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Top News

Ladd and Allen named Curriculum Council Steering Committee co-chairs

Alan P. Ladd, MD, professor of surgery, and Bradley L. Allen, MD, PhD, senior associate dean for medical student education, have been named co-chairs of the Curriculum Council Steering Committee (CCSC) for 2016-2017.

These appointments, supported by Peter M. Nalin, MD, executive associate dean for educational affairs, and endorsed by Mary Dankoski, PhD, executive associate dean for faculty affairs and professional development, were effective Oct. 1.

"Due to the growing responsibilities of CCSC and its subcommittees, we're delighted that two leaders can direct the CCSC forward to one goal of reaccreditation for our statewide medical school," said Dr. Nalin. Dr. Ladd continues in the role, and Dr. Allen begins in the co-chair role, consistent with his duties as senior associate dean for medical student education.


The CCSC adopts and directs the curriculum for the Indiana University School of Medicine and has oversight responsibilities for ensuring implementation, including improving the curriculum across nine campuses to ensure equivalency of the curriculum and fulfillment of LCME standards for curricular management.

"The Curriculum Council Steering Committee exercises its authority and oversight on behalf of the IUSM faculty statewide. As we implement the new curriculum and implement new systems to monitor the curriculum and its outcomes, the number of essential actions performed by the CCSC will be high," said Dr. Allen.

"We are fortunate that the committee is closely aligned with our talented statewide staff for medical student education, to the benefit of our medical students and our faculty, statewide," Dr. Ladd said.

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New Identity Guide to strengthen school brand

A distinctive, consistent and well-managed identity system helps any organization build recognition. Indiana University School of Medicine has taken a key step to strengthen its brand with the release of an  **Identity and Style Guide**. Developed and overseen by the Office of Strategic Communications, the guide includes details on the use of the school's new marketing lock up and the standard IU School of Medicine signature, which can incorporate department or center names.

"The signature has been adjusted so that the IU School of Medicine name is kept whole, with the department name re-positioned," explained Holly Vonderheit, director of strategic communications. "If you are looking to reprint materials, please consult with us so that we can give you a revised signature or help you consider if using the new block logo is appropriate."

A significant change in visual standards includes the elimination of any stock photography to depict faculty, staff or students. Use of stock photography will be limited to other purposes, and more details are included in the guide. Other applications of the school's identity are highlighted, including video and promotional materials.

Direct questions about the guidelines to: vismedia@iu.edu.

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Views from the Road to Accreditation

To prepare for Indiana University School of Medicine's reaccreditation site visit in April 2017, the school is focusing on actions that improve teaching and learning. The successful launch of the new Phase I curriculum, recent facilities enhancements, and the mentoring and advising program (MAP) are just a few examples.

In a message yesterday to the IU School of Medicine community, Dean Jay Hess, MD, PhD, MHSA, shared progress to date, highlighted in this [video](#). Watch for more Views from the Road to Accreditation in messages from the dean later this fall.

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Research News

Tumors' alternative energy source could be new target for melanoma therapy

Melanoma tumors switch to an alternative energy system when they develop resistance to chemotherapy, making that alternative system an attractive target for new treatments, according to researchers at Indiana University School of Medicine.

Malignant melanoma is one of the most lethal forms of cancer, responsible for 95 percent of skin cancer-related deaths. When the cancer has not spread, surgery is an effective treatment option. If it has spread, drugs that block the activity of the mutated gene successfully shrink the tumors, but the tumors eventually develop resistance to the drugs, leaving physicians without effective treatment options.

The research, recently published in the [Journal of Biological Chemistry](#), focused on the subtype of malignant melanoma that contains a particular genetic mutation found in nearly 50 percent of such tumors.

Like most cells in the body, cancer cells process glucose to provide the energy needed for cellular activities and proliferation. However, previous research with PET scans has shown that glucose levels drop significantly in melanoma tumor cells as they develop resistance to drugs.

In the new study, researchers led by Samisubbu R. Naidu, PhD, research assistant professor of microbiology and immunology, determined that more than half of malignant melanomas, those carrying the mutant gene, shifted from using glucose to acetate as a main source of energy. The researchers also identified the enzyme responsible for conversion of acetate into energy.

These findings highlight the potential of this enzyme as a novel target for a new anti-melanoma therapy, Dr. Naidu said.

"If we can develop a drug that can effectively inhibit this enzyme, we could extend the life of melanoma patients from months to years," he said.

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

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Student News

IU Student Outreach Clinic open house is Saturday

Learn about the Indiana University Student Outreach Clinic (IUSOC) and how you can participate at the clinic's annual open house from 1-3 pm, Saturday, Oct. 8. The IUSOC is located at Neighborhood Fellowship Church, 3102 East 10th St., in Indianapolis.

In 2009, a group of motivated students started Indiana's first student-led clinic in partnership with the Neighborhood Fellowship Church to provide free medical care services for a community in need. Since then, IUSOC has secured and strengthened academic and community partnerships, leading to a tremendous growth in services. IUSOC is not only the largest cross-disciplinary service-learning program at IUPUI, it is also nationally recognized for its strengths in interprofessional education and team-based care.

The clinic is staffed by students from IU School of Medicine and five other IU schools. The Butler University College of Pharmacy, the University of Indianapolis Krannert School of Physical Therapy and IUPUI Timmy Global Health students also participate and provide services in the clinic.

