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Kreisle named associate dean and director of IUSM – West Lafayette

Regina A. Kreisle, M.D., Ph.D., has been named associate dean and director of the IU School of Medicine – West Lafayette, where she has been serving as interim associate dean and director since January 2015.

"We are pleased that Dr. Kreisle has agreed to continue her excellent leadership as associate dean and

director at the IU School of Medicine – West Lafayette," said Peter Nalin, M.D., executive associate dean for educational affairs. "Dr. Kreisle has also been a leader in advancing our new curriculum as we prepare for our medical school's reaccreditation statewide."

Dr. Kreisle, an adjunct professor of pathology and laboratory medicine at both the IU School of Medicine – West Lafayette and IU School of Medicine – Northwest-Gary, joined the faculty of the IU School of Medicine in 1991. She joined the faculty of Purdue University in 1989 and is a professor of pathobiology at Purdue.

Dr. Kreisle has been active on many of the school's committees including the Education and Curriculum Committee from 1993-1997 and the Curriculum Council Steering Committee since 1997. She has served as statewide competency director for medical knowledge since 2011. Since her appointment as interim director she has been an integral part of the planning and implementation of the new curriculum, serving on Curriculum Design Team 2.5 and was co-leader of the Foundations of Health and Disease Design Team. She is also a co-leader of the Standard 7 accreditation review and Continuous Quality Improvement committees.

She has received many IU Trustee Teaching Awards and was the recipient of the 2010 IU School of Medicine Faculty Teaching Award, the school's highest honor for teaching.

Dr. Kreisle holds both a medical degree and a doctorate in cellular, developmental, and systemic biology from the Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. She completed her postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Wisconsin in the Department of Zoology and Medicine, and an internship in internal medicine at the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics.

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Harrington promoted to associate dean

Maureen Harrington, Ph.D., has been promoted to associate dean of medical student education in foundational sciences. A respected teacher, mentor, and colleague, Dr. Harrington continues as a leader in the development and implementation of the IU School of Medicine's new curriculum.

Dr. Harrington has been serving as assistant dean of medical student education, Phase 1. She has also served as the co-director of the IUSM Medical Scientist Training Program and is a professor of biochemistry and molecular biology.

As associate dean in medical student education, Dr. Harrington will lead faculty and staff for the success of the school's statewide foundational science courses, as well as foster close collaborations among faculty leaders for the application of foundational sciences into the clinical experiences for medical students.

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Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center success brings sixth consecutive five-year grant

Federal officials have recognized the research impact of scientists and physicians working on Alzheimer's disease at the IU School of Medicine, awarding the school its sixth consecutive five-year grant for the [Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center](#).

The renewal brings \$10.6 million in new funding, an increase of \$1.5 million over the \$9.1 million received when the center's funding was last renewed in 2011.

"The renewal reflects the quality and broad range of translational research activities underway at the Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center to increase the scientific understanding of the causes and biological mechanisms of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias," said center director Andrew J. Saykin, Psy.D., Raymond C. Beeler Professor of Radiology and Imaging Sciences, and director of the IU Center for Neuroimaging.

"Research projects include analysis of genetic risk, early detection using advanced MRI and PET brain imaging, and treatment development through identification of novel therapeutic targets, as well as testing of new experimental medications and lifestyle interventions," Dr. Saykin said.

Other major goals include training the next generation of Alzheimer's researchers and clinical providers, and helping inform current patients and their caregivers about new developments in the field and available resources, Dr. Saykin said.

"The renewal of funding for the Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center reflects our deep commitment to understanding and developing new therapies for a disease that will affect millions of people in the coming years," said Jay L. Hess, M.D., Ph.D., M.H.S.A, dean, IU School of Medicine and IU vice president for university clinical affairs.

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Pass/Fail grading system implemented for new Phase 1 courses

The IU School of Medicine Curriculum Council Steering Committee (CCSC) approved the adoption of a Pass/Fail (P/F) grading system for all courses of Phase 1 in the new curriculum, beginning this month. This CCSC decision does *not* apply to the clinical years of the new curriculum (Phase 2 and Phase 3). Current grading systems in the legacy curriculum MS2 will continue, so P/F grading does *not* pertain to the second year basic science courses of 2016-2017.

"As part of this decision-making process, our CCSC sub-committee considered several points, including academic outcomes, student well-being, evaluation and matching of residents, and other factors," said Alan P. Ladd, M.D., chair, Curriculum Council Steering Committee, and professor of pediatric surgery. "Data studied demonstrated no change in performance on Step I test results among students at the many schools that have moved to a P/F grading system."

An [FAQ](#) with more information is available on the New Curriculum website.

For more insights on P/F, [view this video](#).

