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IUSM Roundup

Kick-off for Diabetes Program

On Sunday, June 22, the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control launched the National Diabetes Education Program, a major program to reduce the rising costs and prevalence of diabetes.

The NDEP, a program of the NIH's National Institute of Diabetes Translation, involves public and private partners collaborating to design new ways to improve treatment and outcomes for the 16 million Americans with diabetes and those who will be screened and diagnosed in the future.

Chair of the NDEP initiative, Charles M. Clark, Jr., MD, co-director of the Regenstrief Institute for Health Care and professor of medicine at IUSM, noted that the "NDEP is a major step toward closing the gap between the current and desired care practices."

The announcement of NDEP was made at the annual meeting of the American Diabetes Association in Boston. Dr. Clark was appointed chair of the NDEP by the two federal agencies in June 1996.

IUSM recognized by AAFP

IUSM was one of 38 medical schools honored by the American Academy of Family Physicians for their efforts in making family practice a top career choice for graduating medical students.

This year's awards recognize medical schools with the highest three-year average of graduates entering family practice residency training programs during the period from 1994-95. The Family Practice Percentage Awards were initiated by the AAFP in 1992.

IUSM, which was 16th in the listing, has a three-year average of graduates entering accredited family practice residency programs of 24.4 percent.

The school with the highest percentage of graduates entering family practice residency programs was the University of South Dakota School of Medicine with 35.1 percent. The University of Iowa College of Medicine was second at 32.7 percent, followed by the University of Washington School of Medicine at 30.4 percent.

The American Academy of Family Physicians is the national medical specialty organization that represents more than 84,000 family physicians, family practice residents and medical students.

Weight management center opens

The Center for Weight Management, a joint project of IUSM and the National Institute for Fitness and Sports, has opened.

The referral-based center offers a 24-week, medically supervised, comprehensive program to help patients attain a healthy weight. During the first 12 weeks patients deal with behavior, lifestyle change, and nutrition. The second half of the program focuses on nutrition and exercise programs at NIFS. The patients meet weekly and then bi-weekly for relapse prevention follow-up classes after the initial 24 weeks.

The Center for Weight Management program is unique because it will assist patients with serious medical conditions, including diabetes, transplants, and heart disease.

A free one-hour orientation is scheduled for July 15. Additional information may be obtained by calling the center at 278-2612.

Barry Gumbiner, MD, is the center's medical director and Marianne Gergely, RN, MS, CDE, is program director.

BRIEFS

Green award

Nancy Dodge, MD, associate professor of pediatrics, has been awarded the Morris Green Teaching Award. The honor is awarded each year by the pediatric and medicine/pediatric residents at IUSM

Dr. Dodge joined the IU faculty in 1988. She is director of the Cerebral Palsy program at Riley and is recognized nationally for her expertise in the care of children with cerebral palsy.

Dr. Dodge left Indiana earlier this month for a position at the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, Dallas, Texas.

HHS chairmanship

Hal Broxmeyer, PhD, chairman of microbiology and immunology and a Walther Cancer Institute scientist, has accepted the chairmanship of the Department of Health and Human Services Hematology Study Section, Division of Research Grants for the term of July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1999.

As chairman, Dr. Broxmeyer will be responsible for this committee's work in the peer review process for hematologic research grants and proposals submitted to the National Institutes of Health.

Teaching Excellence Awards Presented

Teaching Excellence Recognition Awards for 1997 were presented to the following faculty in the School of Allied Health Sciences:

Health Sciences Education

Karen E. Gable, PhD, assoc. professor and program director

Occupational Therapy

Janet Everly, assoc. professor

Cel Hamant, assoc. professor

Michael Worrell, PhD, asst. professor

Physical Therapy

Rebecca Porter, PhD, assoc. professor

Radiologic Sciences

Sarah S. Baker, assoc. professor

Respiratory Therapy

Deborah Cullen, PhD, professor and program director

Several IUSM faculty and staff were featured in Saturday, June 28, in the Indianapolis portion of the national "Taking Control of Your Diabetes 97" conference and health fair.

The conference was co-chaired by Melvin J. Prince, MD, director of the Model Diabetes Unit of the Diabetes Research and Training Center and Marianne Gergley, RN, MS, CDE, program director of the IU Center for Weight Management.

Other lecturers were Thomas Ciulla, MD, department of ophthalmology; Alain Baron, MD, director of the division of endocrinology and metabolism; David Marrero, PhD, director of the Diabetes Research and Training Center; Barry Gumbiner, MD, medical director of the IU Center for Weight Management; M. Sue Kirkman, MD, medical director of the Indiana Diabetes Center, and Patty Johnson, RN, CDE, administrative director and nurse educator of the Indiana Diabetes Center.

The purpose of the conference and health fair was to educate and motivate people with diabetes so they can live a healthier and happier life.

New Faculty

Donato Ciaccia, MD, assistant professor, Department of Medicine. His primary research area is endoscopic ultrasonography.

Alexander D. Verin, PhD, assistant scientist, Department of Medicine. His primary research area is endothelial cell contractility and barrier function.

Kelda H. Walsh, MD, clinical assistant professor, Department of Psychiatry. She recently completed a fellowship in child psychiatry.

Evan Hermel, PhD, assistant scientist, Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the Evansville

Center for Medical Education. His primary research interest is immunology and molecular biology.

IUSM faculty/staff collaborate on consumer book

A new book for the consumer interested in the techniques and results of liposculpture has just been published by the Cooper Publishing Group.

Faculty members William Hanke, MD, and William Coleman, III, MD, wrote *Body Contouring: The New Art of Liposculpture* with William Cook Jr., MD, the Coronado Skin Cosmetic Surgery Center (Coronado, CA) and Rhoda Narins, MD of the NYU School of Medicine. It was designed and illustrated by Craig Gosling and Gary Schmitt of the IUSM Medical Illustrations Department. Other contributors from IUSM include Michael Busk, MD, Melanie Roberts, MS, and Becky Zimmersman of the National Institute for Fitness and Sport; and Jenette A. Michalak, BS, and Jane Rosemark, CST, of the Department of Dermatology.

Eble named journal editor

John N. Eble, MD, professor of pathology and laboratory medicine and experimental oncology at IUSM, was appointed to a five year term as editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Urologic Pathology*.

Eble is associate chairman of the department of pathology and laboratory medicine at IUSM and chief pathologist at the Roudebush VA Medical Center.

Dr. Eble also was elected to a two year term as treasurer of the International Society of Urologic Pathology.

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