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Top News

Egan joins IU School of Medicine to lead Precision Health Initiative

Carmel Egan, PhD, a top project management and product development executive at Eli Lilly and Company, has joined Indiana University School of Medicine as project leader of IU's Precision Health Initiative.

Dr. Egan, vice president, medicines development unit at Lilly, has held a series of leadership positions at the pharmaceutical company. Prior to her current position, she served as vice president of special Alzheimer's disease initiatives in Lilly's Biomedicines Business Unit.

She will coordinate activities of the Precision Health Initiative as part of her role as associate dean for research affairs at the school. Dr. Egan has also been named chief operating officer of the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute.

The Precision Health Initiative, funded in part by the IU Grand Challenges program, is a \$120 million multi-campus effort to incorporate the genetic, developmental, behavioral and environmental factors that contribute to an individual's health and develop highly targeted therapies that will improve the well-being of both individuals and the community.

Dr. Egan, who received her PhD in chemistry from University College Dublin in Ireland, joined Eli Lilly and Company in 1986.

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Wurtz appointed orthopaedic surgery chair

L. Daniel Wurtz, MD, was appointed chair of the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery, having served as interim chair since July 2015.

Dr. Wurtz, whose practice specialty is orthopedic surgical oncology, joined the Indiana University School of Medicine faculty in 1997. In addition to treating adult and pediatric patients at IU School of Medicine's partner hospitals and clinics, Dr. Wurtz has served as the orthopaedic service line leader, chief of musculoskeletal surgical oncology, director of the Bone Cancer Research Fund at the IU Foundation, and orthopaedic surgery residency program director.

He is an affiliate member of IU Simon Cancer Center and is co-director of the sarcoma service at IU Simon Cancer Center. Dr. Wurtz is a member of numerous professional organizations and has been honored many times for his work as an educator for learners at all levels at IU School of Medicine.

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Statewide student forums help evaluate curriculum

With the aim of driving relevant and student-centered changes to medical education, Indiana University School of Medicine is seeking student input to support improvements and enhancements. Maureen Harrington, PhD, associate dean, medical student education in foundational sciences, has been traveling to the school's statewide campuses, soliciting feedback on the Phase I and Legacy curricula from MS1 and MS2 students.

"In these sessions, students have an opportunity to voice their concerns and bring suggestions for improvements. It is incredibly important that students attend a forum, so that I can understand their concerns and with their help develop strategies to address them where possible," says Dr. Harrington.

These open forums have received tremendous responses from students on the six campuses Dr. Harrington has visited so far. The forums are also avenues to provide direction on the new curriculum and give context to decisions regarding changes, as they are made.

"In the implementation of a new curriculum, there's faculty-perspective and student-perspective. My goal is to create a shared vision. Therefore, it is important to have these conversations to find out what's happening statewide," Dr. Harrington added.

Topics brought forth in the feedback forums will be reviewed and acted upon, to make the curriculum relevant, following best practices in medical education. Dr. Harrington will visit West Lafayette, Bloomington and Muncie in November. MS1 and MS2 students from these campuses are encouraged to participate in their respective campus forum. Details on dates and venues for upcoming sessions are listed below.

Date	Time	IUSM Campus	Room
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

Students who could not attend sessions at other campuses can email their concerns along with suggested solutions to [Dr. Maureen Harrington](#).

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Plan ahead for InScope holiday publication schedule

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, InScope will not be distributed on Thursday, Nov. 24. Publication will resume on Thursday, Dec. 1. The last 2016 issue of InScope will be published on Thursday, Dec. 15 with the first issue of 2017 distributed on Thursday, Jan. 5.

Planning for the remaining 2016 issues is underway, so submit news items for November and December issues as soon as possible to scopemed@iu.edu.

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Student News

West Lafayette MS1 and MS2 students: curriculum forum is Nov. 2

The next curriculum student forum will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 2, in West Lafayette. The forum will begin at 5:30 pm in Lyles Porter Hall, Room 1160. This open platform session for MS1 and MS2 students, conducted by Maureen Harrington, PhD, associate dean, medical student education in foundational sciences, offers students a chance to check in and give feedback on the curriculum. (See related story in this issue of InScope.)

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Attend Friday's MSE fall festival and open house

Celebrate the joys of fall and engage with faculty, staff and academic offices at the Medical Student Education (MSE) fall festival and open house on Friday, Oct. 28. The event will be held from 11 am-1 pm at the Van Nuys Medical Science and Daly buildings on the IUPUI campus. For more information, contact Rachael Urso, Medical Student Education, at rurso@iu.edu.

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ISA 2.0 survey deadline is 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.

Last week, all current students should have received an email with the survey link. The survey will be open through Friday, Oct. 28. Questions? Contact ratelUSM@iupui.edu.

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Opportunities

Alpha Omega Alpha seeks award submissions

The Indiana chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Medical Society seeks applications and nominations for AOA's 2017 awards programs. Deadlines vary by program, but most are Dec. 30, 2016.

Awards include:

- Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research
- Edward D. Harris Professionalism Award
- Fellow in Leadership Award
- Medical Student Service Leadership Project
- Moser Award
- Postgraduate Award
- Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award
- *Pharos* Student Poetry Contest

For award descriptions and application information, visit alphaomegaalpha.org. Questions? Contact Richard Gunderman, MD, PhD, at rbgunder@iu.edu.

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IU Center for Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases to fund three projects

A primary research-related activity of the IU Center for Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases (CDMD) Pilot and Feasibility (P&F) program is to foster the development of new diabetes-related investigators and provide seed-support for innovative, high-risk projects. The CDMD P&F program can fund up to three meritorious proposals at up to \$45,000 each.

Investigators at Indiana University, IUPUI and Purdue University are eligible. The program is particularly directed at new investigators and established investigators new to diabetes-related research. Proposals will also be considered from established diabetes investigators pursuing high-impact/high-risk projects or projects that are a significant departure from their usual work.

For details and application information, visit indianactsi.org.

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Timmy Global Health founder to speak Nov. 15

Chuck Dietzen, MD, founder of Timmy Global Health and associate professor of clinical pediatrics, IU School of Medicine, will speak on “The Mission of Healthcare” from noon-1 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 15, in Walther Hall, Room C203. All are welcome, and lunch will be provided. The presentation is hosted by the Catholic Medical Association Student Interest Group at IU School of Medicine. Questions? Contact cmasig@iupui.edu.

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Still need your flu shot?

Free flu shots are 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.

Have questions? Email healthsv@iupui.edu.

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Around Campus

Indy – State of the Campus is Nov. 1

IUPUI Chancellor Nasser Paydar will deliver his State of the Campus address from 4-5 pm, Tuesday, Nov. 1, in the Campus Center Theater.

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South Bend – Admissions office to host Nov. 5 info session

The Indiana University School of Medicine Admissions Office is hosting a medical school admissions information session from 9-11 am, Saturday, Nov. 5, in Raclin-Carmichael Hall on the IU School of Medicine-South Bend campus. Targeted to students in any major, the session will include an admissions overview, student panel discussion and tour. [Registration](#) is required.

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