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Doctor sets off on cross country ride to honor patients

Since its formation 10 years ago, the Palliative Care Program at Wishard Health Services has worked to improve the comfort and quality of life for all patients who face a life-limiting illness. In the past decade, Wishard's Palliative Care team has helped more than 3,000 patients and their families.

To recognize this, Gregory Gramelspacher, MD, director of the Palliative Care Program at Wishard and professor of medicine at IUSM, will be setting off on a 40-day bicycle ride across the country, riding roughly one mile for each patient.

The journey titled “Dr. Greg’s Ride to Remember” will take him across 11 states, from Santa Barbara, Calif., to Charleston, S.C. Dr. Greg’s Ride to Remember is also aimed at raising support for the Palliative Care Program and drawing attention to the needs of the dying poor. He will leave the West Coast on Sept. 14 and arrive on the East Coast on Oct. 24.

“My goal is to celebrate our tenth anniversary, raise awareness about compassionate end-of-life care – especially for the dying poor – and to talk about palliative care,” Dr. Gramelspacher said, adding he will be keeping people posted on his progress by blogging at www.ridetoremember.us and communicating with colleagues back at Wishard.

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Flu instructions for all IUSM students

There is a significant likelihood that the H1N1 virus (swine flu) will re-emerge this fall and produce widespread infections. To limit the spread, students are encouraged to stay home if they exhibit the following symptoms:

- Fever (greater than 100 degrees F) and chills
- Sore throat, headache, cough
- Body aches, fatigue
- Possible diarrhea and vomiting

If students come to class exhibiting flu-like symptoms, the faculty are encouraged to send them home.

The CDC recommends that people with influenza-like illness remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are fever-free (less than 100 degrees F without the use of fever-reducing medications).

Students with the indicated symptoms should alert their instructors as soon as possible. The instructors will accommodate ill students in whatever ways are most appropriate for a given course or clerkship. Every effort will be made to enable the student to make up for the lost time at the instructor’s discretion (e.g., waivers, extensions, rescheduling of assignments and exams, availability of course material via the Web, etc.).

At this time, county and state health officials do not recommend closing any schools due to H1N1 flu. IUPUI and the other campuses will make decisions about closing based on consultation with county and state health officials after a thorough assessment of the health threat to the campus community. The current severity of the H1N1 flu is similar to the severity of the seasonal flu. If H1N1 flu becomes more severe, the university will follow the recommendations of local, state and federal health officials concerning social distancing measures.

In the unlikely event of a campus closure, students will be informed via local media and e-mails from IUSM administrators and/or course instructors.

- 1st and 2nd year students—stay home if your local campus cancels classes
- 3rd and 4th year students—contact your clinical sites to determine where you need to report. Remember, the hospitals will remain open regardless of campus conditions.

Additional information about H1N1 preparedness:

www.iupui.edu/~prepared/h1n1

www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/institutions/guidance

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Directors for basic science research and clinical research sought

The IUSM Department of Ophthalmology seeks applicants for two positions.

Director of Basic Science Research for the new Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute: The Director of Basic Science Research will serve as a senior member of the department and be responsible for strategic planning and growth of a cohesive research team. Applicants should have an MD/Ph.D. or Ph.D. and be at the Associate Professor or Professor level within their respective institutions. Applicants must have demonstrated excellence within their own research and have experience in leading a research team and have the qualities to lead the development of a larger research enterprise. This is a tenure track position with a competitive salary for the research and administrative responsibilities with fringe benefits. IUPUI is an equal opportunity institution M/F/D.

Clinical Research Director for the new Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute: The Clinical Research Director will serve as a senior member of the department and be responsible for strategic planning and growth of a cohesive research team. Applicants should have an MD/Ph.D. or Ph.D. and be at the Associate Professor or Professor level within their respective institutions. Applicants must have demonstrated excellence within their own research and have experience in leading a research team and have the qualities to lead the development of a larger research enterprise. This is a tenure track position with a competitive salary for the research and administrative responsibilities with fringe benefits. IUPUI is an equal opportunity institution M/F/D.

Interested applicants should forward their CV and a cover letter to:

Louis B. Cantor, MD
Chair and Professor, Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute
Indiana University Department of Ophthalmology
Department of Ophthalmology
702 Rotary Circle #140D
Indianapolis, IN 46202

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NIH Director's Pioneer, New Innovator, and Transformative R01 Initiatives

NIH welcomes proposals for 2010 NIH Director's Pioneer Awards and New Innovator Awards. Both programs are part of the [NIH Roadmap for Medical Research](#) and support exceptionally creative scientists who take highly innovative, potentially high-impact approaches to major challenges in biomedical or behavioral research.

