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New student interest group formed

A new student organization, Crispus Attucks Student Interest Group, has been established at IUSM. The CASIG was established as a component of IUSM's efforts to partner with the Indianapolis Public School's Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School.

The mission of the new organization is to expose, educate and encourage eighth- and ninth-grade high school students to pursue careers in medicine or other health-care related fields.

Specifically the Crispus Attucks Student Interest Group shall:

- Expose high school students from Crispus Attucks to the role of medicine in healthcare.
- Educate those students in the context of their level of instruction as to specific topics in health related fields.
- Encourage those students with the ultimate goal of increasing the interest of Indianapolis Public School (IPS) students in healthcare related fields.

- Provide an organizational structure for students at Indiana University School of Medicine to be involved in meaningful community service specifically through interactions with students of the Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School

The following students were elected to serve a one-year term as officers of the group.

Stacie Braswell, MS III, President
Kristopher Hunt, MS IV, Vice President
Aleksandar Goreski, MS IV, Treasurer
Marissa Schiel, MD/PhD, Student, Secretary

The new student organization has selected William Agbor-Baiyee, PhD, director of the Master of Science in Medical Science Program and assistant professor of family medicine, to serve as the faculty advisor. Membership is open to all students -- medical or graduate -- who are in good standing with IUSM. Marissa Schiel may be contacted by e-mail at maracoll@iupui.edu for additional information about CASIG.

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Wishard specialty care medical director to be appointed

A new clinical leader position has been created at Wishard Health Services to develop and coordinate specialty physician services. The new position, titled medical director of IU Medical Group – Specialty Care at WHS, reports to the medical director of IU Medical Group – Specialty Care and to the CEO/medical director of Wishard Health Services.

The medical director is responsible for the appropriateness, quality, efficiency and effectiveness of medical care delivered by all specialty physicians providing care at Wishard. Additionally, the director will serve as a liaison to the medical staff, WHS CEO and service chiefs, residency program directors, medical student clerkship directors, and WHS administrative leadership.

The successful candidate will be a senior physician leader with strong communication skills, customer service orientation and commitment to the underserved. Existing faculty members would remain in their department with at least 50 percent of time dedicated to Wishard in clinical, administrative, educational or research activities. The bulk of their clinical practice should be performed at Wishard.

Rolly McGrath, MD, will serve as chair of the search committee. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest and CV to Dr. McGrath c/o IU Medical Group, 1110 West Michigan St. LO 401, Indianapolis, IN 46202, or via e-mail to lynaiREW@iupui.edu.

The job description can be [read here](#).

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Curriculum Council - call for nominations

The Curriculum Council Steering Committee seeks dedicated faculty interested in overseeing and improving the IUSM undergraduate curriculum.

In the spring of 2006, the Curriculum Council Steering Committee initiated a strategic planning process

to develop a more effective IUSM Curriculum Council. At this time a new model has been drafted; goals, objectives, membership criteria and faculty effort identified; and approval given to begin phasing in the new structure during the fall 2007. The new structure will significantly improve the ability of the Curriculum Council to plan future curricular developments intentionally and strategically, respond to external developments in medical education, track and oversee the existing curriculum, and quickly and effectively respond to identified weaknesses in the existing curriculum.

This is a formal call for nominations, including self-nominations for membership into this newly formed IUSM Curriculum Council.

To either apply yourself or to nominate other faculty, submit name(s), a brief statement describing the nominee's qualifications for the position, and a CV for the nominee to Debra Litzelman, chair of the Search and Screen Committee at meca@iupui.edu. The Search and Screen Committee will review all nominations and will identify members for the new Curriculum Council.

Please submit nominations by **Friday, Sept. 28**.

Additional information about the newly formed Curriculum Council is available at meca.iusm.iu.edu/Committees/IUSMCurriculumCouncil.htm.

