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## **Fitzgerald Named to Clinical Leadership Posts at IU School of Medicine and IU Medical Group**

John F. Fitzgerald, MD, MBA, IUSM's associate dean for primary care, has been named the school's executive associate dean of clinical affairs and president and chief executive officer of IU Medical Group – Specialty Care. He will assume his new duties on July 1.

Dr. Fitzgerald was selected by the IUMG – SC's board of directors after an extensive search and screening process which included internal and external candidates. A physician with a business degree, he has experience leading a large medical group and health plan as well as a broad network of state and county health industry and government contacts.

A professor of medicine and adjunct professor in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Dr. Fitzgerald is a general internal medicine physician. He has served as president and CEO of IU Medical Group – Primary Care since 2000; and was executive vice president and chief medical officer of that group from 1996-2000. He has served in leadership roles in IUMG – PC's predecessor organization, IU Health Care and its IU Health Plan, since 1992.

Dr. Fitzgerald's initial priority will focus on increasing the value of health care provided by the IU School of Medicine physicians through continued improvement in the quality, safety and efficiency of

care.

A member of the IU faculty since 1987, Dr. Fitzgerald received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame and medical degree from Loyola University, Chicago. He completed an internal medicine residency and fellowship at IU Medical Center and attained a master's in business administration at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business.

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## **IUSM team conducts successful kidney transplants in Kenya**

For the second year, a surgical team from IUSM has successfully performed two kidney transplants at Moi University Hospital in Kenya.

The team, which included Mark Pescovitz, MD, professor of surgery; David Matthews, MD, associate professor of clinical surgery; Clark Simons, MD, assistant professor of surgery; and Dennis Wagner, MD, provided life-saving living donor transplants to two men with complications from diabetes and high blood pressure. One patient, a farmer, received a kidney donated by his nephew, and the other, a retiree, received a kidney from his son, said Dr. Pescovitz.

"Both of the patients, as well as the patients who received transplants last year, are doing fine," said Dr. Pescovitz.

Last year's patients included a nurse at the Moi hospital who has since been able to return to his job and a 16-year-old boy who has returned to school, he said.

The procedures provided valuable experience for participating Moi physicians and nurses who will be receiving additional training to enable them to perform the procedures independently, Dr. Pescovitz said.

The IUSM team covered their own expenses for the trip; and drugs and fluids necessary for the surgery were provided by Clarian Health Partners and the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization.

IUSM has a long-standing partnership with the Moi University Medical School.

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## **IUSM student wins best poster award at IHIF conference**

Paige Hopewell, an MD-PhD combined degree student at the IUSM, won first prize in the poster competition at the Indiana Health Industry Forum Innovention 2007 event this week. Her poster was entitled "Noninvasive monitoring of hepatic tissue viability by <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>23</sup>Na MRI." Hopewell is performing her studies in the laboratory of Navin Bansal, PhD, in the Department of Radiology and is working towards a Purdue University PhD in Biomedical Engineering.

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## **Construction zone changes ahead**

Driving lanes, sidewalk and other street-related closings are scheduled at and near the intersection of University Boulevard and Michigan Street on the IUPUI campus. Construction is underway on the southwest corner of the intersection for the IUPUI Campus Center, and the IU Simon Cancer Center project is underway on the northwest corner.

Construction crews will close Michigan Street from University Boulevard to Barnhill Drive on Friday, June 29, to allow for construction of a skywalk connecting the cancer center to the Vermont Street Garage. The east-west campus thoroughfare will close after rush hour on June 29 and remain closed until July 1 as workers raise the skywalk into place.

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## **Traffic changes for June 30**

The N.I.T.E. Ride bicycling event on Saturday, June 30, will cause road blockages lasting at least 45 minutes at each point along a 20-mile route that will impact the many downtown medical facilities. The downtown area blockages will begin about 11:15 p.m. as riders cross 10th Street from Indiana Avenue and proceed south on University Boulevard.

Medical personnel who require access to or from the affected streets, including 10th Street, University Boulevard, Michigan Street and Porto Alegre Street will be able to use the two westbound lanes of 10th Street, which will temporarily be used for two-way traffic across the White River between Porto Alegre Street and White River Parkway West Drive. (The eastbound lanes will be temporarily blocked for use by bicyclists on the event route.)

