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“Last Lecture” featuring IUSM’s Frankel is next Friday

The IUPUI Last Lecture, featuring Richard M. Frankel, Ph.D., professor of medicine and geriatrics, IU School of Medicine, will be held at 2 pm, Friday, April 1, in the IUPUI Campus Center Theater.

Reflecting on a 35-year personal and professional journey as a health services researcher, Dr. Frankel will address how empathic communication affects the quality of care outcomes -- on both sides of the stethoscope, Dr. Frankel will discuss questions such as, “What can be said for the role of human emotions in health care and in everyday life?” and “Are we losing the ability to respond to the suffering of others with genuine empathy?”

The Last Lecture offers the university community an opportunity to hear reflections on life’s lessons and meaning from a current or retired IUPUI colleague of exceptional merit. The lecture is sponsored by the IUPUI Senior Academy, the IUPUI Office of Academic Affairs, and IU Foundation. For more information, visit academicaffairs.iupui.edu. To attend, [RSVP online](#) by Friday, March 25, or call 317-274-4500 .

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Study finds lung cancer screening barriers among smokers

An IU cancer researcher's work on smokers has yielded clues as to why many don't undergo lung cancer screening. Lisa Carter-Harris, Ph.D., assistant professor at the IU School of Nursing and a researcher at the IU Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center, found three key barriers among smokers for not being screened for lung cancer. Her research was published in [Health Expectations](#). It also caught the attention of the [Lung Cancer Alliance](#), which recently invited her to speak at "The Impact of Stigma on Public Health and Public Health Policy" Congressional briefing on Capitol Hill.

The three overarching barriers that keep smokers from being screened include:

- A sense of stigma that may stem from a generational divide that exists between patients, who are typically older, and today's younger health care providers.
- A sense of distrust among patients about the health care system, tobacco industry, and government.
- A struggle with time constraints and scheduling conflicts, with people saying they simply do not have the time to be screened.

This new knowledge could lead to designing new communications between health care providers and patients about the importance of lung cancer screening, according to Dr. Carter-Harris.

"Health care provider recommendation has long been supported as a strong predictor of adherence to cancer screening," Dr. Carter-Harris said. "But equally important is the patient-provider communication when making decisions about cancer screening to ensure the provider has the opportunity to share the best evidence available and the patient has the opportunity to explore the decision with their values and preferences taken into account."

For more, read the full news release in [IUSM Newsroom](#).

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Faculty and Staff News

Apply by April 8 for new assistant dean position

The IUSM Office of Graduate Medical Education (GME) is accepting applications for the position of part-time assistant dean for graduate medical education. The person selected to fill this newly created position will lead a professional faculty and support staff to manage GME educational programs and provide oversight for the development and implementation of the educational programs within the clinical learning environment review (CLER) program and the integration of GME with IUSM hospital affiliates.

For the full position description, visit [📄 medicine.iu.edu](#). This part-time position requires a 0.20 FTE commitment. Interested applicants should send a letter of interest and CV by Friday, April 8, to Michelle S. Howenstine, M.D., senior associate dean for graduate medical education, Fesler Hall 318, or email in care of Linda Bratcher at lbratche@iu.edu.

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July 1 is deadline for promotion dossiers

Faculty dossier materials for promotions effective July 1, 2017, are available online at faculty.medicine.iu.edu. Dossiers are due in the dean's office no later than July 1, 2016. Departments will have an earlier due date that should be available from the department chair or regional medical director's office. Email Lynn Wakefield at lwakefie@iu.edu no later than June 15 to inform the dean's office of your intent to submit a dossier for promotion. With questions about dossier preparation, contact Deb Cowley at dcowley@iu.edu. Sample dossiers are available [here](#).

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Student News

Save the date: Senior Banquet is May 6

Class of 2016 graduates should plan to attend the annual Senior Banquet Awards Program on Friday, May 6, in the Grand Ballroom at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis. Graduating students may attend free of charge, but must RSVP. Tickets for family, friends, faculty, and staff are \$50 each and may be [purchased online](#) until Friday, April 22. Additional information, including parking details, will be updated at mse.medicine.iu.edu.

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IUSM-Evansville students learn clinical skills in AMA lab

IUSM-Evansville students participated in the school's annual clinical skills lab last month. Funded by the American Medical Association, the half-day event is designed to give medical students hands-on training in clinical skills, including suturing, intubation, basic physical exam techniques, venipuncture, lumbar puncture, and ultrasonography. Physicians from the Evansville area volunteered their time leading the skills lab, as students rotated among the six different stations.

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IUSM-South Bend students score summer placements

Six first-year medical students at IUSM-South Bend have been admitted to this summer's Hospital Medical Education (HME) shadowing program at South Bend Memorial Hospital. Those participating include Charles Chatman, Shelby Cooke, Jennifer Divine, Mark Heimberger, Jacob Hostetler and Alex Jones. Chatman also has been accepted into the summer Primary Care Summer Observership program in Elkhart, which provides clinical exposure and interaction with the network of community social service agencies that complement the work of primary care physicians. The program is sponsored by the Indiana Area Health Education Centers Network.


