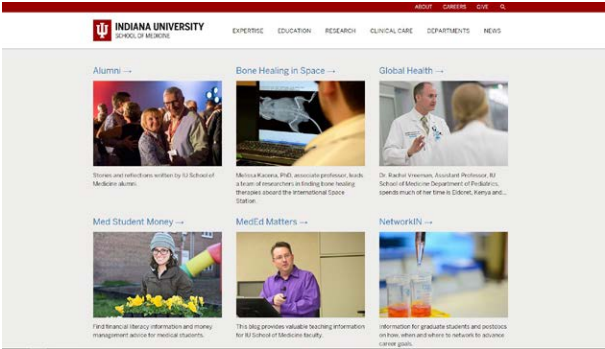




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### Top News

#### Loehrer honored by world's leading organization for oncology professionals

The world's leading organization for oncology professionals recently honored Patrick J. Loehrer, Sr., MD, director of the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center, for his extraordinary leadership.

Dr. Loehrer, HH Gregg Professor of Oncology and associate dean for cancer research at IU School of Medicine, received the inaugural Allen S. Lichter Visionary Leader Award on June 5 during the American Society of Clinical Oncology's (ASCO) annual meeting in Chicago.

Dr. Loehrer is recognized as a prolific clinical researcher and specialist in the treatment of a variety of cancers, including cancers of the testis, bladder, colon, pancreas and, most notably, the thymus gland. His work led to the approval of ifosfamide for the treatment of testicular cancer, and his research related to thymic cancer was recognized with the Exceptional Service Award of the Foundation for Thymic Research. His research group most recently determined the genetic signature for thymic tumors that distinguishes aggressive from non-aggressive malignancies.

He is a founder of the Hoosier Cancer Research Network (formerly known as the Hoosier Oncology Group) and served as its chairman for two decades. The network has conducted trials in 20 countries around the world.

He also has been instrumental in creating a sustainable oncology health care system in western Kenya where none previously existed. Through the IU-led Academic Model for Providing Access to Healthcare (AMPATH) oncology program, approximately 8,000 patients are seen annually and nearly 60,000 women have been screened for breast and cervical cancers because of the efforts of Dr. Loehrer and colleagues.

"I am honored to have Dr. Loehrer receive the inaugural Allen S. Lichter Visionary Leader Award," Dr. Lichter said. "His clinical research is exemplary. Helping create the Hoosier Oncology Group was a masterstroke. His international cancer work was well along before others discovered international oncology. He has been a leader in our professional society, the American Society of Clinical Oncology. In short, the selection committee could not have chosen a more deserving recipient of this award."

For more, read the full news release in the [IU School of Medicine Newsroom](#).

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## Arnold appointed student trustee for IU

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb has appointed Zachary Arnold, a MS2 student at IU School of Medicine-Muncie to serve a two-year term as student trustee of the IU Board of Trustees, beginning July 1.

Arnold received his Bachelor of Science in biology and neuroscience from IU Bloomington. He also serves as the Muncie campus representative to the school's Medical Student Council.

As an undergraduate, Arnold served in various leadership and volunteer roles, including vice president of the Little 500 steering committee and subcommittee and track manager for the IU Student Foundation; and as a certified autism mentor for the Hutton Honors College Autism Mentoring Program.

Arnold also served as a clinical research assistant for the IU Department of Psychology; laboratory technician for the Graph Theoretic Analysis of Brain Networks in Cannabis Users; and medical scribe for Indiana Geriatric Associates, among other positions.

"I am delighted for the opportunity to work with Zachary, whose appointment continues the practice of choosing IU's most impressive students to provide a student perspective on the board," said IU President Michael A. McRobbie.

IU has a nine-member board; six members, including a student trustee, are appointed by the state's governor. All trustees serve three-year terms, with the exception of the student trustee, who serves a two-year term.

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## CrimsonCard: Current school ID cards valid until June 2018

Current IU School of Medicine ID cards will remain valid and continue to work until at least June 30, 2018.

