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MEDICAL CENTER IN VANGUARD OF FIGHT AGAINST TESTICULAR CANCER

A major victory in the fight against testicular cancer--the number one cause of cancer death in 15 to 35-year-old men--has been achieved with the introduction of the drug Platinol into a treatment regimen to combat the previously 90 percent fatal disease. Federal Drug Administration approval for commercial use of the drug is expected soon.

Pioneer work at the I.U. Medical Center using a three-drug combination of platinol (platinum), vinblastine and bleomycin has resulted in a 70 percent two-year survival rate and a 50 to 60 percent cure rate for patients with the disease, according to Dr. Lawrence Einhorn, chief of the Chemotherapy Section at the Indiana University Medical Center.

The combination regimen was started in September, 1974, and now more patients with testicular cancer are seen at the I.U. Medical Center than anywhere else in the world. Disseminated testicular cancer is virulent and fast-spreading, migrating directly to the lungs, making it difficult or impossible to eradicate by surgery in many cases.

Successful treatment of bladder and ovarian cancer with platinol combination chemotherapy has also been achieved. Some success has also been seen with the treatment of cervical cancer and some pediatric tumors.

The drug Platinol was developed by Dr. Barnett Rosenberg and colleagues at Michigan State University and will be marketed by Bristol Laboratories, Syracuse, New York.

Using the three-drug regimen, the I.U. Medical Center team has produced complete remissions in patients with disseminated testicular cancer. The investigators succeeded in getting 33 of 47 patients treated (70 percent) into remission--27 of them for periods up to 43 months.

"It is not unreasonable to speculate that most if not all of these 27 patients will be cured of their disease," says Dr. Einhorn. (Earlier studies have shown that patients in remission for more than two years rarely relapse.)

The 14 patients who did not achieve a complete remission all achieved partial remission. In addition, five of the 14 partial remissions were rendered disease-free following surgical removal of residual disease after significant reduction of tumor size with chemotherapy.

While all patients suffered nausea during treatment, the use of Nabilone, which contains a synthetic copy of tetrahydrocannabinol, the active ingredient in marijuana, considerably reduced nausea and vomiting. Other side effects of the treatment were hair and weight loss, sores on the mouth and muscle aches. However, after therapy was completed, lost hair and weight were regained and patients could resume normal activities.

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PARKING SERVICES UNIT FORMED

A new department with new quarters to handle all parking functions at IUPUI has been announced by Neil E. Lantz, director of administrative affairs.

Management of parking operations has been consolidated into one department, Parking Services, under the direction of Robert M. Tirmenstein, named assistant director of administrative affairs for Parking Services. Tirmenstein will be assisted by John Gilbert, coordinator of parking operations.

The department will manage the system of fee parking and participate in planning parking garages. It will handle the issuance of permits, payment of parking fines, appeal of tickets, and other parking matters. Enforcement of traffic and parking regulations will continue under the Indianapolis Division of Indiana University Police.

The Department of Parking Services will move into temporary quarters at 1317 West Michigan Street, this month.

Speaking of parking, the IUPUI Parking Policy Committee has recommended and the IUPUI Administration has approved the following policy, effective October 16:

Any driver with a valid blue, green, or red parking permit will be allowed to park in any parking lot south of Michigan Street and west of Agnes Street after 5 p.m. (This policy already is in effect for lots on the north side of Michigan Street). This change does not include parking lots east of Agnes Street because of the construction of the Business/SPEA Building.

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WHO, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE & SOMETIMES WHY

Displays -- Pharmacy displays this week in University Hospital will be Pfizer Laboratories on Monday, Roerig Co. on Wednesday and Geigy Pharmaceutical Co. on Friday. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

What's on WAT -- Dr. Richard Schreiner is program host for "The Newborn" monthly series on WAT 21 Medical Television. This week's program "Sign of Hope," is an orientation tape for parents of sick newborns and a tour of Riley Hospital's Newborn Intensive Care Unit. Discussion leaders are Carol Millay and Rosanne Perez. The program, which can be seen in all regular WAT 21 viewing areas, will be shown Tuesday at noon, and replayed Tuesday at 8 p.m. and again Thursday at noon and 8 p.m.

Oriental -- Beginning Tuesday and continuing with eight sessions through November 29, the "Art of China" will be the focus for a series of evening programs and lectures at the Indianapolis Museum of Art. All meetings are at 7:30 p.m. Pre-registration fee is \$20, or \$2.50 per session. For information, call 923-1331, Ext. 34.

Welcher Symposium -- An all-day symposium on analytical chemistry will be held Wednesday to honor Dr. Frank J. Welcher, who retired from I.U. last spring after 47 years on the faculty. The program will be held in Room 231 of the Krannert Science Building, starting at 9 a.m.

