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Enhancing the learning environment

With a commitment to maintain the highest standards of professionalism and driven by student input, several improvements have been made to address allegations of mistreatment and professional misconduct, including the opening of IU School of Medicine's first Office of Ombuds planned for later this fall.

The Teacher-Learner Conduct Policy is the most recent enhancement, formalizing the interpretation and implementation of the school's policy for addressing behaviors that interfere with effective teaching and learning. This policy is a supplement to the university-wide Code of Academic Ethics that outlines the professional conduct of faculty members in their interactions with students, and applies to all faculty and learners (medical students, graduate students, residents and fellows) participating in IU School of Medicine educational programs at all nine campuses and their designated learning sites.

The policy outlines the procedures to report issues that threaten the learning and professional environment. "Through this formal policy document students can have a clear idea of the redress process and be assured that their complaints are taken seriously," said Mary Dankoski, PhD, executive associate dean for faculty affairs and professional development, ex-officio member of the Teacher-Learner Advocacy Committee (TLAC).

In addition, earlier this year, all learners and faculty were invited to complete the IU School of Medicine Tolerance Survey which was designed to provide information regarding patterns of mistreatment across the school. The results of the survey are currently being used to develop targeted initiatives and a more robust system for ongoing monitoring and intervention.

Student feedback contributed significantly to reviews of the current model, driving the formalization of the procedures through the revised policy and the creation of the ombuds office. Student input will continue to be solicited as the system for addressing mistreatment is enhanced and the ombuds office is launched.

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Views from the Road to Accreditation

In a message sent earlier this week to the IU School of Medicine community, Dean Jay Hess, MD, PhD, MHSA, highlighted the new curriculum and enhancements to the school's advising and mentoring support. Now, in addition to individual lead advisors, students have frequent interaction with faculty and career advisors, and student mentors. This new Academic and Career Mentoring Program, part of the school's continuous quality improvement and reaccreditation efforts, is designed to help students navigate medical school and successfully match into the residency program that meets their needs.

This [video](#) includes details about the curriculum changes, as well as perspectives from students on the enhanced academic and career mentoring initiatives. Look for the next *Views from the Road to Accreditation* later this month.

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School continues reaccreditation preparations

Preparation continues for IU School of Medicine's reaccreditation site visit in April 2017. Since the conclusion of Mock Site Visit 2 in September, LCME improvement committees have been engaged in focused efforts to address the highest-priority areas identified by the mock site visit evaluators. Relevant improvement updates are being closely tracked in more than 90 quad chart documents. Aligned with the various LCME accreditation standards, the quad charts give leadership insight into key accomplishments, progress and needs related to the standards. As improvement work continues, relevant updates will be included in the school's Data Collection Instrument (DCI), required for reaccreditation, by Nov. 30.

Additionally, mock 2 evaluator Paul Wallach, MD, vice dean for academic affairs, Medical College of Georgia, and his colleague, Andria Thomas, PhD, continue to support the school in preparation for Mock Site Visit 3 in February and the April site visit. Drs. Wallach and Thomas have recent experience in reaccreditation at the Medical College of Georgia, which has five regional campuses.

For more on the reaccreditation effort, visit [Road to Accreditation](#).

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Regenstrief Institute taps OSU's Embi as new leader

Peter J. Embi, MD, MS, an internationally recognized expert in biomedical informatics, has been named the new president and chief executive officer of the Regenstrief Institute Inc., a global leader dedicated to improving health and healthcare through innovations and research in biomedical informatics, health services and aging. Regenstrief, a supporting organization of Indiana University School of Medicine, has several regional partners that include IU Health and Eskenazi Health.

Dr. Embi, currently interim chair of the Department of Biomedical Informatics and associate dean for research informatics at The Ohio State University's College of Medicine, will join Regenstrief in December of this year.

"This is a critical time for health care and biomedical research; and the work our investigators do, in collaboration with our health care partners, is essential to transforming the way we practice," Dr. Embi said. "I am very enthusiastic about the impacts we can have on the health of our patients and communities, and I am honored by the opportunity to lead the Regenstrief Institute into the future."