Indiana University launched CrimsonCard, the new official photo ID card for all campuses, this spring. However, special card stock that will provide access to IU and IU Health facilities through a single CrimsonCard is not yet available. Current IU School of Medicine students (undergraduate, graduate and professional), faculty and staff, including part-time and student workers, should disregard *the timing* indicated in the IU-wide promotion and wait to get a replacement card.

Reminders and updates will continue to appear in INScope and via MedTV. Questions should be directed to Clinical Affairs IT Services at 317-274-5336 or [CAITS@iu.edu](mailto:CAITS@iu.edu).

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## Research News

### IU, Regenstrief studying decreasing dementia after delirium for ICU survivors

Researchers from the IU Center for Aging Research and the Regenstrief Institute are developing and testing the nation's first program to deliver via telemedicine specially designed cognitive training and physical exercise programs to the homes of hospital intensive care survivors who have experienced delirium while in the ICU. Delirium is an acute brain failure resulting in confusion and long-term memory problems that affects 70 percent of older ICU patients.

Every year at least two million older Americans experience delirium in the ICU predisposing them to dementia and long-term disability. Currently, there are no effective, scalable models of recovery care to remediate or treat ICU-acquired cognitive impairment and its deleterious effects on quality of life and independence, according to Babar Khan, MD, of the IU Center for Aging Research and Regenstrief Institute who leads the innovative study.

Supported by a new \$3.48 million grant from the National Institute on Aging, the clinician-researchers are **conducting a randomized controlled trial of 300 older adult ICU survivors** combining 12 weeks of a facilitator-led, one-on-one or small group format cognitive training and physical exercise delivered over the internet at home. The individually tailored training and exercise regimens can increase in intensity as the older adult moves through the program.

For more details on the study, visit the [IU School of Medicine Newsroom](#).

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### Testicular cancer survivors have low testosterone levels, other health concerns

IU cancer researchers found that many testicular cancer survivors have low testosterone levels and are more likely to have chronic health problems.

In the study, the researchers found that 38 percent of 491 testicular cancer survivors had low testosterone levels, or hypogonadism. Further, compared to survivors with normal testosterone levels, survivors with low testosterone were more likely to report a range of chronic health problems such as high blood pressure, diabetes and erectile dysfunction.

"Because testicular cancer is the most common cancer among young men and is highly curable, many survivors may live more than 40 years after diagnosis," Mohammad Issam Abu Zaid, MBBS, assistant professor of medicine at IU School of Medicine and lead author, said. "Our findings underscore the need to screen testicular cancer survivors for hypogonadism and treat those who have symptoms."

Dr. Abu Zaid and colleagues reported that low testosterone can be present at the time

of testicular cancer diagnosis or it can develop as a side effect from surgery or chemotherapy. Although it has been known that low testosterone levels can occur in testicular cancer survivors, this is one of the first studies to examine its relationship with long-term health complications among North American patients, according to the researchers.

To learn more, visit the [IU School of Medicine Newsroom](#).

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## Student News

### Indiana Black Legislative Caucus hosts town hall series

An upcoming series of town hall meetings is inspiring some IU School of Medicine faculty and students to advance issues of interest to the medical field, including support for increasing residency slots in Indiana.

The Indiana Black Legislative Caucus (IBLC) is hosting a series of town hall meetings beginning on Saturday, June 17, from noon-2 pm. All of this year's town hall meetings will be held from noon-2 pm (local time) on the following dates:

#### **Indianapolis**

Saturday, June 17: Julia M. Carson Government Center (Meeting Room C), 300 E. Fall Creek Pkwy. North

#### **Terre Haute**

Saturday, June 24: Vigo County Public Library (Meeting Rooms B and C), One Library Square

#### **Evansville**

Saturday, July 8: central branch of the Evansville-Vanderburgh County Library (Browning Event Room B), 200 SE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

#### **South Bend**

Saturday, July 22: United Auto Workers Local 5, 1426 S. Main St.

#### **Fort Wayne**

Saturday, Aug. 5: Allen County Public Library (Meeting Rooms B and C), 900 Library Plaza

#### **Lafayette**

Saturday, Aug. 12: Tippecanoe County Public Library (McAllister Room B), 627 South St.