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Medical Informatics Fellowship Positions Currently Available

The Regenstrief Institute has openings for special research fellowships in medical informatics. Regenstrief Institute is an internationally recognized leader in medical informatics and health services research. This is a National Library of Medicine supported fellowship in the use of computer technology to improve the quality and delivery of healthcare. Regenstrief participates in a unique collaboration with Indiana University- Purdue University- Indianapolis (IUPUI) School of Informatics. As part of the fellowship, you can earn a Master of Science in Clinical Research or Health Informatics. Coursework in clinical research methods, clinical trials, implementation research, biostatistics, epidemiology, grant writing, research ethics, informatics, patient safety, and numerous electives is offered by outstanding IU and Purdue faculty on the IUPUI campus.

Areas of research include (but are not limited to):

- Regional health information networks
- Decision support and Implementation of evidence-based practice
- Data mining and secondary analysis of clinical data

Fellowship positions are currently available and provide up to 3 years of funding for formal training and mentored clinical research. In addition to a competitive stipend, benefits include health insurance, tuition and fees, and pilot research funding. If you know of qualified candidates, please contact Steve Downs, MD at stmdowns@iupui.edu (Ph 317-423-5583). Candidates must be U.S. citizens.

Physicians must be either board-eligible or certified in a recognized medical specialty. Applicants from clinical disciplines requiring doctoral level education to qualify as an independent practitioner must possess the required degree (e.g. DDS, PharmD, DPT, etc.). Applicants in health systems fields that do not involve clinical certification or licensure (e.g. anthropology, sociology, computer science/medical informatics, engineering, etc.) must hold a Ph.D., or equivalent degree.

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New faculty welcome reception

Join the IUSM Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development to meet informally with new and seasoned colleagues from 1 to 3 p.m. Monday, Sept. 24, in the Riley Outpatient Center conference rooms A and B. The reception will provide an opportunity for faculty to become acquainted with the numerous resources available at IUSM and to hear success stories from experienced faculty.

Informal discussions, consultations and print materials will be available on:

- Support for Teaching including Using Technology
- Leadership Development Opportunities
- The Tenure and Promotion Process
- Upcoming Grant Opportunities
- Library Resources
- Support and Resources for Women Faculty and Faculty of Color

RSVP to Kelli Diener at kas1@iupui.edu

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Women's Health Noon Lecture Series

Marcia Shew, MD, MPH, associate professor of clinical pediatrics, will present "Human Papillomavirus Vaccines" at the Monday, Sept. 24 Women's Health Noon Lecture. The presentation from noon to 1 p.m. will be in the auditorium of the IU Research Institute. Bring a bag lunch. CME and CEU credits available.

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Groundbreaking for IU-B's new life sciences building

The Trustees of Indiana University, President Michael A. McRobbie

and Executive Vice President and Provost Karen Hanson invite faculty, staff and students to attend the Wednesday, Sept. 26, groundbreaking ceremony for the Multidisciplinary Science Building II on the Bloomington campus.

The ceremony will be at 3 p.m. in the courtyard behind the Psychology Building, 1101 E. 10th Street, Bloomington. In the event of rain, the ceremony will move to the Godfrey Graduate and Executive Education Center, Kelley School of Business, rooms 0034-0036. A reception will immediately follow the ceremony.

Questions? Contact at tcrouch@indiana.edu or call 812-855-3761

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Electronic Resources Class

New to the medical school? Or want an update on the newest electronic resources for research? Sign up for this 2-hour, hands-on class, *Locating and Using Electronic Resources*. Learn how to find and effectively use Library databases and Internet electronic resources.

The next class is Friday, Sept. 28, from 2 to 4 p.m. in room 318 of the Medical Library. Attendance is limited and registration is required. To register, call or email Elaine Skopelja at 274-8358 or eskopelj@iupui.edu.

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OneStart is changing Sept. 29

OneStart, used to access the HR or student systems, is being simplified beginning Sept. 29.

The simpler navigation includes reducing the number of tabs to five and other usability improvements:

- Sections and subsections along a left-side navigation
- Most-popular links will display automatically based on users role and location
- "My preferred content" allows user to customize

Most services will keep their current names which are familiar to users. Visit the OneStart login page to view an interactive preview or watch a video of the new look onestart.iu.edu/.

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FEED series continues Oct. 17

FEED: Presenting “The Scholarship of Education” by Debra Litzelman, MD, Laura Torbeck, PhD, and Alex Djuricich, MD. This workshop will be on Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 5 to 7 p.m. at Riley Outpatient Conference Center, rooms A and B.

