THERE’S A NEW SHERIFF AT WISHARD

There’s a new sheriff at Wishard running dermatology there—and his name is Lawrence Mark. Dr. Mark became director of the Wishard Dermatology Service starting July 1, 2007. This leadership position marks a remarkable rise from dermatology resident to Wishard director in one year. And it speaks to his leadership skills and the confidence in which his colleagues have for him.

Congratulations Dr. Mark!

FALL INDY DERM MEETING SUCCESSFUL

The Fall Indiana Academy of Dermatology Meeting was held at the I.U. Medical Center on Friday, October 26th, 2007. The festivities started with a lunch meeting of the Indiana Academy of Dermatology. Again, for the Friday afternoon clinical meeting there were a wide variety of interesting diagnoses presented, including patients with disorders ranging from reticula hemangioma to EB simplex with mottled hypopigmentation. After the patient viewing, Dr. Anita Haggstrom, The Arthur Norins Investigator and Director of Pediatric Dermatology, was the guest lecturer. Her lecture, entitled Infantile Hemangiomas: Recognition and Management of High-Risk Lesions was very well-received. Please see the spotlight section of the newsletter for more details on Dr. Haggstrom.

Congratulations to Chief Residents Drs. Mindi Morris, Hannah Huddleston and Carrie Davis for organizing the patient viewing, and IAD President Deborah Armstrong M.D., Ph. D. for organizing the successful IAD meeting.

Mark your calendar! The date for the Spring IAD Clinical Meeting will be the first Wednesday of May (May 7), 2008, and will be held again at the Dermatology Clinic at the Adult Outpatient Center. Looking forward to seeing you then!
RESIDENCY’S
CUTANEOUS BIOLOGY COURSE
HITS 12 YEAR MARK

Over 220 dermatology residents traveled to Indianapolis November 16-17 to attend the annual cutaneous biology course. This year’s course featured lectures from faculty around the Midwest, as well as from five IU faculty. These lecturers included Drs. John Foley (Anatomy and Dermatology; Dermis); Raymond Konger (Pathology and Dermatology; Inflammation and Carcinogenesis); Anita Haggstrom (Dermatology and Pediatrics; Vascular Basic Science); Ravi Krishnan (Dermatology; Head and Neck Anatomy); Dan Spandau (Dermatology; Keratinocytes); Jeffrey Travers (Dermatology; Immunology Overview); and Stephen Wolverton (Dermatology; Drug Mechanisms). Kudos to course director Dr. Wolverton and co-directors Drs. Spandau and Travers and assistants Lolita Goens and Kelli Cassidy (who really did the work...) for another successful course.

CLEVE J. FRANCOUER, JR.
AWARD TO BE ESTABLISHED

The Department of Dermatology and Susan Francouer, widow of Dr. Cleve Francouer, announce the establishment of the Cleve J. Francouer JR M.D. Award which will be presented every year to the outstanding dermatology resident as chosen by the faculty. This award will allow us to remember Dr. Francouer, who was an outstanding resident and community practitioner who also was a valuable volunteer supervising resident clinics at Wishard. For more information or to donate to this award, please contact Dr. Travers (317-274-7705; jtravers@iupui.edu).

KUDOS TO:

Congrats to Dr. Mousdicas and colleagues for their manuscript “Recalcitrant rosacea in an immunocompetent patient responding to oral ivermectin” by Kattie J. Allen, Carrie L. Davis, Steven D. Billings, and Nico Mousdicas, which made the cover of Cutis.

Dr. Rania Agha, whose paper entitled “Dermatologic challenges in cancer patients and survivors”, was published in the November issue of Oncology.

Dr. Qiwei Zhang, whose manuscript, “Ultraviolet B radiation-mediated inhibition of contact hypersensitivity reactions is dependent upon the Platelet-activating Factor system”, was accepted for publication in the Journal of Investigative Dermatology. Dr. Zhang also co-authored another manuscript with Drs. Jeffrey Travers and Raymond Konger entitled “Augmentation of Ultraviolet B Radiation-mediated early gene expression by the epidermal Platelet-activating Factor receptor” that was published in the September issue of the Journal of Investigative Dermatology. Good work, Q!

Dr. Anita Haggstrom, whose CME article on hemangiomas was published in the November issue of Physicians Practice, a journal that goes to all physicians in Indiana.

Dr. William B. “Joe” Moores, who was awarded the Cornerstone Award from IU for volunteerism in multiple fundraising campaigns. Thanks for all your help!!!