More on WAT -- This month's program in WAT 21's "Grand Rounds in Surgery" series is "Evaluation and Surgical Removal of a Large Retroperitoneal Mass," with Dr. James A. Madura, associate professor of surgery. The program can be seen Wednesday at noon in the regular WAT 21 viewing areas.

Special Guest for Dean's Forum -- Dr. Truman G. Blocker Jr., president of the University of Texas Health Sciences Center at Houston and president emeritus and professor of surgery at the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston, will visit the Medical Center Tuesday and Wednesday as a guest of Phi Rho Sigma medical society. He will speak on "Renaissance Roots of Modern-Day Medicine" at the School of Medicine Dean's Forum at noon Wednesday in the auditorium of Emerson Hall. Dr. Blocker's keen interest in medical history has taken him to the areas of the early medical schools of Padua, Bologna and Ferrara. In his travels he has acquired many of the old texts and has been instrumental in establishing one of the largest rare medical book libraries in the world at Galveston. He was chief of plastic surgery from the end of the war until 1960 at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston.

Visitor from Leipzig -- H. Eberhard Hofmann, professor and director of the Institute for Physiological Chemistry at Karl Marx-University in Leipzig, will address a Joint Faculty Seminar of the Biochemistry Department and the Laboratory for Experimental Oncology. He will speak Wednesday at 3 p.m. in Room B26 of the Medical Science Building. His topic: "Subunit Assembly, Substrate Binding and Dynamic Properties of Phosphofructokinase."

Very Verdi -- "La Traviata" is the first production of the 1978-79 season for the Indianapolis Opera Company. The Verdi favorite will be performed Wednesday, Friday and next Sunday at 8 p.m. in the Ayres Auditorium on the Park-Tudor campus, 72nd Street and College Avenue. Tickets are available for all three performances and can be purchased (\$7.50 each) at all Ross & Babcock locations, or by calling 635-SING.

"Crises-Oriented" -- Issues facing global-international education in the 21st Century will be discussed at a two-day conference sponsored by the IUPUI Office of International Programs. The sessions open Thursday at 9 a.m. at the Indiana Interchurch Center, 1100 West 42nd Street. The Thursday banquet, 6:30 p.m. at the Union Building, will feature a "Preview of a New PBS General Papers Project" with Peter Bird Martin, executive director of the American Universities Field Staff. Banquet tickets (\$6.50 each) are still available. For more information, call Ext. 7294.

Address -- Ralph Kletzien, associate director, I.U. Hospitals, will address the General Assembly of the Indiana Hospital Association at the Indianapolis Hilton on Thursday at 11:30 a.m. He will discuss "Survival: Defining Linkages."

Explanations Are in Order -- Explaining new faculty forms: Representatives from the Budget, Payroll and Dean of the Faculties Offices will conduct two sessions to explain the new compensation system. Forms for the Academic Personnel Action Recommendations will be changed, starting October 10. The 3A form now being used to appoint faculty will not be accepted after October 10. Persons responsible for preparing these forms should attend the sessions which will be held Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in Hurty Hall C (Fesler Hall), or on Monday (October 9) same time, same place.

Topology -- Professors Peter Shalen of Rice University and Allan Edmonds of IUB will speak at the first meeting of the 1978-79 Indiana Topology Seminar on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Room 059 of the Krannert Science Building.

Conference -- A Primary Health Care Conference will be held Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the School of Nursing. Two speakers are featured: Dr. Huguette Labelle at 9:15 a.m. and Dr. Karl L. Manders at 1:30 p.m. Dr. Labelle is the director general of the Policy, Research and Evaluation Group with the Department of Indian and Northern Affairs in Canada. She represented Canada at the World Health Organization and UNICEF-sponsored conference on primary health care in Alma Ata, USSR, last month. She will include in her talk the results and recommendations of the conference which climaxed a two-year worldwide dialogue on primary health care. Dr. Manders, medical director of the Community Hospital Rehabilitation Center for Pain, will speak on holistic health, a concept that patient treatment and services take into account effects on and of the family and community. At 2:30 p.m., all conference participants will meet in an open forum with Dr. Labelle and Dr. Manders. For more information, contact Jalayne Champlin, Ext. 2129.

Seminar -- "Control of Phosphatidyl-choline Synthesis during Lung Development," Biochemistry and Physiology Seminar by P. Weinhold; Medical Science Building, Room B26, 4 p.m. Friday.

Saturday -- The Mathematics Department in the School of Science has set up an "Educational Seminar for Teachers and Administrators" to be offered Saturday, featuring Professor Ruth I. Hoffman from the University of Denver. Call 612-218 for details.