Education is one of the core missions of the medical school. Teaching has always been an expected core activity for faculty members. Recently, scholarship in the educational arena has taken on new meaning and importance. In this workshop, participants will review the scholarship of education and will work together in groups to discuss ways to improve and document the quality of their own teaching, and curricular materials.

Participants will:

- Be able to list and define four types of scholarship for medical educators.
- Have access to tools and assessments for evaluating, improving and documenting education efforts (examples include peer assessment forms and curriculum review forms).
- Be familiar with systems on the IUPUI and IUSM campuses and at the national level that can aid them in their teaching and overall educational activities (examples include MedEdPortal and the Center for Teaching and Learning within the Office of Professional Development).
- List and understand the appropriate documentation of educational activities and products critical for faculty promotion and tenure.

If you are interested in attending, please e-mail Roberta Brown at <mailto:%20rabrown2@iupui.edu> or call 630-6906.

Faculty Enrichment and Educational Development (FEED) present quarterly workshops on key topics in clinical teaching. These workshops are designed to provide an opportunity for the department faculty to improve their teaching skills in a collegial and fun environment and as part of the Department of Medicine's continuing commitment to provide the highest quality learning environment for medical students, residents and fellows.

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Dementia CME program Oct. 20

A free CME course "RAPID-PC: Recognizing and Assessing the Progression of Cognitive Impairment and Dementia in Primary Care" will be held on Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Fountains Banquet and Conference Center in Carmel. The program is from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and includes a free lunch. It is being held by the Indianapolis Discovery Network for Dementia.

The program includes sessions on Screening and Diagnosis of Dementia / Cognitive Impairment; Dementia Red Flags; Management and Treatment; Community Resources and Acculturation; Cost and Billing; and a special guest speaker.

To register, contact Stephanie at 317-423-5606 or register@indydiscoverynetwork.com. You can also visit <http://www.indydiscoverynetwork.com/> for more information.

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Mark your calendar – Fall Faculty Meeting

The Fall Faculty Meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 30, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium.

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Biostatistics for Health-Care Providers: A Short Course

The IUSM Division of Biostatistics will offer a short course on basic concepts of statistical methods commonly encountered in health-care literature Nov. 6, 7 and 8 from 1 to 5 p.m. The course will be open to faculty, fellows and residents, as well as other interested students and staff. Enrollment will be limited to the first 25 registrants.

See www.biostat.iupui.edu/Teaching/teaching.aspx#ShortCourse for a detailed brochure and registration form.

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Collaboration in Biomedical Research grants available

The Collaboration in Biomedical Research program, which promotes biomedical research collaboration between IUSM and Purdue University, is now in its fourth year. The program will provide funding for up to seven projects at a level of \$50,000 each, to enable researchers from the two universities to team up on work that is likely to spawn larger ongoing programs and attract outside funding.

The deadline for proposals is 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 12. For more information, see adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/CBR.htm.

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IU-Kenya Partnership Gala tickets available

Faculty, staff and students from IUSM are invited to attend the IU-Kenya Partnership Gala Saturday, Oct. 13, at the Downtown Indianapolis Marriott. Cocktails and a silent auction begin at 6 p.m., followed by dinner, the program and then dancing to the music of Cathy Morris.

An evening of fun and inspiration is planned as Kenyans and Hoosiers celebrate the Partnership's successes of the past year and embrace the important challenges that lie ahead.

Learn about the evening's program, ticket prices, silent auction items – and print an RSVP card – at the gala website, <http://www.kenyagala.org/>. Questions about the gala can be directed to Ron Pettigrew at rpettigr@iupui.edu.

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Faculty members needed to keep IUSM accredited

In November 2008 a survey team from the Liaison Committee for Medical Education will visit IUSM. This accreditation process occurs every seven years and requires a comprehensive institutional self-study. This self-study documents the quality of the medical educational programs and the adequacy of resources to support it at IUSM. It also gives faculty, staff and students an opportunity to reflect on current programs and consider whether educational needs are being met.

