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Pediatric cardiology researchers receive \$11 million NIH grant

The National Institutes of Health has provided \$11.5 million in support to IUSM for the only institutional grant looking at the cause and treatment of heart failure in children.

Loren Field, PhD, professor of medicine and of pediatrics, is the principal investigator of the integrated project involving six IU School of Medicine faculty, all affiliated with the Herman B Wells Center for Pediatric Research and the Pediatric Cardiology Division of the James Whitcomb Riley Hospital for Children.

“The focus is to perform basic research to understand the origins and potential treatment of heart failure in the young,” said Dr. Field.

The three teams involved include:

- Tony Firulli, PhD, and Simon Conway, PhD, who will explore what causes heart abnormalities in development;
- Mark Payne, MD, and Lei Wei, PhD, who will look at how heart cells die – either naturally or

through disease – and how that may contribute to heart failure.

- Dr. Field and Weinian Shou, PhD, who will study how heart cells can be made to regenerate.

For more of the story, see medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=733

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Pescovitz to be interim vice president for research administration

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, MD, has been appointed interim vice president for research administration subject to the approval of the Trustees of Indiana University.

Dr. Pescovitz currently serves in a dual role as president and CEO of Riley Hospital and executive associate dean for research affairs at IUSM. She will continue serving in these two roles, but now will assume responsibility for administration and regulatory compliance for all research activities at all eight Indiana University campuses. Until now, responsibility for administration and regulatory compliance has been distributed among several different offices at different campuses.

Research scientists at IUSM account for more than half of the nearly \$400 million in sponsored research contracts awarded to IU during the 2007 fiscal year.

"As an experienced medical researcher herself, Dr. Pescovitz understands the importance of having an infrastructure that promotes and facilitates research productivity," said IU President Michael A. McRobbie in announcing the appointment. "She recognizes the importance of applying the highest ethical standards to the conduct of research, and she understands how vital rigorous compliance with research rules and regulations is to research universities such as IU."

For more information on the appointment and advancements in research capabilities at IU, see medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=727.

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Lannoo to chair Academic Standards Committee

Michael Lannoo, PhD, has been named chair of the IUSM Academic Standards Committee. That position previously was held for more than a decade by Richard Haak, PhD, professor of microbiology and immunology and of physiology and biophysics, who died July 5.

Dr. Lannoo is a professor of anatomy at the IUSM – Terre Haute since 2006. Previously, he was on the IUSM – Muncie faculty and was course director for neurosciences at that campus.

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IU Day at the State Fair Aug. 9

For the second year in a row, the [Indiana State Fair](#) will be all about Indiana University for an entire day. IU makes a big difference in the state, from improving Hoosier health to building a better Hoosier economy.

On Aug. 9, IU Day, the university's commitment to Indiana will take center stage on Expo Hall Street. Can't visit on IU Day? No problem. IU will have an ongoing presence on IU Boulevard by the Gate 12 entrance.

For a calendar of events, fairgrounds map and a link to the "fair cam," see www.indiana.edu/~fair/.

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Wishard to host sixth-annual televised fund drive

As it does each year through its televised fundraising event, Wishard Health Services is appealing to the community to contribute critical funds for patient care needs throughout the hospital, its eight community health centers, Midtown Community Mental Health Center and Lockefield Village Health and Rehabilitation Center.

The Wishard Telethon will air throughout central Indiana on Tuesday, Aug. 7, at 7 p.m. on WTHR Channel 13 and will share Wishard's rich history and stories of healing and hope from Wishard patients and their families.

The problem of the uninsured is growing. The federal government estimates that more than 46 million Americans lack coverage of any kind for an entire year. Other research shows that tens of millions more Americans go without health coverage for shorter periods of time. Indiana is not immune to this health-care dilemma - Wishard Health Services is the second-largest provider of outpatient indigent care in the country. Every dollar raised during the Wishard Telethon on Aug. 7 goes directly to patient care needs throughout Wishard Health Services.

Contributions may be made any time of the year to Wishard Health Services by calling 630-6502 or visiting <http://www.wishard.edu/>.