Personnel departing from this area will use the right-hand westbound lane across the 10th Street White River bridge. Upon reaching White River Parkway West Drive, traffic may proceed right (north, leading to Lafayette Boulevard), straight (west), or left (south); proceeding south to Washington Street allows access to the east, below the area blocked by the bicycling event.

Personnel requiring access to this contained area should approach from the west, proceeding eastbound on 10th Street. When crossing White River Parkway West Drive they will be directed into the normally west-bound lane that is closer to the center of the bridge. After crossing the bridge and passing Porto Alegre Street, they will be directed back onto the two eastbound lanes of 10th Street.

Personnel who require access to or from the area inside the cycling route (such as at Methodist Hospital) may always do so via I-65 using the exits and entrances at 21st Street or West Street. It will also be possible to cross the route on 38th Street west of Michigan Road, because the bicyclists will loop south under 38th Street on White River Parkway. Otherwise, the marked route will be closed to all cross traffic (other than emergency vehicles) until the motorcycle police at the end of the rider pack have cleared the area. The final portion of the route near Butler University and southward will not be cleared until as late as 1:45 a.m.

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## **Physicians invited to Quality Health First programs**

The Indiana Health Information Exchange is hosting monthly meetings for physicians in the Indianapolis area who are interested in learning more about the organization's Quality Health First program. Quality Health First is a community program, launching later this year, which will provide information and reports to area physicians to assist with health and chronic disease management.

Specifically, the reports will include reminders, alerts and follow-up treatment information to ensure that certain diseases like breast cancer, colon cancer, diabetes, high cholesterol, are being screened and managed as effectively as possible. It will also assemble information that will help reward physicians for improving the quality of care they provide their patients.

Physicians interested in attending a session to learn more should call 644-1744 or 644-1745. They are held on the second Thursday of each month from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Indiana Health Information Exchange office, 846 N. Senate Ave., Suite 300. Individual meetings can also be arranged. The next scheduled meetings are Thursday, July 12, and Thursday, Aug. 9. For more information, see <http://www.qualityhealthfirst.com/>.

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## **IUSM faculty to speak at Life Sciences Lunch Series**

IU School of Medicine cancer researchers will be featured at the Life Science Lunch Series program at Barnes & Thornburg, 11 South Meridian St., Indianapolis, on July 17.

The speakers will be Rudolph M. Navari, MD, PhD, assistant dean and director of IUSM - South Bend and director of the Notre Dame Cancer Center, and Mark R. Kelley, PhD, associate director for basic research at the IU Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center.

The program will begin with lunch from 11:30 to noon. Box lunches will be provided at Barnes & Thornburg offices, or attendees can bring their own. The presentations are from noon to 1 p.m.

The program is free but registration is requested so that the correct number of lunches can be ordered. To register, and to submit questions in advance, go to [http://www.btlaw.com/Event.asp?Event\\_ID=627](http://www.btlaw.com/Event.asp?Event_ID=627) or call 317-231-7356.

The lunch series is sponsored by the Indiana Health Industry Forum and Barnes & Thornburg LLP.

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## **Clarian Health Partners Describes Medicare Rights Policy**

Effective July 1, Medicare patients have the right to question a discharge if they feel they are being discharged too soon. They must be provided a copy of the Important Message from Medicare (IM) within two calendar days of admission. This document provides the Medicare patient with the information they need to appeal a discharge.

Additionally, Clarian must provide a follow-up copy of the notice before the day of discharge. This document requires a date and a signature of the patient or their representative. **This is to be delivered no more than 2 calendar days before discharge and only on the day of discharge by exception.** Clarian is required to retain a copy and give a copy to the beneficiary.

Clarian plans to accomplish this in the following way: The first letter will be the responsibility of Patient Access Services and will be provided at the time of registration to all bedded patients. The second letter will be the responsibility of Care Management and is to be delivered to the patient within 2 days of the anticipated discharge. Each department is required to obtain the signature of the patient or their representative, date the form, and give the patient the original with the copy being kept in the medical

record.