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Plan to attend Aug. 30 Dean's Office Open House

Students, faculty, and staff are invited to a special Deans' Office Open House on Tuesday, Aug. 30. The event will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at MS 166. Light refreshments will be served.

The Deans' Office at the Van Nuys Medical Science Building officially opened earlier this year and, throughout the summer, Dean Jay Hess and other IU School of Medicine leaders hosted office hours at the space. In addition to fielding questions and ideas from those who dropped by, the deans used the dedicated time to round; introducing themselves to, or getting reacquainted with, students, faculty, and staff.

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Facility renovations upgrade the medical student experience

The latest lab equipment is critical and refreshed lobbies are nice, but if you really want to make life better for medical students nothing beats a comfy chair or sofa for studying, more power outlets for device-charging or a ping-pong table for relieving stress.

Improvements at the Daly Center -- targeted directly at current students, faculty, and employees with a focus on functionality -- are nearly complete.

- The basement student lounge (Daly B071) seems a bit more like home with new furniture, a TV, refrigerators, microwaves, Keurig coffee makers, and even a ping-pong table and a foosball table just for fun.
- The student study area (Daly 179) features new furniture and carpet, more power capabilities, a standing workstation, and artwork from the IU art collection.
- The student fitness center (Daly B070) has been redone with new fitness equipment, safety features, and new flooring.
- Daly 186 has a refreshed look with new wall treatments, new carpet, a kitchenette update, and AV improvements.
- The Medical Research Library features new student hoteling or day-use lockers on the 2nd floor.

The IU School of Medicine Space Planning and Utilization department worked directly with medical students in the design of the Daly Center updates to ensure their comfort, convenience, and connectivity.

"We solicited many students at random to ask not only how they used the space, but also how they would like to use the space," says Courtney Cowley, Space Planning and Utilization. "The students also have a Student Space and Renovation Committee. We met several times and emailed frequently to get ideas. One student even met me at the gaming showroom to weigh in on the ping-pong table and foosball table options. They were a lot of fun to work with, and really opened up to me so we could get a wish list together."

Wishes are starting to come true for others too, with improvement projects in the works at other IU School of Medicine campuses. The Evansville campus is in the final design phases for the Multi-Institutional Academic Health and Science Research Center, which should begin construction in 2017. Bloomington's IU School of Medicine campus will be part of the new Regional Academic Health Center; this large project will be a portion of the new Indiana University Health Bloomington Hospital relocation scheduled for completion by 2020. And a study is underway to evaluate an IU School of Medicine-Northwest-Gary request for a renovation and expansion of their gross anatomy laboratory.

This article is part of the "You asked. We responded." series highlighting examples of ways IUSM is responding to student feedback and input.

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Schwartz and Carlos appointed Phase 2, Phase 3 assistant deans

Jennifer Schwartz, M.D., assistant professor of clinical medicine, has been appointed as assistant dean of medical student education, Phase 2. In this role, Dr. Schwartz will lead a team of professional faculty and staff to advance curricular renewal through implementation of the statewide clinical curriculum, providing oversight of the medical student clinical education program that is competency-based and fully accredited statewide.

W. Graham Carlos III, M.D., assistant professor of clinical medicine, has been appointed as assistant dean of medical student education, Phase 3. In this position, Dr. Carlos will lead faculty and staff to develop, implement, and manage the statewide medical student curriculum for senior medical students. This curriculum will include advanced clinical experiences, professional development, clinical application of key basic science knowledge, and enhanced training in lifelong learning skills to further contribute to student readiness for residency training upon graduation from medical school.

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Faculty and Staff News

Imperiale named first Lawrence Lumeng Professor in Gastroenterology and Hepatology

The IU School of Medicine Department of Medicine has named Thomas Imperiale, M.D., the first Lawrence Lumeng Professor in Gastroenterology and Hepatology.

Dr. Imperiale, professor of medicine, is a practicing gastroenterologist and holds research appointments at the IU Center for Health Services and Outcomes Research, the VA Center for Health Information and Communication, and Regenstrief Institute's William M. Tierney Center for Health Services Research. He is considered an international authority in novel methods for colorectal cancer screening and has been published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, and other top-tier subspecialty journals.

This endowed professorship is named after Dr. Lawrence Lumeng, who was the division director of gastroenterology and hepatology from 1983 to 2007.

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Scheel receives USAID grant to help fight Zika

Molly Duman Scheel, Ph.D., IUSM – South Bend associate professor of medical and molecular genetics, has received a grant from the United States Agency for International Development to pursue a solution to the Zika outbreak. One of 21 such awards, Dr. Scheel's grant is part of the USAID's \$30 million program "Combating Zika and Future Threats: A Grand Challenge for Development." Some 900 researchers and institutions applied for the funding.

