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› Basic Clinical Skills Competency Director needed

The IUSM Curriculum Council seeks a director for the Basic Clinical Skills competency.

The primary objective of this position will be facilitating the teaching, assessment, development and documentation of students' competence in the area of basic clinical skills. The director will work closely with course and clerkship directors, faculty from all IUSM Centers for Medical Education, students, competency directors and the Dean's Office for Medical Education and Curricular Affairs. This will include chairing the Competency 2 – Basic Clinical Skills Team; reviewing and assigning competency grades; improving and assessing the basic clinical skills portion of the competency curriculum, managing the Clinical Encounter Real Time Tracking System (CERTTS), and reviewing competency-related course management materials in the Database of Competency Curriculum (DoCC) and the Elective Course Management System (ECMS) for use by faculty and students.

Candidates must have interest and experience in medical education and/or methods of adult education and have a written commitment from their department chairman to protect a minimum of 20 percent FTE for this educational administrative role. The Dean's Office will provide \$20,000 to the competency director's department/unit annually to help pay for his/her time.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest, a CV, and a letter of support from their department chair that specifically addresses the candidate's protected time for the position to Robyn Burns, Medical Education and Curricular Affairs, EF 200, (317) 274-4556, or raburns@iupui.edu.

Applications should be received no later than **Friday, Oct. 17**. Electronic applications are encouraged. Additional information about the competency curriculum can be found at meca.iusm.iu.edu/.

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› **Search begins for dermatology chair**

IUSM seeks candidates for the position of chair, Department of Dermatology.

Candidates for this position should have excellent academic and clinical credentials. They must have a demonstrated ability to lead and foster a multi-faceted clinical, research, and educational program in a competitive environment. Salary is commensurate with qualifications.

Women and under-represented minority candidates are particularly urged to apply. Send curriculum vitae and references to D. Wade Clapp, MD, Chair, Search and Screen Committee, Indiana University School of Medicine, Fairbanks Hall 5100, 340 West 10th Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202. Applications will be reviewed as received. Indiana University is an AAEOE, M/F/D.

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› **Flu vaccine announcement**

IUPUI Health Services has received a shipment of 8,100 doses of influenza vaccine to be given to IUPUI faculty, staff and students. The flu vaccination season starts in October and extends into January.

It is expected that 143 million doses of vaccine will be available in the United States this year. The CDC considers health-care workers a priority group for vaccination.

As in the past, IUPUI Health Services will provide free flu shots to IUPUI staff and faculty. Flu shots will be available at IUPUI Health Services (Coleman Hall, first floor) starting Wednesday, Oct. 1. In addition, IUPUI HS will administer a flu clinic in the VanNuys Medical Sciences Building atrium on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 16 and 17, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Individuals wishing to arrange an on-site flu clinic for their department should complete the [flu vaccine department request form](#) and send it to Carla Neuhausel, IUPUI HS nurse manager, as directed on the form. Volunteers to assist in checking in staff and giving flu shots are needed. If you are able to volunteer, complete the [flu vaccine volunteer request form](#) and send to Carla Neuhausel.

All individuals requesting a flu shot will be required to complete a flu vaccine consent form and bring a university picture ID with them. Clothing that readily allows access to the upper arm will facilitate the process.

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› **New online listing system established for clinical trials**

With the establishment of the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI), all clinical trials reviewed by one of the IUPUI Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) now are listed on the CTSI web site at www.indianactsi.org/clinicaltrial. As a result, listings at the IUSM Office of Clinical Research web site are no longer being updated.

The CTSI staff has been working with the Office of Research Administration to obtain IRB documentation from each research study that utilizes one of the IUPUI-IRBs. Whether a study is a new study, amended study or going through continuing review, the most up-to-date information from the following three documents will be extracted for the CTSI listing:

1. DRA, Continuing Review or Amendment Form
2. Summary Safeguard Statement (SSS)
3. Informed Consent Document (ICD)

As a result of these changes, investigators do not need to fill out separate forms to have their studies listed on the web site. The CTSI staff will extract the information and the listings will be updated on a biweekly basis as the updated documents are received from the IRB.

Studies that have not submitted information recently to the IRB may not have been listed yet on the CTSI web site. Investigators who would like to have their studies listed can fill out this document: www.indianactsi.org/site/clinicaltrialsform.doc.

For additional information contact Emily Hardwick, CTSI coordinator of research subject recruitment, at ejhardwi@iupui.edu.

The CTSI was established in May with a five-year, \$25 million award from the National Institutes of Health.

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› **Conflict of interest forms online**

The Office of Research Administration has released its new conflict of interest website which will enhance and simplify the disclosure process required of all IU faculty and researchers.

In order to complete the 2008/2009 COI disclosure, which is due no later than **Tuesday, Sept. 30**, go to uisapp2.iu.edu/en-prd/EDocLite?userAction=initiate&edName=OVPR.FinancialConflictDisclosure. Sign in using your IU ID and password. Complete the requested information, verify the information and click "submit." A confirmation email will be received when the disclosure information is successfully submitted.

One enhancement made possible by using a web disclosure is the addition of step-by-step instructions and frequently asked questions. Each is accessible by clicking on the highlighted link at the top of the disclosure form.