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Faculty ASR survey due Sept. 21

The 2009 Faculty Annual Summary Report is now available. All regular faculty members who were active during the past academic year (2008-2009) have been requested to complete this survey. Deadline for ASR submissions is **Monday, Sept. 21**.

If you are involved in the instruction or presentation of Continuing Medical Education (CME - Question #4) or undergraduate courses (Instruction -Question #1) all course related activities will need to be entered as this data has not been provided by a central source.

Please do not forget to complete the “School of Medicine Faculty Offices, and Standing Committees Nominations” questionnaire at the bottom of the report.

The web search application for last year’s research interest question may be found at

apps.iusm.iu.edu/IUSMDecisionSupport/search/search.aspx.

The survey is available at apps.iusm.iu.edu/asr/. Contact the office of Decision Support at 278-1968, or e-mail finaff@iupui.edu, if you have problems or questions.

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Scientific Poster Session and Art Exhibit

The 2009 annual IUSM and Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute 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 display will be from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Art Exhibition, which is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., will showcase the artistic expressions of faculty, staff and students and will include visual and literary works.

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), will be presented.

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Crispus Attucks highlights precollege projects

Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School and the IUSM will host student and faculty presentations of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute Precollege Program Summer Projects Monday, Sept. 14. The program will begin at 9:30 a.m. in the Crispus Attucks auditorium.

RSVP to Dee Matthews at 274-1724 or deematth@iupui.edu.

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Master of Public Health

An information session on the educational programs offered in the IUSM Department of Public Health will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept 16. The Department of Public Health is located at 714 N. Senate Ave. Free parking is available in the lot north of the building.

To RSVP contact: Leah Jansen at lwissel@iupui.edu or 278-0765. Can't attend in person? Log on to: <http://breeze.iu.edu/mphinfosession> to attend from your pc. See www.pbhealth.iupui.edu for more information about the department and its programs.

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Ask For It: Negotiation Training for Women

Sara Laschever will present "Ask For It: Negotiation Training for Women" from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and with an encore presentation from 1:30 to 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 21, in the IUPUI Campus Center, room 450 B. The presentation is sponsored by the IUSM Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development and the Women's Advisory Council.

Sara Laschever is a fellow of the Center for Work-Life Policy and the co-author, with Linda Babcock, of *Ask For It: How Women Can Use the Power of Negotiation To Get What They Really Want* and *Women Don't Ask: The High Cost of Avoiding Negotiation and Positive Strategies for Change*.

To register, see faculty.medicine.iu.edu/events.asp. Questions? Contact sarareed@iupui.edu.

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National health policy expert to speak at Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds

The Department of Emergency Medicine will host Grand Rounds guest speaker Art Kellermann, MD, MPH. Dr. Kellermann is a nationally recognized expert on health policy and is the associate dean of health policy at Emory University. He completed a mid-career Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship where he joined the professional staff of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

His presentation, "Health Policy Implications in Emergency Medicine," will be from 7 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium. (Note location change: The lecture originally was to be held in the VanNuys Medical Sciences Building.)

For more information, contact Jennifer Walthall, MD, at jdhewlet@iupui.edu.

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Business of Medicine lunch presentation

The Business of Medicine Student Interest Group will host a lunch time presentation at noon, Friday, Sept. 25, in VanNuys Medical Science Building, room 326. "How We Compensate Physicians, and Why it Matters" will be presented by IUSM Professor Richard Gunderman, MD, PhD. Lunch will be provided.

During these times of economic challenges, compensation for physicians seems to depend upon selected payment models, including fee for service, episodes of care, medical home and capitation and others. During this discussion, Dr. Gunderman will present an overview of some of the most important points concerning each model. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

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IUSM Fall Faculty Meeting

The IUSM Fall Faculty Meeting will be from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 13, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium.

Speakers will include:

Stephen F. Wintermeyer, MD, associate professor of medicine and adjunct associate professor of public health
Topic – H1N1: IUSM Response

Joan Duwve, MD, MPH, medical director, Indiana State Department of Health
Topic – Update on H1N1 Epidemiology

To virtually attend this meeting:

- Via a web stream go to mms://wms.indiana.edu/fall_faculty_meeting. The stream will go live 5 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.
- Via video conferencing – dial into Video Bridge Recorded 116.

