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U.S. News releases 'Best Hospitals' guide

U.S. News & World Report today released its 2009 "America's Best Hospitals" guide, which ranks nine clinical programs at the IU School of Medicine and Clarian Health among the top 50 national programs.

Clarian's Methodist Hospital and Indiana University Hospital are the only Indiana hospitals included in the rankings, and are among only 174 hospitals recognized out of the 4,861 evaluated nationwide in even one of the 16 specialties that were evaluated. Riley Hospital for Children was recognized in an earlier *U.S. News* ranking. See communications.medicine.iu.edu/body.cfm?id=106.

The guide also includes an Honor Roll of hospitals that earned high scores in at least six specialties. You can learn more about the Honor Roll and the hospitals included on this year's Honor Roll at health.usnews.com/articles/health/best-hospitals/2009/07/15/americas-best-hospitals-the-2009-2010-honor-roll.html.

The complete guide and hospitals rankings are available online at www.usnews.com.

Below are the rankings this year, with our 2008 rankings shown for comparison.

Specialty Program	2009 ranking	2008 ranking
Digestive Disorders	13	13
Urology	16	16

Orthopedics	24	18
Neurology & Neurosurgery	26	24
Respiratory	26	29
Ear, Nose & Throat	26	27
Geriatrics	27	25
Cancer	32	34
Kidney	38	33

Programs ranked in 2008 but NOT in 2009:

Heart & Heart Surgery		40
Endocrinology		44

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Changes to electronic routing for proposals

The Office of Research Administration (ORA) is announcing a change to the current process for receiving proposals. As of Wednesday, July 1st, ORA will no longer require that a paper copy be delivered to their office for grant proposals that are being submitted electronically to an agency. In order to make this transition successful the following items are being requested:

- An ERA routing form will be required for each routing. The electronic proposal file should be attached to the ERA routing form under the “Attachments” section.
- The ERA routing form needs to be approved by the project director and appropriate department chair(s) and dean’s office(s) that are listed on the routing. The School of Medicine approvals will follow the same process as before regarding the dean’s office.
- In the instance when an ERA form is generated the same day that the electronic proposal is due, the PI or their contact person will need to contact us at our main office at 278-3473 to inform us of the routing. This will ensure that we are able to start reviewing the proposal while waiting for departmental approvals.
- If paper copies are required by the agency, the PI will still need to have the paper copies for the agency delivered to the ORA office.

ORA will submit the proposal electronically to the agency. Then the final submitted version of the proposal will be attached to the ERA Route Sheet using the naming convention PI’s last name final ORA (example: Smith final ORA).

We believe that this change in processes will make it more convenient for all individuals involved in the research process. However, once this process is in effect, if you have a routing that you have not been contacted on by our office within one business day of routing it, please give our main number a call at 278-3473 to confirm that we did receive the electronic routing.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Jean Mercer at 278-3473.

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Group Dynamics: “Groupthink”

Have you ever experienced a time when you felt strongly about speaking up during a meeting but decided against it for reasons of not wanting to appear unsupportive? Were reluctant to disrupt the unity of the group? If your answer is “yes,” you have likely been a victim of Groupthink.

Groupthink occurs when the desire for group consensus overrides people’s ability to think critically, thus undermining group/team decision making. Learn to help your team avoid the effects of the Groupthink syndrome during a seminar from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, July 29, in the Daly Center, room 185. Kim White-Mills, Ph.D., chair and associate professor of communication at IUPUI, will facilitate this DiversiTea session.

During this session, participants will learn the eight traits of Groupthink behavior, discuss the negative consequences of Groupthink and learn tips on how to prevent this from occurring within your work units, teams, and committees.

To register for this session contact mlaystro@iupui.edu or call 274-7217. Online registration also is available at faculty.medicine.iu.edu/events.asp. The deadline for registering is **Friday, July 24**.

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Female faculty promotion event

IUSM women faculty who have been at the associate rank for four or more years and want to consider promotion to full professor are invited to attend The Next Hurdle: From Associate to Full Professor from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 11, in Fairbanks Hall, room 5005.

Please RSVP to <https://faculty.medicine.iu.edu/events.asp>.

This is a special event only for IUSM women faculty -- join your colleagues for conversation over wine and cheese about promotion: what it takes, why it matters, tips for your dossier, understanding barriers and how to overcome them. Questions? sarareed@iupui.edu

Facilitators:

Sharon Andreoli, MD

Byron P. and Frances D. Hollett Professor of Pediatrics, Director of Pediatric Nephrology, and Chair, IUSM Promotion and Tenure Committee

Mary Austrom, PhD

Wesley P. Martin Professor of Alzheimer Disease Education, Professor of Clinical Psychology in Clinical Psychiatry, member of IUSM Clinical Faculty Contract and Promotion Committee

Janice Blum, PhD

Chancellor’s Professor of Microbiology & Immunology,
Co-Director of the Center for Immunobiology

Stephen P. Bogdewic, PhD

George W. Copeland Professor of Family Medicine, Executive Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs and Professional Development

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Annual IUSM-CTSI Scientific Poster Session and IUSM Art Exhibition

The 2009 annual IUSM and Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) Scientific Poster Session and the second annual IUSM Art Exhibition will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 16.

The Scientific Session is designed to highlight current research efforts within the school and to foster interdisciplinary research. The Art Exhibition will showcase the artistic expressions of faculty, staff and students and will include visual and literary works.

The poster session will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (set-up at 10:30 a.m.) in the VanNuys Medical Science Building atrium. Faculty, fellows and students are invited to submit abstracts at www.indianactsi.org/grants. The submission deadline is **Tuesday, Aug. 25**. Lunch will be provided for presenters (up to 2 per poster) during the poster session.