Additionally, four students -- Danielle Bly, Joey Dynako, Kyle Lewellen and Sara Santiaguél -- have been admitted to the HME program at Elkhart General Hospital. Jordan Hyde has been admitted to the IU Health Goshen summer HME program, and Gil Stamm has been selected to do orthopedic research this summer at the University of Oxford, United Kingdom.

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Opportunities

Funding for hematology programs available

The IU Cooperative Center of Excellence in Hematology (CCEH) announces the availability of funding through the center's pilot and feasibility program. Applications should focus on the molecular and cellular biology of normal (non-malignant) murine and human hematopoietic stem and progenitor cell regulation and the hematopoietic parameters impacting the efficient use of these cells in transplantation such as homing, cell cycle regulation, and the status of the hematopoietic niche.

IU faculty at all campuses with the rank of assistant or associate professor or an equivalent research rank are eligible. Funding is for a maximum of \$15,000 for supplies and fees. Application deadline is 5 pm, Friday, May 6.  [View this flyer](#) for more information and submission details. For more information, contact April Maines at amaines@iupui.edu.

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April 18 is deadline to submit posters for first Indiana Musculoskeletal Symposium

On June 1-2, the Indiana CTSI and IU School of Medicine will host the inaugural Indiana Musculoskeletal Symposium at Hine Hall on the IUPUI campus. Poster submissions are being accepted now through Monday, April 18.

The symposium, "Repair and Regeneration of Musculoskeletal Tissues: Academia, Industry, and the Battlefield," will offer a forum for investigators throughout the state of Indiana in both academia and industry to present current work that is translatable and deliverable to the critical needs of soldiers at the battlefield and for all wounded warriors with acute or chronic musculoskeletal disorders.

To submit a poster, [click here](#).

Registration is free, but required. To view the meeting agenda and register to attend, [click here](#).

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Submit art by May 1 for IUSM creative arts journal

Reflections, IU School of Medicine's student-run creative arts journal, is accepting submissions for this year's issue. Students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to submit works of art, including essays, photographs, stories, poems, paintings, and digital media by May 1. Reflections is published both in print and online. Print copies will be distributed at this fall's white coat ceremonies at each campus. Works that are published in Reflections count as peer-reviewed publications and can be added to students' CVs and resumes.

Submit artwork for consideration at medicine.iu.edu. Multiple submissions and anonymous submissions are accepted. For more information, contact the editors-in-chief, Carla Arellano at caarella@iupui.edu and Stefani Tica at stica@iupui.edu.

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Upcoming children's research symposium to focus on health information technology

Plan to attend the fourth annual International Children's Health Services Research Symposium April 18-20, at the Health Information and Translational Sciences Building (HITS Building). This symposium brings together pediatric health services researchers and fellows from across the country and the world for a series of talks by luminaries in the field, as well as new talent, in a forum that emphasizes time for conversation and networking. This year's topic is pediatric-focused health information technology. For more information and to register, visit chrsymposium.com.

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Around Campus

Bloomington – Indiana CTSI to host retreat April 6

Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) will host its IU-Bloomington retreat on Wednesday, April 6, in Alumni Hall in the Indiana Memorial Union. Keynote speakers include Melissa Begg, Sc.D., Columbia University Medical Center, and co-director, Irving Institute for Clinical and Translational Research; and Michelle Bennett, Ph.D., director, Center for Research Strategy, National Cancer Institute.

Additional speakers and topics include Michael Reece, Ph.D., M.P.H., associate dean, IU School of Public Health; and Jay McGill, senior director, Science and Technology Partnerships, Eli Lilly and Company.

Registration is free, but required. To register for the meeting or view the full agenda, visit the [Indiana CTSI website](#).

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Indy – Join Team IUPUI at 2016 Race for the Cure

Members of the IUPUI community are invited to be part of Team IUPUI at this year's [Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure](#) on Saturday, April 16, in downtown Indianapolis. The campus team is open to faculty, staff, students, and their friends and families.

Race for the Cure annually draws more than 40,000 people to the IUPUI campus to help raise funds and awareness for breast cancer research. To register for Team IUPUI, visit the [IUPUI Race for the Cure website](#). The deadline to register for the team is Thursday, March 31.

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Indy – HANDS in Autism art expo is April 27-28

The HANDS in Autism Interdisciplinary Training & Resource Center will present an art expo, "Celebrating Abilities Through Exposition," on Wednesday and Thursday, April 27 and 28. The event will be held at the IUPUI Campus Center, Lower Level. To submit artwork, visit the [art expo website](#).

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Indy – First Walk for Riley Kids is May 14

Join the Section of Pediatric Critical Care for a walkathon on Saturday, May 14, to raise funds for pediatric critical care research. Check-in begins at 7:30 am in the lobby of the Simon Family Tower at Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health, 705 Riley Hospital Drive. The cost is \$25 per person, and \$60 per family. A T-shirt is included in the registration fee. For more information, email ccwalk@iupui.edu. Registration is available at Pccwalkathon.wordpress.com.

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