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NIH grant to strengthen physician-scientists' training

An IUSM program that partners with Purdue University to train the next generation of physician-scientists has been given national recognition with a prestigious grant from the National Institutes of Health.

Indiana University's MD/PhD program, in which students receive both degrees in seven to eight years, has received a five-year, \$1.25 million Medical Scientist Training Program award from the NIH, one of only 40 such grants to

medical schools nationally.

The IU program is highly competitive, admitting just five recent undergraduates annually from more than 125 applications.

For more information, see http://www.medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=898.

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National summit: Ethical issues of a flu pandemic

Public health professionals from across the country will convene July 14-15 in Indianapolis for a national summit on ethical and policy issues faced by public health officials and the medical community while preparing for a large-scale epidemic.

“Confronting the Ethics of Pandemic Influenza Planning: The 2008 Summit of the States” is hosted by the Indiana State Department of Health, the Indiana University Center for Bioethics and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO). The summit was paid for with some of the ISDH’s preparedness funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

State health officers and other senior public health officials from more than 30 states and territories, as well as experts in law and ethics, will gather at the invitation-only event at the University Place Conference Center and Hotel on the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis campus.

“We know that there are several key issues that all states must address in one way or another – from how to distribute potentially scarce medical supplies to priority decisions about availability of equipment, intensive care beds and methods to slow the spread of disease – that should be identified and addressed before an adverse event would limit the time available to make ethical decisions,” said event co-organizer Eric M. Meslin, Ph.D., director of the IU Center for Bioethics and associate dean for bioethics.

On Wednesday, July 16, information relevant to Indiana’s current pandemic influenza preparedness plan will be presented to health-care providers during a symposium also convened by the ISDH and the IU Center for Bioethics.

“The Ethics of Pandemic Influenza Planning in Indiana: What Have We Done and Where Are We Going?” will be from 1 to 5 p.m. in the auditorium at the Indiana Government Center South, 402 W. Washington St.

From 4:15 to 5 p.m., a town hall meeting on pandemic influenza preparedness will be open to public participation.

For information on the national summit or pandemic influenza planning in Indiana, see http://www.bioethics.iu.edu/pandemic_portal.asp.

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Graduate fellowships available in translational research

The IUSM Graduate Division will provide five fellowships (stipend plus health insurance) for the 2008-2009 academic year for PhD students in IUSM programs who are working in translational research. Interested students should contact their graduate program staff or their program director for eligibility and application details.

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Candidates sought for Department of Public Health chair

Indiana University School of Medicine seeks candidates for the position of chair of the Department of Public Health. Candidates for this position should have excellent academic and clinical credentials and must hold a current tenure track faculty appointment at IUSM.

The mission of the IU Department of Public Health is to improve the health of the residents of Indiana, the United States and the world through teaching, research and community practice programs. Candidates must have a demonstrated ability to lead and foster a multi-faceted clinical, research, and educational program in a competitive environment.

Send curriculum vitae and references to Brad Doebbeling, MD, Chair, Search and Screen Committee, Fesler Hall 318, 1120 South Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202-5114, or electronically to DCowley@iupui.edu. Applications will be reviewed as received. Indiana University is an AAEOE, M/F/D. The department's Web site is at medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=1013.

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HR workshop for supervisors of student employees

A seminar for IUSM employees new to the business of hiring and supervising student employees will be from 9 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 15, in University Library room 1130. To register for the "Student Employment 101" workshop go to the HRA website at www.hra.iupui.edu.

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Medical Illustrators to meet on campus

The 63rd annual conference of the Association of Medical Illustrators will be July 16-20 at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center.

Tom Weinzerl, director of the IUSM Office of Visual Media, is a co-organizer. Speakers from IU will include Mark Seifert, PhD, and Ronald Shew, PhD (Anatomy); Robert Baltera, MD (Orthopaedic Surgery); Michael Murphy, MD

(Surgery); Keith March, MD, PhD (Cardiology); Jim Beck and Craig Gosling (Visual Media).

For more information, see amimeeting.org/2008/program.htm.

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Summer medical career seminars for undergraduates

Seminars featuring speakers knowledgeable about navigating the path to become a physician will be offered this summer. The seminars and panel discussions are intended for college students who are working on the IUPUI campus 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 & B. The series is free and participants are welcome to bring their lunch. Each session begins at noon and ends by 1 p.m.

