past year with authors of medical books, including Siddhartha Mukherjee, M.D., author of the Pulitzer Prize-winning book, "The Emperor of All Maladies," an expansive look at the history of cancer, spanning the past 4,000 years. Additional guests will discuss books on the history of medical advice about pregnancy, the media panic about autism and vaccinations, and the role of civil rights in the medical community,

"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, May 27, 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.

For more information, visit the [IUSM Newsroom](#). To listen online, visit [this page](#).

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Opportunities

► BioCrossroads seeks applications for new venture competition

Applications are sought for the inaugural BioCrossroads New Venture Competition presented by Krieg DeVault, an early-

stage business competition open to life sciences (biotechnology, pharmaceutical, medical device, diagnostic, ag-biotech) and health information technology companies holding a substantial nexus to Indiana and a high potential for attracting investment capital.

In addition to a cash prize of \$25,000, the winner of the competition will have access to the Indiana Seed Fund II staff and the fund's network of resources to provide business planning and early-stage strategic support. They will also have the opportunity to make a presentation to the Indiana Seed Fund II investment committee.

To apply, visit www.biocrossroads.com. Applications are due **Tuesday, July 31**.

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» **Domestic violence prevention workshop proposals due June 1**

The Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence seeks workshop proposals to be considered for presentation at the 30th Annual Fall Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence Conference on Oct. 9 and 10 at the Indianapolis Marriott East Hotel.

The conference will offer a wide spectrum of workshops designed to increase the understanding of individuals who work with survivors of domestic violence. Anyone whose proposal is accepted will be offered the choice of a \$100 honorarium (\$50 honorarium for panelists), or the option of attending the conference at no cost.

The deadline for submissions is **Friday, June 1**. To download a submission form, visit [this page](#).

To submit a proposal, email forms to Caryn Burton at cburton@icadvinc.org; mail Caryn Burton, ICADV, 1915 W. 18th St., Suite B, Indianapolis, IN 46202; or fax 317-917-3695.

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» **Cardiovascular research grants — letter of intent due June 18**

The Center of Excellence in Cardiovascular Research is seeking application 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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» **Nominate a cancer research lecturer — June 20**

The American Association for Cancer Research seeks nominations for its 2012 Distinguished Lectureship on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities, funded by Susan G. Komen for the Cure.

The recipient of this year's award will receive a \$5,000 honorarium and present a 45-minute lecture at the fifth annual AACR Conference on the Science of Cancer Health Disparities in Racial/Ethnic Minorities and the Medically Underserved. The conference will be Oct. 27 to 30 in San Diego, Calif.

The nomination deadline is **Wednesday, June 20**. For more information, visit www.aacr.org/ScientificAwards.

For more information, contact Monique P. Eversley at awards@aacr.org.

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Grants & Funding

» 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:

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

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Kudos

» Honors

Richard Gunderman, M.D., Ph.D., has been named 2012 Distinguished Educator by the American Roentgen Ray Society. This annual award "celebrates one inspirational person with a track record of new and innovative educational activities that have disseminated scientific and clinical information, stimulated critical thinking, promoted research, and helped to develop and support educators in radiology." Dr. Gunderman received the award at the society's annual meeting April 29 in Vancouver, Canada.

Michael Schug, communications manager at the IU Simon Cancer Center, has been elected to a two-year term on the National Cancer Institute Public Affairs and Marketing Network steering committee. This group is a cooperative venture of academically based, comprehensive, clinical, basic and consortium cancer centers as designated by the National Cancer Institute, or are member organizations of the Association of American Cancer Institutes. PAN works in close association with National Cancer Institute's Office of Media Relations and Public Affairs to further public awareness of cancer research, prevention, detection and treatment.

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Around Town

» Outrun the Sun Race Against Melanoma

Individuals can still register to participate in the 2012 Outrun the Sun Race Against Melanoma to begin at 7 a.m. Saturday, June 2, in Fort Benjamin Harrison State Park.

This five-mile timed run, 5K run-walk and one-mile fun walk will raise funds to benefit skin cancer education and melanoma research. Local teams to participate include the IU Simon Cancer Center and IU Health. The event will also feature a "Kids' Zone," live music and refreshments.

For more information or to register, visit www.outrunthesun.org/events/RAMINDY.htm or email anita@outrunthesun.org.

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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. 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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► MEDTV

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:

- E-mail the information to scopemed@iupui.edu
- Mail the information to Kevin Fryling, IU Communications, 251 N. Illinois St., North Tower, Suite 300, Indianapolis, IN 46204 (Campus mail; no postage required)
- 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 M.D. or Ph.D.)
- For more info, see the [Scope Style Guide](#) (PDF)

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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