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Research becomes practice

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On September 16, 5-6:30 pm, join us in Campus Center 450 for the annual TRIP Community Showcase, sponsored by the Center for Translating Research into Practice (TRIP). The featured speaker is David G. Marrero, J. O. Ritchey Endowed Professor of Medicine, the inaugural winner of the Bantz/Petronio Translating Research into Practice Award. David will speak on “Practical Approaches to Preventing Diabetes. What Actually Works.”

Translational research is in IUPUI’s DNA. That is why we established the Center for Translating Research into Practice and established an award for faculty who have that focus and who do exemplary, nationally recognized work. As director of the Diabetes Translational Research Center, Professor Marrero has done clinical studies which show that type 2 diabetes can be delayed or prevented by lifestyle modification and use of medication. He wants to broaden the impact of his findings by better identifying those at risk and getting information to them. Dr. Marrero is also a codirector of the Center for Pediatric Obesity and Diabetes Prevention Research, which received Signature Center status at IUPUI in July 2012.

The American Medical Association estimates that as many as one in three American adults will have diabetes by 2050, unless steps are taken to prevent it, so this is a significant problem that merits the kind of work Dr. Marrero is doing. BioCrossroads has identified diabetes as an area of economic opportunity for the development of drugs or technologies for diagnosis, prevention, and treatment. The new Indiana Biosciences Research Institute is also interested in scientific research that addresses the interrelatedness of metabolic disorders (cardiovascular disease and diabetes). Hoosiers suffer disproportionally from these diseases, and they are costly to treat.

For more information about the event, including other faculty participants prepared to discuss their translational research, click here. The reception is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served, so please RSVP.

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