For additional information, contact Kelli Diener at kas1@iupui.edu.

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O'Malley to lecture twice during Beering Award visit

The 2009 Steven C. Beering awardee is Bert W. O'Malley, MD, who is the Thomas C. Thompson Professor and chairman, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology, and director of the Baylor Center for Reproductive Biology in Houston.

His research group has made fundamental discoveries in characterizing the intracellular mechanisms by which steroid hormones exert their actions through nuclear receptors. He will present "Pathways of Steroid Hormone Action" to the graduate, first- and second-year medical students at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, in Emerson Hall Auditorium.

His topic for the Beering Award lecture will be "Nuclear Receptor Coactivators: Mechanisms and Medical Relevance" at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium. CME credit will be available for this lecture.

A reception will follow the Beering Lecture.

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International Newsroom

The International Newsroom located in the Reference Room on the second floor of the University Library has current sources of information on world events. Bring your headphones to hear live newsfeeds from

international networks: Al Jazeera, TV9 Telegu, CCTV3 China, WOW-TV Korea, EuroNews and CNN ESPAÑOL.

See www.ulib.iupui.edu/views/news_feed for more information.

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New food website

Check out the new IUPUI Food Service website at food.iupui.edu. It includes hours of operation, menus, locations, catering information and more.

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Alas, summer concert series ends

The final concert in the summer series in Ball Gardens, which is located north of Ball Residence Hall and east of the Union Building, will be from noon to 12:45 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 17, with the IUPUI Chamber Ensemble performing.

Rain Location: Riley Outpatient Center atrium. All of these concerts are free, kid-friendly, and open to the public. They are hosted by the IU Foundation and the Purdue University Department of Music and Arts Technology.

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Wells Centers hosts team for diabetes walk

The 2009 Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk to Cure Diabetes will be Saturday, Oct. 10, at Military Park with check-in at 9 a.m. and the 5K walk/run starting at 10:30 a.m. There will be a Wells Center Walkers for Diabetes team, and IUSM employees are encouraged to participate with family and friends.

Contact Shari Upchurch, 274-4145, shupchur@iupui.edu to sign up for the Wells Center team.

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IUPUI Inaugural Regatta seeks teams

The Student Organization for Alumni Relations (SOAR), the Central Indiana Chapter of the IU Alumni Association and the IUPUI Alumni Council are sponsoring an inaugural "IUPUI Regatta: A Canoe Race on the Downtown Canal," and students, faculty, and staff from the School of Medicine are encouraged to participate.

The half-mile race will be Saturday, Sept. 19, at the north end of the canal running from the Buggs' Temple end to the USS Indianapolis basin and back. There will be four-person teams of paddlers racing in canoes, two paddlers at a time. Each team may have up to four additional members to assist paddlers getting in and out of their canoes. Current students, alumni, faculty, and staff may enter.

Student teams will be charged \$50 for the 4 paddlers and \$10 for each additional team member. Alumni, faculty and staff teams will be charged \$100 for the four paddlers and \$15 for each additional member.

To register, visit www.iupui.edu/~soar. Registration deadline is **Friday, Sept. 11**.

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Cardboard recycling on campus

Some of the Indy recycling locations that used to take cardboard, no longer do. To recycle your corrugated cardboard (whether it comes from your home or office), feel free to use the gray or brown containers labeled for cardboard outside of most IUPUI buildings. In addition, the container behind the Psychiatric Research building at Elmwood and Wishard allows you to put corrugated cardboard in with the newspapers.

Questions? Call Phillip Warren, CFS Recycling manager, at 274-7696.

More information on the city's recycling program is at [www.kibi.org/recycle/recycle_reuse_guide.htm#Corrugated Cardboard](http://www.kibi.org/recycle/recycle_reuse_guide.htm#Corrugated_Cardboard).

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Honors

Mary Guerriero Austrom, PhD, Wesley P Martin Professor of Alzheimer's Disease Education, director of faculty development in the Department of Psychiatry and the director of education for the Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center at IUSM, has been selected by Brock University (Ontario, Canada) to receive their Distinguished Alumna Award for 2009. Dr. Austrom will be recognized for her work with people with Alzheimer's disease and related disorders and their families at Brock's Homecoming Weekend, September 18-20.