"I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead for Regenstrief Institute as Dr. Embi assumes the role of

president and CEO. I believe Peter's leadership style and vision are the fuel needed to ignite the change needed for our future, which will further secure our preeminent status in the health informatics community," said Thane Peterson, executive operating officer of Regenstrief Institute.

"Dr. Embi's expertise and leadership experience will be key as we develop projects and recruit investigators for the Precision Health Initiative," said Anantha Shekhar, MD, PhD, executive associate dean for research affairs and director of the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute. The Precision Health Initiative, funded by IU's Grand Challenges Initiative, will develop the school's expertise in precision medicine.

For more about Dr. Embi, read the [full news release](#) in IU School of Medicine Newsroom.

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Research News

Data suggests lack of physician awareness of Indiana's surrogate decision-making laws

A researcher from the IU School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences is working to uncover misunderstandings surrounding Indiana's health care surrogate decision-making laws.

With the goal of aiding Indiana lawmakers' efforts to improve antiquated laws, Amber Comer, an assistant professor in the school's Department of Health Sciences, and colleagues from the IU School of Medicine and Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health have investigated the effectiveness of the laws, releasing valuable data on physician awareness of surrogate decision-making.

In a recently published study that surveyed more than 400 Indiana physicians, the researchers discovered that only 48 percent of the health care providers fully understood the state laws regarding surrogate decision-making, and 98 percent would willingly disregard the law to allow non-legal surrogates, such as grandchildren, to make critical health care decisions.

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

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IUPUI research awards increased by \$40.5 million in 2016

The IUPUI Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research has released funding results for fiscal year 2016 showing research awards campuswide totaled \$428.9 million, a \$40.5 million increase over 2015.

Counting only non-IU School of Medicine awards, the campus received \$67.2 million in research awards in 2016, compared to \$58.1 million in 2015, a 16 percent increase.

The increase in research awards reflects, in part, the support of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research to advance innovative research and creative activity.

Funding awards for 2016 show an increase in National Science Foundation awards, one of the office's strategic goals. NSF funding rose from \$5.2 million in 2015 to \$7.9 million in 2016.

More details are available in [IU School of Medicine Newsroom](#).

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Faculty and Staff News

Health and Benefits Fair is Friday

The IUPUI Health and Benefits Fair for employees will be held from 9 am-3 pm, Friday, Oct. 21, at the Campus Center. The fair will feature health screenings, a cooking demonstration, produce market, workshops and information sessions. Information sessions include IU retiree health plan options, open enrollment information, and understanding the high-deductible health plan and health savings account.

A limited number of free health screenings is available. Pre-register with Healthy IU at healthyu@indiana.edu or call 812.855.7859. Full-time, benefit-eligible faculty and staff will receive a \$100 (before tax) health screening incentive. For the health fair information session schedule, [view this flyer](#).

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Nov. 15: Faculty Development in Simulation Day

Health care educators who want to learn about the latest simulation technology are encouraged to attend Faculty Development in Simulation Day from 8 am-4 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 15, in the Simulation Center at Fairbanks Hall, 340 W. 10th St., Indianapolis. Topics include introduction to simulation education, case development and running a simulation. Six hours of CE and CME credit will be offered. For more information, [view this informational flyer](#). To register, visit faculty.medicine.iu.edu/sim.

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Student News

ISA 2.0 survey opens Friday

IU School of Medicine students have prepared a second independent student analysis, known as ISA 2.0, to gather student feedback about topics related to academics and learning environments at the school. This is a follow up to the [first ISA](#) conducted in Spring 2015, which garnered a student response rate of more than 90 percent. ISA 2.0 is more focused and will help evaluate the effectiveness of improvements implemented since the first survey was conducted.

All current students will receive an email with the survey link on Friday, Oct. 21. Completing the survey, which will remain open for one week, should take no longer than 20 minutes. Questions? Contact rateIUSM@iupui.edu.