**Clarian is asking all physicians to assist Care Management by providing the anticipated discharge date information to them as soon as you think the patient might go home.**

For more information, visit [www.cms.hhs.gov/BNI](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/BNI) and click on Hospital Discharge Appeal Notices

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## **Pescovitz to present 'Hunters and Gatherers'**

In April, Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, MD, presented a powerful keynote address for the 10 th anniversary celebration of the IUPUI Office for Women. Dr. Pescovitz will share a similar presentation to faculty, staff and students at IUSM from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, July 16, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium. Don't miss "Hunters and Gatherers," a humorous and inspirational talk.

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## **Second round of Signature Center grants announced**

Uday Sukhatme, executive vice chancellor and dean of the faculties at IUPUI, has announced a request for submissions for a second round of funding for Signature Centers, due by Friday, Oct. 5.

The Signature Center Initiative was begun last year in an effort to create strong research units that are uniquely identifiable with IUPUI. Signature Centers are an integral part of the Academic Plan for IUPUI, because they will lead the way in world-class research and creative activities that will substantially enhance IUPUI's reputation. A call for proposals in the fall of 2006 resulted in a total of 19 project proposals selected for support. Summaries of these Signature Center projects can be viewed at [www.iupui.edu/news/releases/070118\\_signature\\_centers.htm](http://www.iupui.edu/news/releases/070118_signature_centers.htm).

It is expected that approximately seven projects will be supported in this round. The proposed projects may be entirely new, but proposals which were not funded in the first round may also be resubmitted, after suitable revisions have been made to update the proposals and address reviewer comments. The main characteristics expected of successful Signature Center proposals are:

- A signature center is a research unit distinctly identifiable with IUPUI. In addition to representing an area of research strength, the center will usually build on some ongoing activities and have many of the following attributes.
- Signature Centers will often be interdisciplinary in character. They should have the capacity to attract significant external funding as appropriate to the disciplines involved, including federal grants and foundation support. The centers need to bring academic distinction to the campus. After initial campus-based seed funding, they should become largely self-sufficient in a 3 to 5 year time frame.
- The work of the center should be unique and distinctive, something which makes it stand out. It should not focus on an area commonly studied at many other universities, although collaborations with other institutions may be desirable.
- The center should engage in work which takes advantage of the urban location in Indianapolis and establish partnerships with local community and cultural organizations.

Proposals must be no more than four pages in length; any proposal exceeding the page limit will not be considered. Proposals should contain the following sections:

- Cover page [not included in the page limit]: Name of proposed Signature Center and main faculty participants with their department affiliations and contact information
- Proposed research or creative activities
- Background material and existing strengths in proposed area
- Uniqueness and interdisciplinary nature of the center
- Planned scholarly activities [conferences, workshops, exhibits, journal articles]
- Engagement of the local community [if applicable]
- Current and anticipated sources and amount of funding
- Three-year budget estimate
- Appendices [not included in the page limit]: One page CV for each of the principal investigators and all main faculty participants, and letters of collaboration and support, if applicable. No additional attachments are permitted.

Proposals from School of Medicine faculty must be submitted before October 5, 2007 both electronically [in one PDF document] and in hard copy to the Dean as well as to Dr. Sukhatme's assistant:

Ms. Sue Herrell  
 Office of Academic Affairs  
 355 North Lansing Street, AO 126  
 Indianapolis, IN 46202-2896  
 [317-274-4477; [sherrell@iupui.edu](mailto:sherrell@iupui.edu)]

In the first step, Deans will set up faculty committees within their schools to screen the proposals and rank order all of them based on academic merit and the criteria expected for signature center designation. This rank ordering, along with brief one paragraph descriptions of the strong and weak points of each proposal, should be sent to the Office of Academic Affairs by October 26.

Two faculty committees, the IUPUI Council of Associate Deans for Research and the IUPUI Research Committee, will independently review the proposals from a campus-wide perspective, and recommend potential signature centers for funding. These recommendations will be completed by November 30, 2007. Final funding decisions will be made soon after the beginning of the spring semester in mid-January 2008, after establishing the availability of matching funds from various schools.

