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Top News

New MedTV design and submission process

MedTV, IU School of Medicine's digital signage system, has a new design and updated process for submitting calendar items, announcements, events, seminars and photos for display on 11 screens across the Indianapolis campus.

Calendar Event Submissions

You no longer need to create a PowerPoint slide to submit your events to MedTV. To submit an event, please fill out the IU School of Medicine calendar [event submission form](#). You can also access this form by visiting the [IUSM Calendar](#) and clicking on "submit event" in the upper right corner of the screen. Because the process is now housed in One.IU, you will first need to log in with your username and passphrase. Submissions must be made two weeks prior to the event date.

After filling out the event submission form, you'll receive a confirmation email. Once confirmed, the event will be submitted for approval. Please be as specific as possible on your event submission form, and include any registration information or links to your department website if applicable.

Once approved, event announcements will appear in the MedTV calendar feed in the upper right corner of the screen. If you notice any errors in your event announcement or need to update the information, email medtv@iupui.edu.

Photo Announcement Submissions

To submit items to the photo announcements that are displayed in the center of the MedTV screen, you must provide a large, high-resolution photo that can be sized to at least 1100 x 830 pixels. Please send the picture along with the event name, location, time and date to medtv@iupui.edu. Submissions must be made at least two weeks prior to the event date. Announcement space is limited, so we may not be able to accommodate each request.

Around Campus Photo Submissions

If you'd like to submit a photo of a recent campus event to the around campus section on the bottom right side of the screen, please email it to medtv@iupui.edu. Images must be high-resolution and able to fit within an 820 x 310 pixel count. Landscape-style images work best for this section.

To reference the submission guidelines and viewing locations at any time, please visit

<http://medicine.iu.edu/about/communications/medtv>.

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IU learners returning to AMPATH program in Kenya

AMPATH (Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare) leaders are preparing for the return of Indiana University learners to the program in Kenya early this year. Following the tragedy at Garissa University in Kenya and the ensuing threat of possible terrorist activity in the nation, IU temporarily transitioned learners from the program in 2015.

IU School of Medicine remained in close communication with **AMPATH** leadership and other partnering organizations over the past months as the university worked with security experts to assess the matter. The assessment encouraged university leaders to fully re-engage learners in medical outreach in Kenya.

“While it was important to exercise this precaution, we are pleased that our learners can continue their support of the people of Kenya and the practice of global medicine,” said Dean Jay Hess, M.D., Ph.D.

Those planning to serve in Kenya have been notified of the decision and a specific timeline for the return of IU learners is being developed.

Since 1989, Moi University School of Medicine and Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital in Eldoret, Kenya, and a consortium of North American academic medical centers led by IUSM—collectively referred to as AMPATH—have worked together to deliver health services, conduct health research, and develop leaders in health care for both North America and Africa.

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Second Year Show is this Friday; details about pre- and post-show events

Join the IU School of Medicine Class of 2018 for “The Magic of Medicine,” at 7 pm, tomorrow evening in the Egyptian Room at Old National Centre, 502 N. New Jersey St., in downtown Indianapolis. Commonly referred to as the Second Year Show, the event is a blend of comedy and satire portraying medical school through the eyes of IUSM students, faculty, and staff.

The IUSM Office of Diversity Affairs is sponsoring a pre-show social hour at 5 pm, which will include free food and giveaways. The social hour will take place at The Rathskeller, 401 E. Michigan St., just a couple of blocks from Old National Centre. [Click here](#) to register for the social hour.

After the show, don't miss the chance to continue the celebration and mingle with fellow students at The Tap, 306 N. Delaware St., near Massachusetts Avenue.

Tickets for the Second Year Show are \$13 for students and \$17 for alumni and the general public, and are available at iusm2ys.com. Check out a [preview](#) of the show.

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Faculty and Staff News

Ballard named executive director for Indiana AHEC Network

James Ballard, Ed.D., has been named executive director of the [Indiana Area Health Education Centers \(AHEC\) Network](#) at IU School of Medicine. The mission of the Indiana AHEC Network is to improve health by recruiting, educating, and retaining healthcare professionals for underserved communities in Indiana.

Dr. Ballard comes to IU from the University of Kentucky, where he served with the UK Area Health Education Center and, most recently, as associate director for the UK Center for Interprofessional Health Education.

"Dr. Ballard brings a wealth of experience and a steady leadership hand," said Kevin Gebke, M.D., chair, IUSM Department of Family Medicine. "We will undoubtedly benefit greatly from Jim's addition to the Family Medicine faculty."

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Feel Great IU! 12-week weight loss challenge begins Jan. 25

Just in time for your new year's resolution -- register for the Feel Great IU! 5 Percent Weight Loss or Maintenance Challenge, which runs from Monday, Jan. 25 - Friday, April 22. This pilot program offers a tracking tool and educational support to help you on your weight loss/maintenance journey. Full-time employees and spouses/partners on an IU-sponsored medical plan are welcome and encouraged to participate. In addition to the personal online tracker and access to educational resources, participants also will receive a Fitbit Flex upon completion of the challenge.

For more details, including Fitbit eligibility, visit healthy.iu.edu. [Register for the challenge](#) by Friday, Jan. 22.

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Research News

IUSM, BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS confront Indiana HIV outbreak

The IU School of Medicine and the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS have joined forces to respond to a highly concentrated HIV epidemic driven by the injection of prescription opioids in Austin, Indiana.