Three awards, sponsored by the Indiana CTSI, will be given to the top posters in three categories: “Best Student submission” (\$1,000 cash award), “Best Clinical submission” (\$1,000 travel award) and “Best Basic Science submission” (\$1,000 travel award). Please note that only one poster per primary investigator will be permitted.

Two opportunities for IUSM artists

The second annual IUSM Art Exhibition will again be on display in conjunction with the annual poster session. This exhibit of literary and visual artwork will be on display in the Medical Science Building atrium Sept. 16 and the artwork also will be showcased in the Art Gallery at the IUPUI Campus Center from Nov. 3-21.

The deadline for submitting artwork is **Sunday, Aug. 23**. Detailed information and the form for submissions is available at communications.medicine.iu.edu/artsubmission.

In the past, the Scientific Poster Session typically is combined with the Dean’s Grand Rounds. However, this year will simply feature the Poster Session, which will again be paired with the Dean’s Grand Rounds in successive years.

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FEED to look at performance improvement CME

FEED: Performance Improvement CME – Keeping Clinicians Current (and Certified) will be Tuesday, Aug. 18, 5 to 7 p.m. in Fairbanks Hall, rooms 1110 & 1112. Presenting will be Julie Vannerson, Alex Djuricich and Charles Clark.

To register, see <https://faculty.medicine.iu.edu/events.asp>.

This workshop will introduce the new concept in continuing medical education, that of performance improvement CME (PI CME). PI CME is a three-step process that begins with an assessment of the clinical practice using evidence-based measures and ends with reevaluation of performance in practice after an intervention is introduced. It is a mandatory step for all certification and maintenance of certification activities.

Dinner will be provided and free parking will be available in the Fairbanks Hall lot, located on the corner of 10th Street and Senate Avenue.

Questions? Contact sarareed@iupui.edu.

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IUSM New Faculty Welcome

All new faculty appointed from September 2008 to present are invited to attend the IUSM New Faculty Welcome from 2:30 to 4 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, in Fairbanks Hall, rooms 1109 and 1111. Please register at <https://faculty.medicine.iu.edu/events.asp>

The IUSM Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development will host a welcome session for new faculty. Senior IUSM faculty will be present to answer questions. This event will provide opportunity for networking and learning about resources available to support faculty at the School of Medicine and meet new colleagues.

Immediately following the welcome program, there will be the "Academy of Teaching Scholars Kick-off" event, which will include a tour of the new IUSM Simulation Center.

Questions? Contact sarareed@iupui.edu.

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Academy of Teaching Scholars kick-off event

The kick-off for the Academy of Teaching Scholars will be from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 24, in Fairbanks Hall, rooms 1109 and 1111. The keynote speaker will be Richard Gunderman, MD, MPH, PhD.

Teaching is a core mission of the school and the majority of faculty are involved in one or more aspects of this mission. Come to this event and discuss with your colleagues and Dr. Gunderman the importance of teaching and how to develop as an educator. During this event an overview of the IUSM Academy of Teaching Scholars will be provided as will opportunity to become part of the academy.

The IUSM academy consists of three tiers and this event marks the launch of tier one. The mission of tier one of the academy is to provide all faculty the fundamentals of teaching and learning. A series of workshops will be designed to offer instruction in the following areas:

- Technology in Teaching
- Assessment of Learners
- Learning Theory
- Instructional Methods
- Curriculum Development

To register, see faculty.medicine.iu.edu/events.asp.

The kick-off event will also provide opportunity for faculty to tour the new simulation center. Questions? Contact sarareed@iupui.edu.

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State Fair volunteers needed

IUSM and Clarian Health are partnering this year at the State Fair and are seeking volunteers during the August 7-21 session. Students, residents, faculty and staff are invited to volunteer in the Clarian Healthy Lifestyles Pavilion for the two weeks of the fair.

There will be plenty of great options for volunteers including screenings, guiding children and adults through interactive activities in the Riley, heart, neuro and human motion areas, as well as other healthy lifestyle activities.

Just go to this link and fill out the preliminary form to access the Clarian Volunteer Sign up site. You'll get a note from Brittany DeWitt letting you know when you've been given access to select the volunteer activity and time of your choice. Select the category that fits your affiliation – faculty, staff, medical student or resident. See www.volgistics.com/ex/portal.dll/ap?AP=78716938.

Questions can be directed to Pam Perry at pperry@iupui.edu.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, July 19, or 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 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, *Sound Medicine* reporter Shia Levitt will explain the new legislation that authorizes the Food and Drug Administration to oversee how tobacco companies advertise, market and manufacture their products.

Continuing the discussion will be Stephen Jay, MD, professor of medicine and former chairman of the Department of Public Health at IUSM, who will explain the history of tobacco policy and legislation prior to the new law and how the law may affect how tobacco is marketed and sold.

Marc Gerdisch, MD, director of cardiothoracic surgery at St. Francis Heart Center in Indianapolis, will explain how he uses a bio-material called extra-cellular matrix to help patients regenerate heart tissue.

David Newman MD, director of clinical research at the Department of Medicine at Columbia University, will discuss his new book, *Hippocrates Shadow: Secrets from the House of Medicine*, in which he argues in favor of evidence-based medicine over traditional practice.

Also this week, *Sound Medicine* will air a new installment of “Grace Notes,” a series of first-person essays about end-of-life issues written and read by Larry Cripe, MD, associate professor of medicine and an oncologist at the IU Simon Cancer Center.

In this week's *Sound Medicine* “Checkup,” Jeremy Shere, PhD, will discuss whether kids are getting enough calcium.

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

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