The funding level for each approved proposal is expected not to exceed \$100K per year for three years, with the cost to be shared equally between the central administration and decanal units. Thus, for a proposal approved for \$240K over three years, the central administration will provide \$120K and the school will provide \$120K, both amounts being cash contributions to a special account set up for that proposal. In this way, decanal units will double their contribution to support research. The budget request in the proposals can be very flexible -- it can include personnel hires (staff, faculty, and/or students), equipment, travel, event expenses, books, faculty release time, etc. After the initial period of campus-based funding, centers are expected to become largely self-sufficient in a 3 to 5 year time frame. The contribution from the central administration will begin in Spring 2008. However, in order to give more budget flexibility to the schools, they may choose to begin their contributions either in Spring 2008, or in Fall 2008 at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

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## **Summer Seminars for undergraduates interested in medicine**

Four seminars featuring speakers knowledgeable about navigating the path to become a physician will be offered again this summer. These seminars and panel discussions are intended for college students who are working on the IUSM campuses and are interested in a career in medicine.



All seminars will be held in Riley Hospital Outpatient Center, Ruth Lilly Learning Center Conference Rooms A and B. The series is free and participants are welcome to bring their lunch. Each session begins at noon and ends by 1 p.m.

**Session 1: Undergraduate Preparation for Medical School**

Robert Stump Jr., director of admissions

Thursday, July 5

**Session 2: Life as a Medical Student**

Medical student panel

Thursday, July 12

**Session 3: Careers in Primary and Specialty Care**

Physician panel

Thursday, July 19

**Session 4: Financing Medical School**

Jose Espada, director of student financial services

Thursday, July 26

The series is sponsored by the School of Medicine admissions office. For more information call 274-3772.

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## **Annual Syndromic Surveillance Conference comes in Indy in October**

Shaun Grannis, MD, assistant professor of family medicine, in combination with the Regenstrief Institute will be hosting the 6th Annual Syndromic Surveillance Conference at the Westin Indianapolis Hotel on Oct. 11-12, 2007.

The annual conference of the International Society for Disease Surveillance will build on prior conference themes by exploring innovative and non-traditional approaches to using syndromic surveillance data (e.g non-infectious, environmental, chronic disease, health promotion).

The conference will feature plenary sessions and concurrent interactive tracks on five topics including novel applications, automated data acquisition and processing, analytical methods, public health practice and evaluation and performance.

For more information and to register go to <http://www.syndromic.org/>.

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## **Writing Workshop – Aug. 6-7**

The ability to write effectively is at the heart of all academic work. With increased competition for limited external funding, the importance of getting one's scholarly work successfully published is more important than ever. Last year the School of Medicine held its first scientific writing workshop. This two-day event was one of the most highly rated faculty development offerings of the past year.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that the IUSM Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional

Development, the IU Center for Health Services and Outcomes Research, and the IUPUI Office of Research and Sponsored Programs are offering "Scientific Writing from the Reader's Perspective," featuring Professor George Gopen.

This two-day, hands-on workshop will provide an in-depth analysis and understanding of the essential skills for effective scientific writing. The dates for the workshop are Aug. 6-7. Visit [www.opd.iupui.edu/eventsRegister.asp?id=1028&unit=OPD](http://www.opd.iupui.edu/eventsRegister.asp?id=1028&unit=OPD) to register for this workshop

Follow-up Session: Individual Analysis of Your Writing Style

Following the two-day writing workshop, Dr. Gopen will remain for an additional day (Aug. 8) during which he will meet with a limited number of individual faculty members and provide them with a half-hour consultation/analysis of their personal writing style.

Space for this workshop is very limited. If you are interested in obtaining a personal half-hour analysis of your writing style, call 274-1300 to register. Please note: You must attend the two-day workshop to take advantage of the opportunity for an individual consultation.

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## ***Sound Medicine* moves to new time on Sunday**

*Sound Medicine*, a weekly medical program feature on WFYI-FM, is moving to a new time. Effective July 1, *Sound Medicine* will air at 2 p.m. Sunday afternoons, following Car Talk.

Host and producer Barbara Lewis talks each week with health-care professionals about medical research and how changes in medicine and health are affecting their work and patients' lives. Interviews are complemented by insights and peer-to-peer interviews by the program's five guest hosts from the Indiana University School of Medicine.

