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### Top News

#### Dean Hess offers thanks, addresses next steps in reaccreditation process

In a message to the IU School of Medicine community on Friday, Feb. 10, Dean Jay Hess, MD, PhD, MHSA, vice president for university clinical affairs, thanked students, faculty and staff for their work to prepare for Mock Site Visit 3, which concluded last week. Mock surveyors issued a report to Dean Hess following the visit--the final mock event before the school's April reaccreditation survey visit by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME).

Dean Hess wrote: "In particular, one surveyor's closing comment emphasized the energy, enthusiasm and pride demonstrated by our residents, students and faculty at the campuses visited this week--Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Muncie and West Lafayette. I felt fortunate to hear this validation today and want each of you to not only hear it as well, but to recognize our individual and collective role in creating this strong impression."

The dean also outlined next steps on the Road to Accreditation. Read the [full message on MedNet](#).

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#### Duong appointed associate dean of MD admissions and student financial services

Indiana University School of Medicine has appointed Taihung (Peter) Duong, PhD, as the school's associate dean for MD admissions and student financial services.

Already having served in this role on an interim basis, Dr. Duong will lead strategic planning to admit and matriculate entering classes of outstanding medical students who possess the commitment and dedication required of an IU School of Medicine education.

"Dr. Duong continues to apply his years of experience and leadership to the integrity of our admissions and supervision of our student financial aid services," said Peter Nalin, MD, executive associate dean for educational affairs. "Applications for admissions have doubled, and statewide satisfaction with student financial aid services is a strength of our system."

Dr. Duong, professor of anatomy and cell biology and professor of pathology and laboratory medicine, will also continue serving as associate dean and director of IU School of Medicine-Terre Haute.

"In addition to Dr. Duong's leadership of the Terre Haute campus, he has been a longstanding and valued member of the IU School of Medicine Admissions Committee," said Doris Hardacker, MD, co-chair of the Admissions Committee and associate professor of clinical anesthesia. "These experiences, along with his involvement in developing the Rural Medicine Program, have given him valuable insight to effectively oversee the office of admissions and student financial services."

The IU School of Medicine Office of MD Admissions and Student Financial Services is located in Fesler Hall 213 and 224, and can be reached at [inmedadm@iu.edu](mailto:inmedadm@iu.edu) or 317-274-3772. For more information on the office, visit [the MD Admissions web page](#).

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## IU School of Medicine to offer master's degree in anesthesia

A new master's degree at Indiana University School of Medicine will help address projected needs for qualified anesthesia providers. The new Master of Science in Anesthesia Program, which will train students to become Certified Anesthesiologist Assistants (CAAs), is the twelfth of its kind in the country.

Anesthesiologist assistants are non-physicians with master's degree-level training who have served as valued members of physician anesthesiologist-directed Anesthesia Care Teams (ACTs) for more than 40 years. With the support and encouragement of leaders of the Indiana Society of Anesthesiologists, the State of Indiana licensed the anesthesiologist assistant profession with legislation signed into law in 2014.

"This new program at Indiana University School of Medicine will educate and train highly qualified individuals to become CAAs and join anesthesiology practices as members of ACTs in Indiana and beyond," said William McNiece, MD, physician anesthesiologist and medical director of the new program.

Highly specialized, CAAs provide physician-delegated anesthesia services to patients undergoing surgery and selected other procedures. Similar to physician assistants, CAAs work with physician anesthesiologists as part of ACTs to increase access to anesthesia care while maintaining the high level of patient safety for which anesthesia is recognized.

IU School of Medicine will welcome its first class of CAA students this fall. Students in the new [Master of Science in Anesthesia program](#) will enter having completed a baccalaureate degree that included prerequisite courses very similar to those required to enter medical school. The intensive, 28-month program provides clinical rotations through a variety of anesthesia subspecialties at facilities and simulation laboratories housed within one of the top academic health care centers in the Midwest. CAAs must pass a national certifying exam and recertify every six years.

Details on the new degree program are available at [anesthesia.iu.edu](http://anesthesia.iu.edu).

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## Terre Haute students attend Rural Health Policy Institute

Drew Morrow and Anna Elder, senior medical students from the rural track at IU School of Medicine-Terre Haute attended the Rural Health Policy Institute in Washington, DC, earlier this month. The students were accompanied by Jim Turner, DO, assistant professor of clinical family medicine, IU School of Medicine-Terre Haute, and director of the Richard Lugar Center for Rural Health at Union Hospital.

Organized by the National Rural Health Association, the Rural Health Policy Institute is the largest rural advocacy event in the U.S. and promotes education about the development and implementation of health care policy at the federal level.