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Dr. Haggstrom was born Anita Nijhawan, and grew up in Omaha, Nebraska. Her father, Jagdish Nijhawan, was a structural engineer for Wilson Concrete, Company. Her mother, Sonia Nijhawan, was an elementary school teacher. Following graduation from high school, Dr. Haggstrom went to the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana, where she graduated summa cum laude in the honors program with a BS in Biology (Major) and Chemistry (Minor). She then spent a year working as a research assistant for a biotech company in Boston, where she helped develop delivery systems for bone morphogenic protein (BMP). As part of her duties, she worked with orthopedic surgeons delivering BMP to animal models of bone fractures. It was at this time she became interested in pursuing a career in medicine. Dr. Haggstrom returned home and attended the University of Nebraska Medical Center. It was during her clinical rotations she became fascinated with pediatrics and dermatology. Spending time with Dr. Kristi Hayes, a pediatric dermatologist at the University of Nebraska, solidified her decision to become a dermatologist. Dr. Haggstrom did her dermatology residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin. She describes the interactions with pediatric dermatology role models Drs. Nancy Esterly and Beth Drolet as key to her choosing pediatric dermatology. Of interest, as a first year dermatology resident she traveled with Dr. Esterly to the Pediatric Dermatology Society Meeting in Banff, Alberta, to present a case of PHACES syndrome. Given her interests in pediatric dermatology, especially vascular lesions, doing a two year pediatric fellowship with Dr. Ilona Frieden at the University of California, San Francisco, was the obvious next step. Dr. Haggstrom joined the faculty here in September 2006, and has the distinction of being one of the few IU assistant professors to ever hold an endowed professorship, the Arthur Norins, M.D. Professorship funded by the Indiana dermatological community. In the short time Dr. Haggstrom has been here, she has helped build the pediatric dermatology division, and obtained extramural funding from the Sturge-Weber Foundation for her research studies, and is co-Investigator of an NIH-funded research grant to study vincristine use for large/complex hemangiomas. Dr. Haggstrom’s goal is to “develop the pediatric dermatology division into a regional referral center for pediatric dermatology and a premier training program for pediatric dermatologists”. Her passion and expertise in pediatric dermatology are vascular tumors and malformations, and her training and experience has made her an authority in this area. Along those lines, she has recently organized a multidisciplinary Vascular Lesion Clinic that melds her clinical and research interests.

Dr. Haggstrom’s hobbies include cooking, traveling, and spending time with her husband, David Haggstrom, M.D. Dr. David Haggstrom is a hard-working cancer health services researcher who has been recently been awarded a coveted Career Development Award from the Veteran’s Administration. The Drs. Haggstrom collaborate on two very active sons, Andrew (4) and Erik (1.5).

Indiana University is very fortunate to have the Haggstroms, who are valued colleagues not only for their accomplishments, but also because they have the rare ability to elevate all those in their environment!
To diagnose and treat patients with vascular tumors and malformations, a multidisciplinary clinic consisting of dermatologists, plastic surgeons, otolaryngologists, interventional radiologists, oncologists, ophthalmologists and basic scientists has been formed under the direction of Dr. Anita Haggstrom. The multidisciplinary Vascular Lesion Clinic plans its first monthly clinic in February.

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The IUSM/Hackney-Norins Society Reception is scheduled for Saturday, February 2, 2008 from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. in the Alamo – Salon E at the Marriott Riverwalk. Please try to join us to see everyone! The upcoming AAD meeting in San Antonio will again be a busy time for the IU Department of Dermatology. Dr. Anita Haggstrom will be a faculty for the Treatment of Hemangiomas Forum, Dr. Travers will be directing the Residents and Fellows Symposium; and Dr. Stephen Wolverton will be directing the Therapies and How Medications Work Symposium, and will be giving a presentation entitled Making drug interactions very, very easy” in this symposium.

The dermatology residents will also be quite busy, especially in the Gross and Microscopic Symposium. The following residents have submitted abstracts which were chosen for oral presentation in this symposium: Dr. Rania Agha- “Gaucher’s disease presenting as extramedullary hematopoiesis” at 3:52 PM on 2/1/08; Dr. Terry Brogan- “Pigmented arsenical keratosis mimicking melanoma” at 3:44 PM on 2/1/08; Dr. Nick Countryman- “Recurrent vulvar erythema nodosum” at 9:32 AM on 2/1/08; Dr. Carrie Davis- “Panfolliculoma in a young woman treated with Mohs micrographic surgery” 4:12 PM on 2/2/08; Dr. Melanie Kingsley with two presentations- “Generalized telangiectatic eruption in a neutropenic patient with MRSA bacteremia” at 11:36 AM on 2/2/08 and “Rare variation of Cutaneous T cell Lymphoma: Agranular CD4+CD56+ Hematodermic Malignancy” at 3:48 PM on 2/2/08. There will also be a poster presented by the residents and faculty entitled “Interesting Cases from IU Dermatology”.

Congratulations to all of the presenters!
DEPARTMENT OF DERMATOLOGY GRAND ROUNDS
A reminder to all that the I.U. Department of Dermatology Grand Rounds are held the 1st and 3rd Wednesday mornings of each month. The patient viewing will take place from 7:30-8:30 AM in the Adult Outpatient Center Dermatology Clinics (UH 3240), with the patient discussions from 8:30-10:00 AM, and lecture to follow. These are held at the third floor AOC conference room. Please try to join us - in addition to interesting cases, good fellowship, hot coffee and bagels, each conference is approved for 2 hours of category I CME credit.

MESSAGE FROM THE INDIANA ACADEMY OF DERMATOLOGY PRESIDENT
The Fall business meeting of the Indiana Academy of Dermatology (IAD) was held October 26, 2007 at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center. Treasurer Chris Obeime reported that our group has roughly $82,000 in an interest-bearing checking account. There was discussion about how to manage this money wisely. A suggestion from Joe Moores, to sponsor IU School of Medicine scholarships, is under consideration. I then presented the following results from the survey that was mailed out to the membership this summer: nearly 50% of the surveys were completed and returned; Friday and Saturday were the most convenient days for our members to attend an Indiana Academy meeting; and French Lick and Bloomington generated the most votes for a future weekend social/educational conference. I was also pleased to report that the IAD website should be up and running in the next few weeks. If any of our members has photographs, historical information about our group, or other memorabilia that should be included on our website, please contact me at debsdermbiz@yahoo.com. The next business meeting of the IAD will be held during lunch on Wednesday May 7, 2008 to coincide with the IU Dermatology Department’s Scientific and Clinical Program. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Deborah Armstrong, M.D., Ph.D., President of the IAD.