Although this is an annual disclosure, remember that any time a financial interest changes, the disclosure must be updated.

Contact the COI office with any questions, concerns and suggestions at iupuicoi@iupui.edu or 274-7307. Staff are prepared to demonstrate this new disclosure system to faculty, staff and researchers.

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› **Faculty ASR deadline is Sept. 22**

The 2008 Faculty Annual Summary Report (ASR) deadline for completion is **Monday, Sept. 22**. All regular faculty members who were active during the past academic year (2007-2008) are asked to complete this survey.

The website for the ASR is apps.iusm.iu.edu/asr. Questions or problems can be forwarded to finaff@iupui.edu or to the Office of Decision Support at 278-1352 or 278-6516.

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› **Sabbatical leave planning**

The Indiana University administration has asked for the names of tenure track faculty members who intend to apply for sabbatical leave which would occur during any part of the 2009-10 fiscal year. Department chairs or regional center directors should be notified by **Tuesday, Sept. 30**, by faculty members of their intent to submit an application.

A tentative list of those planning to apply for sabbatical leave should be submitted through the department to the Dean's Office by **Friday, Oct. 10**.

Applications are to be submitted through the department to the Dean's Office, Fairbanks Hall 5100, to the attention of Lynn Wakefield, by **Friday, Nov. 7**. Applications are available at medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=330&oTopID=330.

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› **Nursing School hosts faculty development workshops**

The IU School of Nursing faculty is hosting an ongoing faculty development workshop series on the fourth Thursday of each month from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Workshops will be held in room 240 of the Nursing School or can be viewed online. For more information, go to ctl.iupui.edu/common/uploads/library/FAA/FAA732649.pdf.

The first workshop is scheduled for Sept. 25 and the topic is "Collegiately and Team Work in the Academy," presented by Stephen Hundley, PhD, chair of the IUPUI Department of Computer, Information and Leadership Technology.

All IUSM faculty are welcome and encouraged to attend. For questions contact Megan Palmer at mmpalmer@iupui.edu.

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› **OMLS Medical Spanish schedule set**

Medical Spanish, a project sponsored by the IUSM Office of Medical Service-Learning, has lunch sessions scheduled in VanNuys Medical Science Building, room 311 A/B at noon on five Thursdays this semester -- Oct. 2, 9, 16, 23, and Nov. 6. Additional lunch sessions will be scheduled next semester. The students also are planning several Spanish discussion dinners at local Hispanic restaurants – additional info will be provided in the near future.

The student volunteer co-chairs — Hannah Choe (MS2), Christina Chrisman (MS2), Annie Effinger (MS2), and Elizabeth Jones (MS2) — noted that these Spanish-only lunches provide an opportunity for participants to develop their listening and speaking skills in an informal setting. Everyone is welcome to attend the Spanish lunches, regardless of Spanish language skill levels. Participants can practice speaking within their own comfort zones or are welcome to simply come and listen. Generally, 20-25 students, staff and faculty attend these sessions.

In summer 2009 a four-week Spanish course for medical students with beginner/intermediate level skills is planned, modeled after the successful summer 2008 program. More information on this program will be available next semester.

The OMSL promotes a lifelong commitment to community service through innovative service-learning experiences. Visit www.medicine.iu.edu/omsl for more information.

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› **Public health program information – Oct. 7**

Interested in learning more about the master of public health (MPH) program or graduate certificate in public health?

An information session on these educational programs offered in the IUSM Department of Public Health will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7, in the department's office, room 220, 714 N. Senate Ave.

Faculty, staff and students will be available to provide an overview of the MPH Program, the graduate certificate in public health, and the Mid-America Public Health Training Center. Free parking is available in the two lots north of the building. Enter the building on the canal level.

For more information and to RSVP, contact Leah Jansen at lwissel@iupui.edu or 278-0765, or visit the department's website at www.pbhealth.iupui.edu.

Can't attend the information session in person? Log on to breeze.iu.edu/mphinfosession/ to attend remotely.

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› **Mark your calendar for Beering Lecture**

The 2008 Beering Lecture will be at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 29, with Charles A. Dinarello, MD, presenting. This year the event has been moved to the auditorium of the Riley Outpatient Center.

Dr. Dinarello is a professor of medicine at the University of Colorado School of Medicine. His research focus is anti-cytokine-based therapies.

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› **Intellectual property policy at IU**

Changes to the Indiana University Policy on Intellectual Property, as adopted by the Board of Trustees at Indiana University in May, can be found at www.indiana.edu/~deanfac/acadhbk/IPPolicy_Adopted_050208.pdf.

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› **IUPUI United Way Campaign**

The IUPUI United Way Campaign began Wednesday and will continue through Oct. 15. The campus campaign theme for 2008 is "Live United. Give. Advocate. Volunteer."

In addition to giving financially, consider supporting the IUPUI United Way Campaign by volunteering at the Day of Caring event on Sept. 26, or participating in the second annual Cornhole Bowl competition on Oct. 9.

For more information about the campaign or to register for either event, visit the IUPUI United Way Campaign website at www.iupui.edu/unitedway.