Life as a Medical Student

Medical student panel
Thursday, July 17

Careers in Primary and Specialty Care

Physician panel
Thursday, July 24

Financing Medical School

Jose Espada, director of student financial services
Thursday, July 31

The series is sponsored by the IUSM Admissions Office. For further information, call 274-3772.

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Annual minority mentoring symposium – July 17

Clifton A. Poodry, PhD, director of the Division of Minority Opportunities in Research at the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, will be the speaker at the Thursday, July 17, Edwin T. Harper Scholar's Program Visiting Professor Seminar Series.

Dr. Poodry will speak at 4 p.m. in the VanNuys Medical Science Building, room 326. A reception is planned for a half-hour prior to the presentation, which is sponsored by the IU Initiative for Maximizing Graduate Student Diversity, Bridges to the Doctorate program and the IU Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

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Introducing the IU Simon Cancer Center new patient care center

The new \$150 million patient care building of the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center will open in late August but employees can get a sneak peek during employee open houses Thursday, July 24, from 7:30-9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., and 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Public open houses are 1-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, July 25 and 26. See www.cancer.iu.edu/news/construct2.php for more information about the new building.

A special appearance of the Indy SurviveOars dragon boat is planned from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., during the July 25 open house. The 42-foot-long pink boat with the “dragon head” bow will launch near the 10th Street bridge and travel south to the Indiana Government Center. Take a stroll down the canal to catch the action. Or grab the free [IndyGo Red Line](#) from the IUPUI campus to various points along the canal.

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Biases and stereotyping topic of next DiversiTea session

Leslie Ashburn-Nardo, PhD will facilitate the next DiversiTea session on the Implicit Association Test. The program will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, in the Riley Outpatient Center, room A.

Dr. Ashburn-Nardo is an assistant professor with the Department of Psychology at IUPUI. She joined the faculty in 2003. Her research interests include stereotyping and bias-particularly biases over which people have little conscious control. Specifically, she investigates the origins of such biases, the impact of stereotypes and prejudices on members of stigmatized groups, and ways in which people can become aware of and reduce their biases.

Space is limited. RSVP by Wednesday, July 30, to mlaystro@iupui.edu or 274-7217.

The Implicit Association Test (IAT) is a tool in the development of theories of implicit social cognition, a body of results that suggest that many cognitive processes that affect behavior are unconscious in nature and are inaccessible to observation by the actor (hidden biases). These implicit processes affect perception, influence behavior, and color interpretation of past events. The most prominent implicit associate tests measure bias on race, gender and age.

DiversiTea is a collaborative staff development initiative of the Dean’s Office-HR Services and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

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Pediatric Grand Rounds series begins Aug. 6

The first session in the series, “Embracing Diversity: The Influence of Diverse Belief Systems on Health Care Delivery,” will be from 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium. Tony Blacketer and

Juan Galan will present “Jehovah’s Witnesses: Alternatives to Blood Transfusions.”

The purpose of this series is to educate health-care providers about the influence of spiritual and religious beliefs on the health care experience. The Embracing Diversity Grand Rounds aims to improve the quality and responsiveness of medical care that supports and honors the unique cultural, religious, and spiritual beliefs of each patient. The series is supported in part by a grant from the Clarian Health Values Fund for the Integration of Spiritual and Religious Dimensions in Health Care.

This series is designed for physicians, nurses, social workers, technicians, chaplains, educators and any others who interact with families in a health-care setting.

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Resident, fellows career reception

The 2008 Resident and Fellowships Career Reception will be from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 6, at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 N. Meridian St. The reception is sponsored by IUSM and Clarian Physician Recruitment.

Explore career opportunities and meet with representatives from Clarian hospitals, physicians groups, health-care systems and fellowship programs. Admission, parking and food are free and door prizes, including an I-pod and digital cameras, will be given away.

Contact Khalisha Brooks at 962-0380, or kbrooks1@clarian.org for more information.

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IUSCC study available to Indiana Black Expo visitors

Men and women who provide a blood sample during the health fair at the Indiana Black Expo may help researchers unlock the mysteries of prostate and breast cancer.

Representatives from the Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center will be at the INShape Indiana Black & Minority Health Fair, participating in the Indiana State Department of Health’s “One Stop-One Stick” program.