Margaret Blythe, MD, has been chosen as the 2009 recipient of the Founders of Adolescent Health Community Leadership Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics, Section of Adolescent Health. This award recognizes exemplary achievement on behalf of adolescents on a local level. Dr. Blythe is a professor of pediatrics in the Section of Adolescent Health.

David A. Flockhart, MD, PhD, professor and director of the Division of Pharmacology, is the recipient of the American College of Clinical Pharmacology's 2009 Nathaniel T. Kwit Memorial Distinguished Service Award. This award acknowledges contributions in evaluating and communicating the value of pharmacogenetic testing to physicians and pharmacists in clinical practice. The award will be presented at the group's annual meeting Sept. 13-15.

Dennis Fortenberry, MD, is the recipient of the American Sexually Transmitted Diseases Association Achievement Award. The award is presented annual to a member at mid-career to acknowledge an outstanding body of research in sexually transmitted diseases. Dr. Fortenberry is a professor of pediatrics in the Section of Adolescent Health.

Philip L. Johnson, PhD, and **Patrick D. Skosnik**, PhD, have been awarded 2009 Young Investigator Grants for Research on Psychiatric Disorders from the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression. Dr. Johnson's award is for "Over-expression of orexin in Rats as a Model of Co-morbin Panic and

Mood Disorders.” Dr. Skosnik’s research focus is “Cannabis Use and Schizophrenia-related Biomarkers: A longitudinal Study.”

Debomoy Lahiri, PhD, chaired a session and delivered a lecture at the 22nd Biennial Joint Meeting of the International Society of Neurochemistry and the Asian Pacific Society for Neurochemistry held in Busan, South Korea, Aug 23-28. Dr. Lahiri was also an invited speaker at the 10th International Congress on Alzheimer’s disease held in Vienna, Austria, in July.

Clement J. McDonald, distinguished professor emeritus and a pioneer in electronic medical record systems, is the recipient of the President's Medal for Excellence. The award is among the highest honors an IU president can bestow. Dr. McDonald and Camilla Williams, an operatic soprano and former IU voice professor, were presented the awards by IU President Michael A. McRobbie on Sept. 4 in Indianapolis, in recognition of sustained excellence in service, achievement and leadership. Dr. McDonald is an internationally respected leader in medical informatics whose research has focused on the development and use of computer-stored medical records systems to improve health care. He has served as Regenstrief Professor of Medical Informatics at IUSM and director of the internationally recognized Regenstrief Institute for Health Care. Currently, he is the director of the Lister Hill National Center for Biomedical Communications, a research and development organization that seeks to improve access to biomedical information for individuals around the world.

Matthew J. Mellon, MD, is a winner of an American Society of Clinical Oncology in Genitourinary Cancer. He is one of 25 physicians in training worldwide who received a Mwerit Award for their notable research contributions.

Phil Merk, MD, director of pediatrics at Wishard Health Services and professor of pediatrics and emergency medicine at IUSM, has been presented with the St. Margaret’s Hospital Guild Achievement in Medicine (AIM) Award. He was selected for his dedicated service to the health of Wishard’s pediatric patients and his insight into exploring opportunities to continue to provide high quality care.

Debbie C. Thurmond, PhD, has been invited to serve as a member of the Molecular and Cellular Endocrinology Study Section for the Center for Scientific Review at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. She began a four-year term July 1. Dr. Thurmond is the associate director of the basic diabetes research group of the Herman B Wells Center for Pediatric Research. She holds appointments as associate professor in the departments of biochemistry and molecular biology and cellular and integrative physiology and is a member of the Center for Diabetes Research and the Stark Neurosciences Research Institute.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, or 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 15, to *Sound Medicine*, the award-winning weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis.

This week, Ron Ackermann, MD, MPH, assistant professor of medicine at IUSM, will discuss the economics of providing preventive care. Dr. Ackermann’s research has focused on how prevention in the area of diabetes might save money in the long run.

Anthony Fauci, MD, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, will explain how the new H1N1 (swine) flu trials are working in pediatric populations.

Daniel Jernigan, MD, MPH, deputy director of the influenza division at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, will explain why this year's flu season has been so much longer.

Sound Medicine reporter Sandy Roob will visit a new medical student-run health clinic in Indianapolis.

Antonina Bambina, Ph.D, director of the Honors Program and sociology professor at the University of Southern Indiana and author of *Online Social Support*, will discuss how internet social networking sites can help seniors feel less socially isolated.

In this week's *Sound Medicine* "Checkup," Jeremy Shere, PhD, will explore omega-3 fatty acids and what makes them good for us.

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

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