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› **RWJ fellows program applications sought**

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Fellows program provides the nation's most comprehensive experience at the nexus of health science, policy and politics in Washington D.C. The fellowship is an outstanding opportunity for exceptional mid-career health professionals and behavioral and social scientists with an interest in health and health-care policy.

Applicants may have backgrounds in the following disciplines: allied health professions; biomedical sciences; dentistry; economics or other social sciences; health services organization and administration; medicine; nursing; public health; or social and behavioral health. Fellows experience and participate in the policy process at the federal level and use that leadership experience to improve health, health care and health policy.

The application deadline (only paper accepted) is Nov. 19. See www.rwjf.org/files/applications/cfp/overview_HPFellows0910.pdf for details.

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› **NIH student loan repayment program**

The National Institutes of Health will repay outstanding student loans through its extramural loan repayment programs if you are or will be conducting nonprofit biomedical or behavioral research and meet eligibility requirements.

Visit the LRP website at www.lrp.nih.gov for more information and to access the online application. For additional assistance, call or e-mail the DLR Information Center at (866) 849-4047 or lrp@nih.gov.

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› **New NIH Web site for emergencies**

The NIH has developed a new Web page for the extramural research community outlining the agency's response to national disasters and other emergencies.

The site includes guidance, notices and other information of particular relevance to investigators and their institutions, as well as links to similar emergency response resources from other federal agencies.

In an emergency, the NIH's immediate response is to protect the health and safety of people and animals in the programs it oversees, and to preserve the health of the biomedical research enterprise in the area affected by the emergency. To view the site, see grants.nih.gov/grants/natural_disasters.htm.

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› **Methodist Hospital fund-raiser**

The 2008 Focus on Health Symposium Oct. 2 will feature Dr. Nancy Snyderman. The honorary event chairperson is Mrs. Larry Bird. Plans for the day include a luncheon at 11:30 a.m. and a lecture at 2 p.m., both fund raisers for Methodist Hospital Task Core, at Scottish Rite Cathedral.

Dr. Snyderman is the NBC News and TODAY Show chief medical editor and a native of Fort Wayne. Her 11:30 a.m. luncheon presentation is expected to focus on easy-to-implement health-care changes. Corporate tables are available for \$1,000 and

individual seats are \$100. WTHR anchor and health reporter Anne Marie Tiernon will emcee the luncheon.

The 2 p.m. lecture features Snyderman's new book, "Medical Myths That Can Kill You and the 101 Truths that will Save, Extend and Improve Your Life." Reserved tickets are \$40 and include a book signing after the lecture, which will include audience questions and participation.

Information on Dr. Snyderman, sponsorship opportunities and ticket sales are available at methodisthealthfoundation.org, or by contacting Hillary McCarley at 962-0647 or hmccarle@clarian.org

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› **Kidney gala to honor Dean Brater**

The National Kidney Foundation of Indiana will honor IUSM Dean Craig Brater, MD, at a black-tie gala celebration Saturday, Sept. 20, at the Indiana Roof Ballroom. The event will celebrate the lives of kidney patients, transplant recipients and their families.

Honorary co-chairs are Michael Kraus, MD, an IUSM professor of clinical medicine and the medical director of the dialysis clinic, and Tim Taber, MD, IUSM associate professor of clinical medicine and medical director of transplant nephrology. The benefit will begin at 6 p.m.

For more information, call 722-5640, email nkfi@myvine.com or see www.kidneyindiana.org.

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› **This week on Sound Medicine**

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 21, to *Sound Medicine*, the award-winning 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, reporter Colleen Iudice reports on her personal experience with the increase in the prescribing of antidepressants, even among people who have not been diagnosed with clinical depression.

Co-host Steve Bogdewic, PhD, speaks with the brother who was featured in the popular book *Running with Scissors*. John Elder Robison wasn't diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome until he was an adult, and he speaks movingly about his experiences dealing with a world that didn't understand the reasons for his behavior.

Co-host Kathy Miller, MD, checks back in with Jill Bolte Taylor, whose experiences recovering from a stroke have brought her worldwide attention, including mention as one of Time magazine's 100 Most Influential People" and a YouTube video with nearly a half million hits.

In this week's *Sound Medicine* "Checkup," Jeremy Shere provides tips on how to sneak more physical activity into your routine.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine* as well as other helpful information can be found at www.soundmedicine.iu.edu. *Sound Medicine* is underwritten by Clarian Health and the IU Medical Group. Jeremy Shere's "Check-Up" is underwritten by IUPUI.

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› **Continuing Medical Education at your fingertips**

The Continuing Medical Education office launched a new and improved website at cme.medicine.iu.edu. In addition to online registration and listings of grand rounds, conferences and courses, the site provides in-depth tools and information for presenters and program developers. Included are forms, tips, links, contacts, maps, and a host of other handy resources to make it easier to participate in CME events, prepare a presentation or plan an event.

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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 Kelli Diener at kas1@iupui.edu.

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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 on Fridays (except on holiday weekends when it is published on the following Monday).

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. Word document attachments in lieu of fliers are encouraged.

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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