Weekend -- "Radiation Therapy Concepts in the Treatment of Head and Neck Cancer," special weekend seminar at the Medical Science Building with guest faculty, Dr. Gilbert Fletcher from the M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute in Houston and Dr. C.C. Wang from Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Call the Department of Otolaryngology for details, Ext. 8424.

High Schoolers on Campus -- Saturday is "Opportunities Day" at IUPUI for high school students in central Indiana. The 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. program includes a cookout and concert, workshops, skits, career counseling, displays.

Coming Up -- "K+ Permeability of Single Capillaries of the Frog Mesenterium," Physiology Seminar by Dr. Julius J. Friedman, professor of physiology; Medical Science Building, Room 205, 4 p.m. Monday (October 9).

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NEWS 'N' NOTES FROM HERE 'N' THERE

Change -- The IUPUI Faculty Council meeting, scheduled for Thursday (October 5) has been canceled, in lieu of the Fall Faculty-Staff Meeting, which will be held October 12 at 3:30 p.m. in the School of Nursing auditorium.

More About "Crises" Conference -- The Office of International Programs wants to make every effort to accommodate faculty members who wish to bring groups of students to the conference on Thursday and Friday. To facilitate such requests, please tell students attending the conference to bring their I.D. cards. They must have the cards to get in.

Appropos -- Dr. Evan D. Rogers, associate professor in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, is the coordinator for a Regional Forum on Appropriate Technology, which will be held Saturday at the Indiana Convention-Exposition Center. Aiming at gathering grass-roots opinions on how technology can be used to help solve local problems in such fields as energy conservation, natural resources shortages, inefficient land use, preserving the environment and the cost of health care, the Forum is being sponsored by the National Science Foundation and ICFAR.

Agatha on Campus -- The IUPUI University Theater will present an evening of food and entertainment October 13-15 in the Union Building. The dinner theater will feature a production based on the Agatha Christie mystery, "The Hollow." Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., the play at 8 p.m. Tickets (\$3 for students, \$4.50 for others) must be bought in advance. Call Ext. 7685 for more information.

Foster Care -- Elsa Iverson, instructor in the School of Social Work, presented a workshop on "Your Foster Child and School" at a statewide conference for foster parents last month. More than 200 Indiana foster parents and 50 selected staff members from county public welfare departments attended.

Move -- Scientific Stores has moved out of the Medical Science Building and is now in Warehouse 3, 957 West New York Street, Ext. 4926. All requisitions for Scientific Stores items should be sent to the attention of Joe Heitz at that address.

Deadline on Friday-the-Thirteenth -- So that the Academic Affairs Office has enough time to prepare academic items for the I.U. trustees' November meeting, it is necessary that complete paperwork for all academic appointments requiring the trustees' approval be filed in the Dean of the Faculties Office by Friday, October 13. The office is in the Administration Building, Room 108.

Help -- The Juvenile Court of Marion County, through its Volunteer Services Department, offers opportunities for citizens to become involved with youths who have been brought to the court's attention. Current volunteer services include one-to-one programs, Detention Center recreation volunteers, reading tutors and sports team coaches and officials. Prospective volunteers are invited to attend a two-part training session October 10 and October 12, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. each day. If you are interested in helping or would like more information, call David Williams at 925-5170.

Programs -- Career Development Programs, sponsored by the Personnel Division, scheduled for this month include Management Information System on October 26, Introduction to the Computer on October 27 and November 17 and Personnel Policies on October 31. Call Ext. 8241 for more information.

Comments Requested -- Robert E. Welty from the School of Medicine Dean's Office (Ext. 8378) and Martha Bulluck from the Affirmative Action Office (Ext. 3963) are the Indianapolis representatives on the Staff Committee on the Evaluation of the Presidency. (This is one of four committees which will report on the status of the I.U. presidency.) Staff members who have comments on the strengths and weaknesses of the office should contact either of these persons. Unless there are instructions as to a different degree of confidentiality, the contents of these communications will be shared within the committee, but the views and comments of particular individuals will not be revealed outside the committee. The 10-member committee is headed by Robert Cochran, Bryan Hall, Room 08, Bloomington.

Don't Forget -- The IUPUI Downtown Express bus service has a new route and a new schedule, both of which can be discerned by picking up a copy of the revised information which will be distributed all over campus this week.

Rides Needed -- Wednesday, Thursday and Friday (or any one day) from 96th and Meridian to University Library and return. Call Jim Leachman at the library or in the evenings at 846-5083. . From Cavanaugh Hall to Broad Ripple at 8:15 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, will pay. Call Ext. 8857 or 255-5730. . To Medical Center from 106th and Keystone or Nora area, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call Ext. 2341 or 846-2832 after 6 p.m. . From just off 5700 East Washington Street to Medical Center, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 356-7806 after 5:30 p.m.

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