Contributing reporter Jeremy Shere provides unique observations about medical science and health trends each week during the "*Sound Medicine* Check-Up," which will additionally air each Friday during the 5 p.m. drive time beginning June 15.

*Sound Medicine* is produced by the IU School of Medicine in collaboration with WFYI-FM 90.1 and airs on public radio stations throughout Indiana. It is sponsored by the IU Medical Group, Lilly Clinic and Clarian Health.

An archive of past programs, access to podcasts and a listing of stations airing *Sound Medicine* can be found at <http://www.soundmedicine.iu.edu/>.

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## **This week on *Sound Medicine***

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 1, to *Sound Medicine*, the weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis. Co-host of this week's program is Kathy Miller, MD.

This week *Sound Medicine*, celebrates the Fourth of July holiday with helpful safety tips on how to



properly handle fireworks displays. Each year, emergency rooms across the nation treat many hand injuries, ranging from burns to missing fingers, due to improper use of fireworks. *Sound Medicine* reporter Sandy Roob discovers many of the accidents occur on private property with merchandise bought in a store

According to a recent study from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, tooth decay among 2-5 year old children is on the rise. The report, "Trends in Oral Health Status – United States, 1988-1994 and 1999-2004," is the largest collection of data of oral health. Karen Yoder, MSD., PhD, is an associate professor at the Indiana University school of Dentistry and program director of SEAL Indiana, the dental school's Statewide Mobile Dental Sealant Program. She explains why more children are developing cavities and what can be done to reverse the trend.

The American Camping Association recommends children who will attend sleep-away camps this summer receive a vaccination against meningococcal disease, a potentially deadly infection which attacks quickly and is often mistaken for the flu. Karen Roos, MD, an associate professor of neurology and a central nervous system infections expert at the IU School of Medicine, talks about why she feels the recommendation may be an over-reaction.

National Public Radio's Patricia Neighmond reports on Lasik surgery, the revolutionary procedure that corrects most vision problems and is enticing people to have their corneas reshaped.

Francis Price, MD, an ophthalmologist in Indianapolis and founder of the Cornea Research Foundation of America, continues the discussion on Lasik surgery and explains the findings of a new study suggesting "less is more" for patients 40 years of age and older.

Former First Lady Betty Ford announced she had breast cancer, and almost immediately the demand for mammograms skyrocketed. When celebrities are open about their illness and diseases, they have a profound influence on the general public and often increase attention in hopes of discovering cures. Barron Lerner, MD, PhD, a professor of medicine and public health at Columbia University, is the author of *When Illness Goes Public*, a book about how celebrity patients and advocates can change the attitudes about diseases. He talks with *Sound Medicine* about why some celebrities choose to publicize their disease and the positive impact it often has.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine* as well as other helpful information can be found at <http://www.soundmedicine.iu.edu/>.

*Sound Medicine* is underwritten by the Lilly Research Clinic, Clarian Health, and IU Medical Group; Jeremy Shere's "Check-Up" is underwritten by IUPUI.

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## **Continuing Medical Education at your fingertips**

Online registration and a list of grand rounds, conferences and courses are available on the Continuing Medical Education website at [cme.medicine.iu.edu](http://cme.medicine.iu.edu).

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## **Scientific Calendar online**

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at [the new Scientific Calendar website](#). To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Iona Sewell at [imsewell@iupui.edu](mailto:imsewell@iupui.edu).

To access calendars and information prior to 2003, visit the old site [at www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar](http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar).

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## ***Scope* submission guidelines**

*Scope* wants your news items.

The deadline for submission is 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays. *Scope* is published electronically and sent to faculty, staff, students, and residents.

There are three easy ways to submit story ideas or information to *Scope*:

- e-mail the information to [mhardin@iupui.edu](mailto:mhardin@iupui.edu)
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, Z-7, Ste. 306, IUPUI
- fax your information to (317) 278-8722

Contributions submitted by e-mail should be forwarded in 12 point, plain text format.

In the interest of accuracy, please do NOT use:

- acronyms
- abbreviations
- campus building codes (use full, proper name of building and include the room number)
- Dr. as a preface before names (designate MD or PhD)

To keep the electronic version of *Scope* as streamlined as possible, only seminars and lectures of general or multidisciplinary interest will be included.

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