Austin, in Scott County, has an estimated population of 4,200 with approximately 10 percent of the population injecting opioids on a daily basis. Since early last year, 184 new HIV infections have been identified.

The joint effort will provide an opportunity to leverage successes achieved by the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS in British Columbia by applying its effective HIV Treatment as Prevention® model to a rural setting in the United States. The National Institute on Drug Abuse, an agency of the National Institutes of Health, is supporting the effort with a two-year, \$200,000 grant, with additional funding coming from the School of Medicine's Department of Medicine.

"We are embarking on this project with a sense of optimism and hope, bolstered by the NIH support, the accomplishments of the BC Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, and our expertise in delivering HIV care in resource-constrained settings," said Kara Wools-Kaloustian, M.D., associate professor of medicine and

director of IUSM's Division of Infectious Diseases.

"We have a chance to reverse the course of this HIV epidemic by implementing fast-acting and effective evidence-based strategies. Using innovations in science and technology, as well as targeted and compassionate approaches to reach those affected by this outbreak, this has the potential to decrease HIV transmission and help save lives within the state of Indiana," she said

For more information, read the [press release in the IUSM Newsroom](#).

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Study: Number of kids going to ERs for sports injuries on the rise

IUSM's Teresa M. Bell, Ph.D., assistant professor of surgery is the senior author of a new study examining an increase in American kids visiting emergency rooms for sports injuries.

In the study, "Trends in paediatric sports-related injuries presenting to U.S. emergency departments, 2001-2013," her team of researchers focused on patients between the ages of five and 18 visiting emergency rooms for injuries related to 21 sports, including football, basketball, soccer, baseball, softball, and ice hockey.

"We're seeing more severe injuries in the youngest age group," Dr. Bell said, "One thing that might explain that is sports becoming more competitive and less emphasis on injury prevention. We know that more kids are vying for scholarships or starting younger, that might be something future researchers can look at."

You can read the full study online at injuryprevention.bmj.com.

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Opportunities

Feb. 16 workshop to address unconscious bias in health care

Ever wonder how bias plays a role in health care? Plan to attend an informative workshop designed to help participants identify how bias and the processes of the unconscious mind can impact critical healthcare decisions and results. The workshop will be held from 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the [Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute](#), Room GK103. Light refreshments will be served.

The event is sponsored by IUSM Graduate Medical Education, the Office of Diversity Affairs, the Office of Intergroup Dialogue, and Social Justice Education. Register online at medicine.iu.edu.

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RESPECT Center's palliative care conference is March 4

"Let's Talk Palliative Care: Continuity Across Settings" is the focus of an upcoming conference sponsored by the [Research in Palliative and End-of-Life Communication and Training \(RESPECT\) Center](#). Registrations

are now being accepted for the event, which will be held Friday, March 4, at the Ritz Charles in Carmel. The conference brings together clinicians and researchers interested in evidence-based palliative and end-of-life care to help enhance clinical practice and foster new partnerships for translational research.

To register, visit cme.medicine.iu.edu and scroll down to March 2016.

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Check out HANDS in Autism's upcoming workshops

The HANDS in Autism Interdisciplinary Training and Resource Center is kicking off 2016 with several upcoming workshops and training sessions. Founded in 2004, the center extends the outreach and training offered by the Christian Sarkine Autism Treatment Center at Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health and the IU School of Medicine.

Visit handsinautism.iupui.edu for information or to register for these workshops:

- Next Step Workshop for Families, Providers and Individuals with ASD
- Model in Practice: Intensive 3-Day Training for Families and Caregivers
- Model in Practice: Intensive Weeklong Training for School Personnel & Community Providers
- Model in Practice: Intensive 3-Day Workshop - Transition & Vocational Programming

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Partner News

Komen Tissue Bank breast tissue collection is Jan. 23

The Susan G. Komen Tissue Bank (KTB) at the IU Simon Cancer Center will conduct its first 2016 breast tissue collection this month. Women who have not had breast cancer and are willing to donate breast tissue for breast cancer research can [schedule an appointment to donate tissue](#) on Saturday, Jan. 23.

As the only normal breast tissue repository of its kind in the world, KTB is uniquely positioned to characterize and compare normal breast tissue to different types of breast cancer, providing a significant scientific resource to investigators worldwide researching ways to cure breast cancer.

For more information, read this [Inside Indiana Business article](#) by Anna Maria Storniolo, M.D., KTB executive director. For more information on the tissue collection, visit komentissuebank.iu.edu.

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Around Campus

Indy -- Celebrate MLK week at IUSM

Honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. next week by attending events on the IUPUI campus:

- **47th annual IUPUI Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration Dinner**; Sunday, Jan. 17 -- Features keynote speaker Angela Davis, activist, author and scholar
- **Indianapolis, a City of Immigrants**; Wednesday, Jan. 20 -- M. Teresa Baer, managing editor, Family History Publications, Indiana Historical Society Press
- **Civil Rights Activities -- Then and Now**; Wednesday, Jan. 20 -- Ora Pescovitz, M.D., senior vice president, Medical Affairs, Eli Lilly and Company, and former CEO of Riley Hospital for Children at Indiana University Health
- **Minority Students and Mental Health Panel**; Thursday, Jan. 21 -- Features IUSM Department of Psychiatry faculty
- **"The New Diversity Approach"**; Friday, Jan. 22 -- Robert Winn, M.D.

For event details, view the IUSM Office of Diversity Affairs  [MLK Celebration Week flyer](#).

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