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Dr. Allen to host student office hours

Bradley Allen, MD, PhD, senior associate dean, Medical Student Education, will hold office hours in the Medical Science Building, MS 166, on the Indianapolis campus several times before the end of December. Students are invited to visit during the following times to ask questions, share feedback or offer suggestions:

Friday, Oct. 21; noon-1 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 9; noon-1 pm

Monday, Nov. 14; 11 am-noon

Monday, Nov. 21; 11:30 am-12:30 pm

Wednesday, Nov. 30; noon-1 pm

Friday, Dec. 9; noon-1 pm

Monday, Dec. 12; 11:30 am-12:30 pm

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Opportunities

Nov. 4 is deadline for IU Health Values Fund programs

The deadline to submit proposals for the four 2017 Indiana University Health Values Fund grant programs is Friday, Nov. 4. 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 grant 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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Flu shots now available

Free flu shots are now available through IUPUI Campus Health for all faculty, staff and students. Faculty and staff can get flu shots at Campus Health in Coleman Hall or one of the many Flu Shot Outreach Clinics organized by Campus Health. Students can get flu shots at Campus Health, a Flu Shot Outreach Clinic or Campus Center Student Health.

All faculty, staff and students will need to show a Jagtag. Students will also be asked to show an insurance card, though they can get a free flu shot regardless of whether they have an insurance card.

For specific information regarding clinic times and outreach clinics, faculty and staff should check the [Campus Health website](#). Students should check the [Student Health website](#) for information on Student Health hours and the outreach clinics.

The deadline for clinical faculty, house staff and students who see patients or work in a hospital with a mandatory flu vaccine policy is Thursday, Nov. 10. House staff and students are advised to get a flu shot from Campus Health, which will automatically track compliance with the deadline.

Questions? Email healthsv@iupui.edu.

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Oct. 31 event to address accelerating academic drug discovery

Vincent Groppi, MD, director of the Center for the Discovery of New Medicines and the Center for Chemical Genomics at the University of Michigan Life Sciences Institute, will be the featured speaker at the Translational Research and Entrepreneurship Seminar from 10-11 am, Monday, Oct. 31. The presentation will be held in the HITS Building in downtown Indianapolis. The title of Dr. Groppi's presentation is "Innovative Strategies to Accelerate Academic Drug Discovery."  [View this flyer](#) for more information.

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Trauma and surgical critical care symposium is Nov. 4

The Smith Level I Shock Trauma Center at Eskenazi Health will host the 23rd annual Trauma and Surgical Critical Care Symposium from 7:15 am-4:25 pm, Friday, Nov. 4, at Eskenazi Health in the Rapp Family Conference Center.

The symposium is designed to provide physicians, nurses and other health care professionals who care for trauma and critically ill patients with an in-depth look at trauma. Controversial issues, as well as advances in diagnosis and management of patients, will be discussed. Lectures will be presented by national and international faculty specializing in trauma surgery and critical care. The conference will cover a variety of topics for physicians, nurses, EMS personnel and other health care providers.

For more information or to register for the event, visit the [CME website calendar](#).

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Alumni association seeks award nominations

The deadline to nominate a colleague for the IU School of Medicine Alumni Association awards is Friday, Nov. 11. Nominations are being accepted for the Distinguished Alumni Award; George W. Sorrells, Jr., MD, Community Physician Award; Glenn W. Irwin, Jr., MD, Distinguished Faculty Award; and the Early Career Achievement Award.

Award descriptions and nomination details are available at medicine.iu.edu. Questions? Contact Ryan Bowman, director of alumni relations, at rsbowman@iu.edu.

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Around Campus

Indy – Oct. 28 health careers info session

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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Indy – IUPUI Day of Caring is Oct. 29

Each fall, IUPUI partners with United Way to host Day of Caring--taking place Saturday, Oct. 29, this year--to engage students, faculty and staff in service with the Indianapolis community. Volunteers impact many nonprofit organizations and the community by helping complete projects the organization might not have enough time, staff or money to address.

[More information and registration](#) are available online. With questions, contact commserve@iupui.edu or 317-278-2662 .

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