At the event, Morrow, Elder and Dr. Turner met with current Indiana senators Todd Young and Joe Donnelly, Congressman Larry Bucshon, MD, and former Indiana Senator Richard Lugar.

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## Student News

### Plan to attend AMWA Women’s Health Week events

The American Medical Women’s Association (AMWA) at IU School of Medicine is hosting three events for Women’s Health Week, Feb. 21-23. All students are welcome to attend the events, which will be held in the Van Nuys Medical Science Building. Food will be provided.

#### Self-Defense Class

Tuesday, Feb. 21, 6-7 pm

Room B16

Learn skills to avoid and defend against violent encounters; conducted by IUPUI Police Department

#### Curriculum Vitae (CV) Workshop

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 6-7 pm

Room B14

Mary Austrom, PhD, and Chemen Neal, MD, will provide tips on developing an effective CV

#### Domestic Violence and Guns Lunch Talk

Thursday, Feb. 23, noon-1 pm

Room B13

Join representatives from the Indiana University School of Law, Indiana University Physicians, Moms Demand Action and a domestic violence survivor as they talk about domestic violence and guns.

With questions about these events, email Asna Asrar at [aasrar@indiana.edu](mailto:aasrar@indiana.edu).

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## Opportunities

### Medical library March class schedule

Check out these upcoming classes offered by the Ruth Lilly Medical Library:

**EndNote**

Thursday, March 1; 1-2:30 pm; Room IB 227

Wednesday, March 29; 1-2:30 pm; Room IB 227

**New Tools for Impact: Altmetrics**

Wednesday, March 8; 10-11 am; Room IB 226

**Introduction to Medical Library Resources**

Tuesday, March 14; 1-2 pm; Room IB 225

**3D Printing in the Medical Library**

Thursday, March 23; 1-2 pm; IB 207

**Integrating Augmented Reality into Instruction**

Tuesday, March 28; 1-2 pm; IB 225

For course descriptions and to register, visit [library.medicine.iu.edu](http://library.medicine.iu.edu).

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### March 10 conference to address transgender health care

Health care for the transgender population is the topic of a conference to be held Friday, March 10. Participants will learn about the unique health risks and barriers to health care in the transgender population, as well as the basic elements of transgender-specific health care. Providers will learn to facilitate respectful, patient-centered, culturally competent health care to all patients, including transgender patients.

Training will be done by knowledgeable practitioners who are currently providing health care to the transgender population in Indianapolis, including gender-affirming hormones, surgery, mental health care, speech therapy, medical nutrition, HIV prevention and legal services.

**Registration** on March 10 begins at 7 am with a light breakfast; conference programing begins at 7:30 am. Pre-registration is required, but there is no cost to attend. This conference qualifies for Continuing Medical Education credit.

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### Indiana CTSI accepting proposals for equipment funding

Funding for research equipment is now available from the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI). CTSI is currently accepting proposals from CTSI-designated, IU School of Medicine-based cores requesting support for the

purchase of equipment to enhance the research environment and contribute to the research mission of the school and the CTSI. Up to \$100,000 is available, and proposals requesting \$5,000-\$100,000 will be accepted. Requests for equipment costing more than \$100,000 will be entertained if matching funds to cover the balance are identified.

Proposals must be submitted by Friday, March 24. For more information, [view Core Equipment Grant Program guidelines](#).

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## Kudos

### Four school colleagues named to IBJ's 40 under 40 list

Four members of the IU School of Medicine community were recently named to the [Indianapolis Business Journal's list of 40 under 40](#). They are:

**Nadia Adams**, MHA, chief operating officer, Center for Health Innovation and Implementation Science

**Baindu Bayon**, Biomedical science doctoral candidate

**Teresa Mastracci**, PhD, senior scientist, Indiana Biosciences Research Institute and adjunct assistant professor of biochemistry and molecular biology

**Ryan Nagy**, MD, chief medical officer, Indiana University Health and interim president, Academic Health Center (IU Health Methodist and University hospitals); assistant professor of clinical anesthesia

The IBJ's annual list recognizes "rising stars" and features their accomplishments at work and in the community.

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## Around Campus

### Indy—Cultural Awareness Town Hall event is Feb. 21

"Black Bodies Matter: Black Religion, Democracy and the Possibility of Social Transformation" is the topic of a cultural awareness event at 4 pm, Tuesday, Feb. 21, in Walther Hall, Room C203. Joseph L. Tucker Edmonds, PhD, Assistant Professor of Africana Studies and Religious Studies at Indiana University School of Liberal Arts

(IUPUI), will address the role radical black religions have played in providing the language and terms for African and African-American understanding of spirituality and African-Americans’ understanding and shaping of democracy. To register, visit [faculty.medicine.iu.edu](http://faculty.medicine.iu.edu).

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