#### **Gary**

Saturday, Aug. 19: IU Northwest Savannah Center (Bergland Auditorium), corner of Broadway Avenue and 33rd Street

For more information, visit [indianahousedemocrats.org/robin-shackleford/](http://indianahousedemocrats.org/robin-shackleford/)

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## Opportunities

### Executive associate dean for education and improvement position now open

IU School of Medicine is accepting applications for a visionary leader to serve as executive associate dean for education and improvement. This role is a unique opportunity to provide vision and strategic leadership for the full depth and breadth of the school's education mission and to fully implement the school's system of continuous improvement to accelerate and drive institutional outcomes.

Across IU School of Medicine's nine-campus system, the executive associate dean for education and improvement is responsible for the Office of Medical Student Education, which includes medical student affairs, admissions and financial aid services, graduate medical education, continuing medical education, the Ruth Lilly Medical Library, and the school's health professionals and pre-doctoral programs. In addition, this position will integrate and unify current IU School of Medicine efforts in continuous improvement to enhance strategic planning, the annual strategic plan, departmental reviews and reporting, executive incentive plans, and compliance with relevant LCME standards and requirements.

To learn more or apply, [view the job posting](#).

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### Visit The Ability Exhibit on June 14

The IU School of Medicine Disability Advocacy Service Learning (DASL) group is hosting The Ability Exhibit, a traveling interactive display designed to develop allies for persons with disabilities. The exhibit will be on display Wednesday, June 14, at the north end of the Van Nuys Atrium, as part of the MS3 Orientation to Clerkship. All health professionals are welcome to attend for free from 2:30-4 pm. The exhibit includes 10 stations of learning about different disabilities and how to communicate with and advocate for people of various abilities. To learn more, visit [Allies for Inclusion: The Ability Exhibit](#).

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### Indiana Health Workforce Collaborative is June 20

The Bowen Center for Health Workforce Research & Policy and the Indiana Area Health Education Center (AHEC) Network are sponsoring Indiana Health Workforce Collaborative: Transforming Health Workforce Education, Practice and Policy on

Tuesday, June 20, at the Indiana Government Center South. The event is designed to:

Engage a diverse group of stakeholders in the discussion of emerging issues affecting the health workforce and health care delivery in Indiana

Facilitate discussion of strategies for strengthening Indiana's health workforce and health professions education

Demonstrate cutting-edge health workforce data resources and tools

Discuss health professions training and the financing of training, from the perspectives of education, labor, finance and workforce diversity/distribution

Explore the implications of Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb's pillars on Indiana's health workforce

Space is limited and filling up fast. More [information and registration are available](#) online.

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## Sign up for this fall's Qualitative Comparative Analysis intensive

The Regenstrief Center for Health Services Research is hosting a seminar on Qualitative Comparative Analysis (QCA) Sept. 25-29, in Indianapolis. The five-day intensive experience is being offered for the first time in the U.S. and is an introduction for health researchers to QCA and Confidence Analysis--the two most prominent configurational comparative methods of casual discovery. Early registration and pricing are available until June 30. For more information and to register, visit [eventbrite.com](#).

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## Deadline for Reflections is June 16

IU School of Medicine's student-run creative arts journal, Reflections, is still accepting submissions for the 2017-2018 publication through June 16. All works of self-expression are welcome. Submissions can be made anonymously, and multiple submissions are also accepted.

Reflections will be published in print and distributed at the White Coat Ceremony. The journal will also be available online. Reflections submissions count as a peer-reviewed publication for students and recent graduates.

For questions or submission guidelines, send an email to [reflect@iupui.edu](mailto:reflect@iupui.edu).

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## Apply by July 31 for medical device development funding



The Indiana Center for Biomedical Innovation (ICBI), in partnership with Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute, supports the development of nascent medical device technologies invented by IU clinicians by providing funds through the Medical Device Development grant program. Awardees will receive funding of up to \$50,000 and mentorship support through the ICBI Advisory Council and SPARK-Stanford partnership. **Application** deadline is Monday, July 31.

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