Dr. Scheel and a team of researchers from IUSM – South Bend and the University of Notre Dame are developing an insecticide that destroys *Aedes aegypti* larvae before the mosquitos are able to take flight and transmit disease.

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Student News

IUSM – Fort Wayne hosts high school Careers in Medicine

Eight students from five Fort Wayne high schools participated in a program for students interested in careers in medicine July 25 - Aug.2 . The program provided students with opportunities to learn about medical school curriculum, basic science and clinical research, and a chance to meet with healthcare professionals to learn about interprofessional practices and CPR training.

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Opportunities

2017 IU Health Values Fund grant proposals due Nov. 4

Applications are now available for the 2017 IU Health Values Fund grants. The four grant programs include:

Values Fund for Research -- Letter of intent due Oct. 21, 2016; proposals due Nov. 4, 2016; maximum award of \$100,000 over two years.


Values Fund for Medical Education -- Letter of intent is not required; proposals due Nov. 4, 2016; maximum award of \$100,000 over two years.

Integration of Religious and Spiritual Dimensions in Health Care Grant Program – Suggested letter of intent due Oct. 14, 2016; proposals due Nov. 4, 2016; maximum award of \$100,000 over two years.

Grand Challenge for Population Health -- Letter of intent due Oct. 21, 2016; proposals due Nov. 4, 2016; maximum award of \$500,000 over two years.

Eligible applicants are employees of any IU Health facility, physicians, and health professionals with IU Health medical staff privileges, or persons holding an official appointment at IU Health. Application requirements vary among the four grant programs, so applicants should carefully review the full instructions.

Share this announcement with others who may have an interest in these grants opportunities.

Application materials are available on the [CTSI HUB grant system](#). You may also receive materials by contacting Peter M. Michael at 317-962-2373  or pmichael@iuhealth.org.

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Beering Award Lecture is Sept. 20

Jeffrey I. Gordon, M.D., director, Center for Genome Sciences and Systems Biology, Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, will deliver the 2016 Steven C. Beering Award Lecture on Tuesday, Sept. 20, from 3 to 4:15 p.m. in Walther Hall (R3), Room 203. Dr. Gordon's lecture is titled "The Gut Microbiota and Childhood Undernutrition." Registration is available at faculty.medicine.iu.edu.

Dr. Gordon will also deliver the 2016 Beering Student Lecture, "A Microbial View of Human Nutrition: Opportunities and Challenges," on Monday, Sept. 19, from 4 to 5 p.m. in Walther Hall (R3), Room 203.

For more information about the lectures, contact the IUSM Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development at 317-278-3089 or ofapd@iupui.edu.

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Indiana CTSI annual meeting, Watanabe Prize Lecture scheduled for Sept. 23

Plan to attend the eighth annual meeting of the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute and awarding of the third Watanabe Prize in Translational Research on Friday, Sept. 23. The meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Hine Hall on the IUPUI campus.

The Watanabe Prize in Translational Research presented by Indiana CTSI and IU School of Medicine recognizes a member of the scientific or medical community who has achieved outstanding accomplishments in translational research. This year's recipient, Dr. Robert Lefkowitz, James B. Duke Professor of Medicine at Duke University and a Nobel Laureate in chemistry, will spend several days in Indiana to share his knowledge with audiences at IU School of Medicine and partner institutions. The Indiana CTSI annual meeting will also highlight two outstanding young investigators named Watanabe Translational Scholars. They will present a brief overview of their research during the event and will be mentored by Dr. Lefkowitz over the next two years.

[Register](#) to attend the meeting.

Now accepting poster abstracts

The Indiana CTSI will host a poster session as part of the 2016 annual meeting. The poster session is open to Indiana CTSI trainees (KL2, TL1), Indiana CTSI supported researchers, Indiana CTSI program services, Indiana CTSI program partnerships, and others. There will be prizes for trainees and investigator categories. [Submit poster abstracts here](#) by Friday, Sept. 2.

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Watanabe Translational Scholars applications due Sept. 1

The Watanabe Prize for Translational Research and the selection of two Watanabe Translational Scholars will be presented this year by the IU School of Medicine. The awards are named after the late August M. Watanabe, an IU School of Medicine alumnus whose illustrious career spanned academia, and the pharmaceutical and life science industries.

Applications are now being accepted for the Watanabe Translational Scholar Awards. The two selected scholars hold the Watanabe Scholar title for two years, present on their work during the annual Indiana CTSI

Meeting (Friday, Sept. 23), and under the program will benefit from the mentorship of Robert J. Lefkowitz, M.D., James B. Duke Professor of Medicine and professor of biochemistry at Duke University Medical Center. Dr. Lefkowitz is the recipient of the 2016 Watanabe Prize for Translational Research. In addition, scholars receive \$5,000 for travel and mentor meetings.