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Faculty orientation and benefit enrollment

Human Resources Administration has an online orientation and benefit enrollment video for new faculty and other academic employees. New faculty have three options for receiving orientation and benefit enrollment information:

- Viewing the online video presentation
- Attending one of the faculty-specific sessions from noon to 1:30 p.m. Aug. 24 or Sept. 7 in the Union Building, north wing, room 340, or
- Attending one of the weekly benefits enrollment sessions scheduled for staff.

The online video is about 30 minutes in length and provides a step-by-step guide to enroll in the IU benefit plans. It can be accessed on the HR website at <http://www.hra.iupui.edu/>.

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Faculty ASR survey deadline – Sept. 17

The 2007 Faculty Annual Summary Report is now available. All regular faculty members who were active during the past academic year (2006-2007) have been requested to complete this survey by the deadline **Monday, Sept. 17**.

This year's ASR features one additional question from last year's survey:

- Question #15 – Research Interest – In order to assist and encourage research collaboration amongst our faculty, it has been requested that all faculty select Research Interest based on the Community of Science (COS) database. COS choices have been provided in a drop down menu as shown below:

A new web search application will be available to query this information later this year. More details about this search application will follow.

The survey is available at <https://apps.iusm.iu.edu/asr/>. Contact Gerry Gonzales at finaff@iupui.edu with any problems or questions.

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EUREKA requests

A request for applications has been posted by several NIH institutes for the new Exceptional, Unconventional Research Enabling Knowledge Acceleration (EUREKA) award.

The award is "To encourage exceptionally innovative research....from investigators who are testing novel, unconventional hypotheses or are pursuing major methodological or technical challenges. The potential impact of the proposed research must be substantial, in terms of both the size of the scientific community affected and the magnitude of its impact on that community." The awards are not renewable. Support may be requested for up to \$800,000 in direct costs over a four-year period.

See grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-GM-08-002.html for details.

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Entrepreneurial Awards of Distinction deadline Aug. 31

Applications are being accepted until Aug. 31 for the 2007 Indiana University Entrepreneurial Awards of Distinction, presented by the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at IU's Kelley School of Business.

This is the third year for the awards, which recognize outstanding emerging and established companies within the state of Indiana for their achievements in growth, innovation and entrepreneurial spirit.

All public and private corporations, proprietorships and partnerships located in Indiana and founded prior to the 2004 fiscal year with revenues greater than \$1 million are eligible to apply. Nonprofit organizations also are invited to apply for the Social Entrepreneurship Award, which is presented to an organization with a social mission that demonstrates entrepreneurial excellence in innovation and/or spirit.

The 2007 IEADs awards banquet will be held at the Indiana Roof Ballroom in Indianapolis on Thursday,

Oct. 18.

Applications and nomination forms are available online at www.kelley.iu.edu/JCEI/Business/IEAD/page1663.html. For more information, contact Kelli Conder at kconder@indiana.edu or 812-855-4248.

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Internal grant applications due Sept. 4

The application deadline for the IUSM internal grant programs – the Biomedical Research Grant and the Research Enhancement Grant – is 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4.

Applications must be submitted by the deadline to the Dean’s Office of Operations, School of Medicine, Gatch Clinical Building, room 365. Instructions and forms may be downloaded from the web at adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/irf.htm.

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Combined Seminar Series special lecture

The IU Simon Cancer Center Combined Seminar Series will host Manjo Pillai, MD, associate in research at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, during a special seminar from 4 to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium. “Dissecting the role of the monocyte/macrophage in the marrow microenvironment: What controls what?” is the topic of his lecture.

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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.

Physicians interested in attending a session 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 is Thursday, Aug. 9. For more information, see <http://www.qualityhealthfirst.com/>.

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Neuroscience focus of Life Sciences Lunch Series

Andrew Saykin, PsyD, director of the IU Center for Neuroimaging, and Patrick May, PhD, a

neuroscience research fellow at Eli Lilly & Co. will be featured at the Life Science Lunch Series program at Barnes & Thornburg, 11 South Meridian St., Indianapolis, on Aug. 21.