That program allows people to donate blood for free health screenings. In addition to regular screenings, men and women can indicate they want their blood samples to be included for prostate and breast cancer studies being conducted at IUSCC.

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Nominate Life Sciences Champion of the Year

Who is making the most positive impact on the growth of the state's life sciences sector? The inaugural [BioCrossroads Life Sciences Champion of the Year Award](#) seeks to answer that question. Nominations will be accepted until **Friday, July 18**.

The honor will be awarded on an annual basis to an entrepreneurial, research, corporate, medical, academic, or philanthropic individual who has made particularly significant achievements in the development and promotion of Indiana's life sciences sector.

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Free tickets to tennis championships

The University Place Conference Center and Hotel is offering free tickets to the IUPUI community for the Indianapolis Tennis Championships matches on Monday, July 14, beginning at 7 p.m.

Tickets will be available for pick-up at University Place Conference Center entrance lobby on Monday, July 14th between 9:00 a.m. and noon on a first-come, first-served basis. There are a limit of two tickets per person.

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Gupta and Matthews receive Faculty Teaching Awards

The 2008 IUSM Faculty Teaching Awards were presented to Sandeep K. Gupta, MD, associate professor of clinical pediatrics, and David E. Matthews, MD, associate professor of clinical surgery. The 16th annual awards were presented May 6 at the Spring Faculty Meeting.

The Faculty Teaching Award is given in recognition of demonstrated excellence in teaching (approximately five years of service). All full-time and part-time faculty and librarians at IUSM within the statewide system for medical education are eligible.

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Honors

Victoria Champion, RN, DNS, and seven other individuals was appointed in June by President Bush to the National Cancer Advisory Board. The NCAB's function is to advise, assist, and make recommendations to the secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services and the National Cancer Institute director. The NCAB may make recommendations regarding support grants and cooperative agreements, technical and scientific peer review, and functions pertaining to the NCI.

Indra Das, PhD, professor and vice chair of radiation oncology and chief of radiotherapy physics at IUSM, will be honored July 28 by the American Association of Physicists in Medicine as the Physicist for the Year 2008. This lifetime achievement award is presented annually for outstanding contributions in the field of medical physics.

Michael Ney, vice chair for academic support in the Department of Surgery, was recently promoted to the rank of major in the Indiana Guard Reserve. Recently certified as a senior military emergency manager, Ney participated with more than 80 fellow volunteers at the Columbus Regional Hospital flood disaster site in mid-June. Major Ney is the adjutant and company commander for the medical company in the Indiana Guard Reserve's Support Command.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 13, 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.

With experts warning that an influenza pandemic is overdue, public health officials and other stakeholders have been working to develop response plans for such a crisis. The Indiana State Board of Health, the Indiana University Center for Bioethics and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials are hosting a summit July 14 and 15, at which many of the nation's top public health officers will gather to discuss the ethical issues that arise in dealing with the prospect of a flu pandemic. Host Barbara Lewis will examine the summit's goals and possible "hot buttons" with one of the summit's co-chairs, Eric Meslin, Ph.D., director of the Indiana University Center for Bioethics.

Understanding the "hunger hormone", which tells the stomach when it's time to eat, is a tantalizing conquest that many scientists aspire to understand. Jesus Gutierrez, a research advisor in integrative biology at Eli Lilly, and Mark Heiman, a Lilly researcher, will speak about their discovery of how to manipulate a stomach enzyme in its interaction with the hormone called GOAT, in ways that could lead to new treatments for obesity.

Author, teacher and columnist Allen Zadoff, who wrote *Hungry: A Male Food Addict*, will discuss his battle with food addiction, what he did to change his eating and how he continues to maintain a healthy weight and eating habits.

The frightening gap between first- and third-world health care is a major global issue. Ruth Messinger, president of the American Jewish World Service, an international development organization, discusses with *Sound Medicine*'s Ora Pescovitz, M.D., her organization's work, providing support to grassroots healthcare and social change projects around the world.

On this week's "Check Up," Jeremy Shere explores a new treatment for vertigo.

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 Center for Medical Science, 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 Kelli Diener at kas1@iupui.edu.

To access calendars and information prior to 2003, visit the old site at www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar.

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- fax your information to (317) 278-8722

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- Dr. as a preface before names (designate MD or PhD)

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