Junior faculty members holding the title of assistant professor, in tenure positions and focused on conducting translational research are eligible to apply. Application materials should be sent to Suzanne Galbraith at sgalbrai@regenstrief.org by Thursday, Sept. 1, 2016, and include the following:

- Applicant's name, title, and contact information
- Applicant's CV
- A one-page statement of interest summarizing the applicant's current program of research and how informal mentoring from Dr. Lefkowitz will help advance the applicant's program of research.

Applicants will be notified of a decision in mid-September.

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NIH director tours AMPATH clinic sites

Earlier this month, National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director Francis Collins visited Eldoret, Kenya, to tour AMPATH clinic sites and meet with clinicians, students, and researchers. This visit marked the first by a current NIH director. Collins and his delegation traveled to the rural Turbo Health Centre and toured the Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital campus, which included visiting the AMPATH Centre, Riley Mother and Baby Hospital, and the new Chandaria Cancer and Chronic Diseases Centre -- all constructed by philanthropic funding through the IU Center for Global Health.

AMPATH (Academic Model Providing Access to Healthcare) is the cornerstone of the IU Center for Global Health. Created in 2001 in response to the HIV crisis in western Kenya, AMPATH is a partnership between Moi Teaching and Referral Hospital and the Moi University School of Medicine and a consortium of North American academic health centers led by IU School of Medicine.

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Eskenazi Health develops new concepts to decrease readmissions

The transition from inpatient to outpatient medical care can be a challenging process and can lead to frustration for both patients and health care providers. Hospital readmissions and adverse outcomes are unfortunate consequences of these challenges.

A new approach at Eskenazi Health has started to reverse these outcomes and the goal is to continue to see readmission numbers drop as the program develops. Through the work of Eskenazi Health Transition

Support, the hospital system provides multidisciplinary care to each patient as they transition from inpatient to outpatient.

Data tracking of the most common conditions resulting in readmission shows Eskenazi Health has seen a 10 percent drop when comparing numbers from the same time period a year ago. The common conditions analyzed include acute myocardial infarction, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, congestive heart failure, and pneumonia, as defined by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services.

A new concept that has been introduced is the Eskenazi Health Center Transitional Care Clinic. There are two groups of patients that the clinic is targeting. The first group includes patients hospitalized who do not have a primary care physician. The second group includes patients who have been determined to be at a high risk for readmission or death within 30 days of discharge.

"Despite careful planning and ample resources, preventing readmissions hasn't been a straightforward endeavor," said Kevin Tolliver, M.D., medical director, Eskenazi Health Center Transitional Care Clinic and assistant professor of clinical medicine, IUSM.

For more, visit eskenazihealth.edu.

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Regenstrief project assembles health info from different EMRs

If you are rushed to a hospital in an emergency, is your complete medical record available to those caring for you? According to clinician-informaticians of the Regenstrief Institute, the answer to this question is almost always "no." Not having complete health information available often results in subpar care and can endanger patients.

To help solve this complex problem, the [Regenstrief Center for Biomedical Informatics](#) is pilot-testing a new, efficient method for compiling healthcare information electronically. Regenstrief has used this method, known as the Fast Healthcare Interoperability Standard (FHIR for short, pronounced "fire"), to merge data from individual electronic medical records with those stored in the Indiana Network for Patient Care (INPC), Indiana's common framework for health information exchange.

"What we are working on is a first and could have a huge impact on patients whose health information is distributed across multiple electronic systems -- probably the vast majority of the people in the United States," said Titus Schleyer, D.M.D., Ph.D., a Regenstrief Institute investigator and Clem McDonald Professor of Biomedical Informatics at IU School of Medicine. "Using FHIR, we can combine information about a specific patient stored in systems developed by different vendors and installed in different healthcare institutions. This brings us much closer to a 'lingua franca' for health information, so clinicians finally have complete information available about their patients."


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Indy -- Sept. 14 Merritt lecture to address transgender health

Transgender Health: How to Care for Your Patient is the topic of the 16th annual Doris H. Merritt, M.D., Lectureship in Women's Health. The event will be held from 8:15 to 9:15 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 14, with a panel discussion to follow. The lecture will be presented by Asa Radix, M.D., Ph.D., M.P.H., in Walther Hall Auditorium.

This activity is sponsored by the Indiana University National Center of Excellence in Women's Health and has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)* by the Indiana University School of Medicine. For more information, contact Teri Duell at 317-948-2264  or tbduell@iu.edu.

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