The program, “Brain Imaging and Alzheimer’s Research,” 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 or call 317-231-7356.

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

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Michigan Street closures

The new pedestrian bridge linking the Vermont Street Garage to the new IU Simon Cancer Center is currently under construction. In order to construct the exterior skin of the bridge, alternating lanes on Michigan Street between Barnhill Drive and University Boulevard will be closed through Aug. 16.

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Circle the City race Aug. 4

Circle the City, a competitive 10K and 5K run/walk in the heart of Downtown Indianapolis will be Saturday, Aug. 4. The event, sponsored by IU Medical Group, is a benefit for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra annual fund.

Family friendly activities and the start of the race will take place on Monument Circle. Registration and packet pick-up will be from 6 to 7:45 a.m. and the 10K race will begin at 8 a.m. The 5K follows at 8:20 a.m. The Junior Jog – once around Monument Circle – begins at 9:30 a.m. Other family oriented events will take place on the Circle that morning. Live music by ISO musicians will be offered to participants along the race course.

For more information, see <http://www.indianapolissymphony.org/>.

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Honors

D. Craig Brater, MD, has been selected as the first president of the Alliance for Academic Internal Medicine. Dr. Brater is dean and Walter J. Daly Professor at IUSM and vice president with responsibilities for life sciences at Indiana University. The largest academic specialty society, AAIM is a consortium of five associations that represent faculty and staff in departments of internal medicine at medical schools and teaching hospitals in the United States and Canada.

Thomas Inui, MD, president and CEO of Regenstrief Institute Inc. and associate dean for health care

research at IUSM, has been elected to a second four-year term as a member-at-large of the National Board of Medical Examiners. He has been associated with the NBME since 1995 and has served on several committees. He has been actively involved with the development of test materials for the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE). Dr. Inui presently serves on the NBME Professional Behavior Advisory Committee.

Edwin Marshall, OD, MPH, has been named the AOA 2007 Optometrist of the Year by the Indiana Optometric Association. Dr. Marshall is an adjunct faculty member at IUSM and has served as chair of the admissions committee since the inception of the Masters in Public Health program.

Willis Tacker Jr., MD, PhD, has been awarded the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation Foundation Laufman-Greatbatch Prize. Dr. Tacker is a professor of physiology in the Basic Medical Sciences Department at Purdue University and at the IUSM-Lafayette. Willis Tacker, Jr., MD, PhD, is a creative researcher who wrote an early book on defibrillation titled, "Electrical Defibrillation," in 1980. The author of 159 scientific papers, two books, and 95 abstracts, Dr. Tacker helped develop the defibrillator "dose concept," which states "the bigger the heart and the larger the subject, the more energy needed for defibrillation."

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Sound Medicine, a weekly health news magazine, expands its Indiana audience Saturday, Aug. 4, when WNIN-FM in Evansville and WVPE-FM in Elkhart begin airing the program. Locally, the program airs at 4 p.m. Sundays on WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis.

Both stations are affiliated with National Public Radio and join WFYI-FM90.1 in Indianapolis, WFIU-FM in Bloomington, WBOI-FM in South Bend, WCRD-FM in Muncie and WETL-FM in Elkhart in airing the program. *Sound Medicine* also airs in several other markets through these stations' agreements with WBSB in Anderson, WNDY in Crawfordville, WFCI in Franklin, WBSH in Hagerstown/New Castle, and WBSW in Marion and WBSJ in Portland, IN.

This week's program is unique; the full hour is dedicated to examining the ethical questions involved in pediatric medical research, specifically in the United States and Australia. Fiona Stanley, MD, director of the Telethon Institute for Child Health Research and a professor in the School of Pediatrics and Child Health at [the University of Western Australia](#), joins Steve Downs, MD, associate professor of pediatrics and the Jean and Jerry Bepko Scholar at the Indiana University School of Medicine, and Eric Meslin, PhD, associate dean of bioethics at IU School of Medicine and director of the IU Center on Bioethics, for the discussion.

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 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.

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.

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

- e-mail the information to 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.