For more information about the open house,  [view the event flyer](#).

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Terre Haute students: attend Oct. 12 curriculum feedback forum

The next new curriculum student forum will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 12, in Terre Haute. Maureen Harrington, PhD, associate dean, medical student education in foundational sciences, is conducting a statewide tour of IU School of Medicine campuses to talk about the Phase 1 and Legacy curricula. The open platform sessions for MS1 and MS2 students offer students a chance to check in and give feedback on the curriculum. Details on upcoming sessions at other campuses are listed below.

Date	Time	IU School of Medicine Campus	Location/Room
Oct. 12	5:30 pm Eastern	Terre Haute	Classroom 3, Landsbaum Center for Health Education, 1433 N. 6 1/2 St., Terre Haute; parking is free in front of the building
Nov. 2	5:30 pm Eastern	West Lafayette	Lyles Porter Hall, Room 1160, 715 Clinic Drive, West Lafayette
Nov. 16	5:30 pm Eastern	Bloomington	Jordan Hall 009
Nov. 30	5:30 pm Eastern	Muncie	E.F. Ball Med Ed Building, Room 226, 221 N. Celia Ave., Muncie

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Partner News

Eskenazi Health and Internal Medicine SIG to present Oct. 15 health fair

Free health screenings and wellness information will be offered at the annual Eskenazi Health Center Westside Health Fair from 9 am-1pm, Saturday, Oct. 15. The health fair is open to the community and is organized and run by the Indiana University School of Medicine Internal Medicine Student Interest Group. This year's fair will feature a limited number of free adult flu shots. The health fair will be held at the Eskenazi Health Center, 2732 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis.

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Opportunities

IU Health Values Fund program letters of intent due Oct. 14 and 21

Letters of intent for three of the four 2017 IU Health Values Fund grant programs are due on either Oct. 14 or Oct. 21. 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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Apply for Doris Duke Charitable Foundation clinical scientist award

The Doris Duke Charitable Foundation is accepting pre-proposals from junior physician-scientist faculty members conducting clinical research in any disease area. Competitive applicants are expected to have research experience and publication records consistent with the rank of assistant professor. The foundation's clinical scientist development award does not require institutional nomination. Pre-proposals are due Tuesday, Nov. 29, and 50 applicants will be invited to submit a full proposal.

For application details, visit ddcf.org.

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Partners in Health founder Paul Farmer, MD, to speak Oct. 17

Join world-renowned anthropologist and physician Paul Farmer, MD, from Partners in Health and Harvard Medical School at a special presentation and book signing at 7 pm, Monday, Oct. 17, in the IUPUI Campus Center, Room 450. The event is sponsored by the IU Center for Global Health and Eli Lilly and Company. [View this flyer](#), which includes a registration link, for more information. The event is free and open to the public.

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Research on-boarding orientation set for Oct. 13

IUPUI faculty, with special emphasis on junior faculty, are invited to attend the IUPUI Research On-Boarding Orientation from 9 am-3 pm, Thursday, Oct. 13, in the IUPUI Campus Center. Sponsored by the Office of the Vice Chancellor, the orientation will help faculty:

- Gain a better understanding of the IUPUI campus-level research organizational structure
- Learn about programs and services to help faculty succeed in their research and creative activities
- Receive insights from current faculty about how they were able to achieve early success
- Meet new research colleagues and possibly explore potential collaborations

For details, event schedule and registration, visit research.iupui.edu.

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Abonour and Schreiner to carry torch in bicentennial relay next week

Two IU School of Medicine physicians will serve as torchbearers next week during the closing days of the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay.

Rafat Abonour, MD, professor of medicine, pathology and laboratory medicine, will carry the torch in Boone County on Thursday, Oct. 13. Richard L. Schreiner, MD, Edwin L. Gresham Professor Emeritus of Pediatrics, IU School of Medicine Department of Pediatrics, will carry the torch on Saturday, Oct. 15, in Marion County.

The relay began on Sept. 9 in Corydon, Indiana, the state's first capital. It will conclude on Oct. 15 at the Indiana Statehouse in downtown Indianapolis. More information is available on the [torch relay website](#).

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Reuters ranks IU among world's most innovative universities

Once again, Indiana University ranks among the world's 50 most innovative universities, climbing 12 spots above last year's performance in a Reuters News analysis of patent and publishing data from more than 600 research institutions worldwide.


The latest findings of [The Reuters 100: The World's Most Innovative Universities](#), released Sept. 29, finds IU ranked 37th worldwide and 25th among U.S. universities. Last year's study placed IU 49th worldwide and 33rd among U.S. universities. Ten of the Top 100, including IU, are part of the Big Ten Academic Alliance, an academic consortium formerly known as the Committee on Institutional Cooperation.

To read the full news release, visit the [IU School of Medicine Newsroom](#).

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Around Campus

Indianapolis - Health careers info session is Oct. 28

Learn about careers in the health sciences, medicine, occupational therapy and physical therapy during an information session from 1-4 pm, Friday, Oct. 28, at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute, Room 103, on the IUPUI campus. Admissions information and tours will be available. The event is hosted by the IU School of Medicine and the IU School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences admissions offices.  [This flyer](#) includes more information.

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