To be successful, the self-study process will require input from a broad representation of the faculty. Faculty members are sought to serve on the IUSM Self-Study Task Force. The term of service will be approximately one year. Faculty members who wish to be considered for this important task should contact Jim Brokaw, PhD, MPH, assistant dean for Medical Student Affairs, at 278-2891, or jbrokaw@iupui.edu.

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VA Young Investigator Awards

The VA Medical Research Service at the Richard L. Roudebush V.A. Medical Center requests applications for small research grants. As many as five awards (maximum value of \$30,000 each) will be awarded by the Indiana Institute for Medical Research, Inc.

Applicants should be a clinician investigator (MD, DO and/or PhD engaged in patient care) with an academic rank not exceeding assistant professor. Applications should be directed at the study of discrete projects intended to produce preliminary data in support of a future application for a VA Career Development Award or Merit Review grant. Thus, the applicant must be qualified to apply for VA funding. Clinical relevance and significance to the veteran population will be considered in assigning priorities. Awards will not be made for purposes of providing bridge funding. Prior year awardees may now compete for a second year.

Applications are specifically intended to be straightforward and not-cumbersome in nature. A face page with title and name of investigator and department will be required together with a curriculum vitae (NIH or VA biosketch will suffice). The narrative should be limited to 5 pages and include specific aims, background, preliminary results, and work proposed. References are excluded from the page limit. Figures and tables can be submitted as appendices. A budget sheet is required. A letter from a mentor is encouraged but letters from department chairpersons or division directors are not required. A final report will be required.

Applicants can request the appropriate approvals from the Institutional Review Board, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, and Bio-safety Committee after the award has been announced. Funding will not begin until approvals are complete. All funded projects will in addition require approval by the V.A. Research and Development Committee.

Deadline for submission is **Friday, Dec. 7**. Anticipated start of funding is Jan. 31.

Applications should be addressed to:

Medical Research Service
Richard L. Roudebush V.A. Medical Center
1481 West 10 th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

For more information contact Peggy Hannon, AO (VA 988-3032; MARGARET.HANNON@va.gov) or Howard Pratt, ACOS/R&D (VA 988-2624; johpratt@iupui.edu).

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IndyGo bus passes for students

IUPUI has partnered with IndyGo to provide bus passes, called the S Pass, to all current IUPUI students. With the S Pass, students can ride IndyGo anywhere it goes at no extra charge. Pick up your S Pass at a JagTag or Parking Services office. A valid student JagTag is needed to pick up the S Pass. A valid student JagTag and the S Pass also are needed when boarding the bus. See info.iupui.edu/news/page/normal/3310.html for more information.

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Loan repayment programs deadline Dec. 1

The National Institutes of Health invites health professionals engaged in biomedical and behavioral research to apply online for a loan repayment award. The loan repayment programs are a vital component of our nation's efforts to recruit and retain highly qualified professionals to careers in

research.

NIH annually awards loan repayment contracts to approximately 1,600 health professionals with an average award of \$52,000. More than 50 percent of the awards are made to individuals less than 5 years out of school. Approximately 40 percent of all new applicants are funded and 70 percent of renewals are funded.

All applications for 2008 awards must be submitted online by 8 p.m. EST, **Saturday, Dec. 1.**

To access the online application or for program information, visit the LRP web site at <http://www.lrp.nih.gov/>. For assistance call the helpline at 866-849-4047, or send email inquiries to lrp@nih.gov.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 23, 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.

This week, *Sound Medicine* will explore the options available through Patient Navigator Services, a company that works one-on-one with patients and families facing illness or catastrophic injury, identifying where help is needed and then guiding those families and patients through the health care and insurance system.

Also, guests will discuss the effectiveness of an over-the-counter weight-loss medication, an investigational implant to prevent corneal transplant rejection and IUSM family medicine practitioner Javier Sevilla Martir, MD, will discuss a study he completed on the frequency of herbal remedies used by Latinos and their reluctance to mention that use to American physicians.

IUSM breast cancer specialist Kathy Miller, MD, will discuss the pros and cons of American ginseng, a species of plant often promoted as nature's soothing balm, which some believe decreases fatigue associated with cancer therapy.

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.

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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.

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
- 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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