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## **NIH research grants impacted by managed care**

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Medical schools located in markets with low or medium managed care penetrations saw faster increases in their NIH research support between 1986 and 1995, while institutions in areas with a high concentration of managed care experienced a marked decrease in research dollars, according to an AAMC study published in the July 16 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The Association of American Medical Colleges findings were first released at a National Academy of Sciences' town meeting on clinical research.

According to the report, in 1995 medical schools in areas of high managed care penetration experienced a loss of share of NIH awards totaling \$98 million and an associated drop in institutional ranking based on research grants. Researchers say that a substantial portion of the drop can be explained by the slower growth of research project grants awarded to clinical departments at these medical schools.

The loss of share of NIH awards to clinical departments totaled \$56 million, while reports indicate that the NIH's extramural budget grew from \$4.5 billion in 1985 to \$9.1 billion in 1994.

The study focused on 115 medical schools that received extramural research grants from the NIH between 1986 and 1995 and were located in markets for which health maintenance organization penetration data were available.

During the period of the study, the share of NIH awards in dollar amounts received by medical schools in low managed care markets grew from 35.1 percent to 35.7 percent while the share for schools in medium managed care markets grew from 44.3 percent to 45.9 percent. The awards of the 13 medical schools in the high managed care markets declined from 19.5 percent to 17.3 percent.

The AAMC research team identified several limitations to the study including: a focus on NIH research awards only; an examination of NIH awards only to medical schools; and a limited review of factors, in

addition to managed care, that may affect research funding. The study did control for research intensity and indirect cost variations at the medical schools.

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## **IU docs make list**

Four IU physicians are included in the list of the country's best doctors for women in the August 1997 issue of Good Housekeeping magazine.

Good Housekeeping surveyed more than 260 department chairs and section chiefs in obstetrics and gynecology at major medical centers across the country. To eliminate bias, the doctors were not allowed to recommend anyone at their own institutions.

The IU doctors who made the list were: -- Frederick B. Stehman, MD, chairman, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology; -- Kathryn Y. Look, MD, associate professor, ob/gyn; -- Gregory Sutton, MD, section chief, gynecologic oncology, and -- Haywood L. Brown, MD, associate professor, ob/gyn.

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## **AACAP leadership**

Theodore A. Petti, MD, MPH, has been elected to serve a two-year term as treasurer of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. His term begins in October.

Dr. Petti is the Arthur B. Richter Professor of Child Psychiatry at IUSM.

He has served as both a member of the Academy's Assembly of Regional Councils and it's Council, as a member of the editorial board of the Journal of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and as chair of the task force on Outcomes and the Institute and Community Psychiatry Committees.

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## **Mini Medical opens eighth session**

The 1997 IUSM Mini Medical School will be six consecutive Tuesday evenings beginning Sept.16.

Stephen Lalka, MD, associate professor of surgery, and Bette Maybury, MD, clinical assistant professor of neurology, will be the course moderators for the eighth session of the program which is open to the general public.

Patricia Keener, MD, clinical professor of pediatrics, will be the first lecturer and will speak on babies' first three wonder years.

Other speakers and their topics include: -- Andrew Evan, PhD, professor of anatomy, Lithotripsy Treatment: News About the Effects of Shock Waves. -- Askiel Bruno, MD, associate professor of neurology, Stroke: The Genesis of a Common Foe. -- Richard Miyamoto, MD, Arilla Spence DeVault professor of otolaryngology and chairman of the Department of Otolaryngology, "New Frontiers in the Management of Hearing Loss." -- Marguerite Shepard, MD, professor in the department of obstetrics and gynecology, Division of Reproductive Endocrinology, "Staying Healthy in Midlife: A Proactive Approach to Menopause." -- Jacqueline O'Donnell, MD, professor of medicine, will wrap up the school with her presentation Risk Modifications for Heart Disease."

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## **'Life of Riley' lived at camp**

Camp Riley has closed its tent flaps for the summer, sending home many proud and happy campers.

In fact, 263 children attended the camps this year, engaging in typical summer camping activities usually reserved for children without disabilities. But Camp Riley is not like other camps. It is a place where youth with varying disabilities come together to challenge their boundaries and enjoy recreational activities that they don't normally get to experience.

Developed in 1955 by the James Whitcomb Riley Memorial Association, Camp Riley was designed to provide an outdoor recreational camping experience for youth, ages 8-18, with physical disabilities.

Camp Riley is held at Bradford Woods near Martinsville where beginning and returning campers can explore a full range of camping experiences that stress independence.

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## **Cinergy program 'graduates' five**

Five, first-year IUSM students spent their summer experiencing first-hand what it means to be a family doctor in an underserved area of the state.

Sara Cox, Brandon Fites, Nick Lemming, Julie Holder and Duane Bowman worked with family physicians in Shelbyville, Peru, New Castle, Scottsburg and Madison through the Summer Rural Family Medicine Preceptorship Program, which is administered by IUSM and underwritten by PSI Energy through the Cinergy Foundation.

The program allowed each student the opportunity to work with their assigned physician in a clinical setting for eight weeks and learn about the family, community and economic factors that influence rural health.

It's not difficult to interest students in family medicine. Most students go to medical school because they want to establish long-term relationships with families and practice preventive medicine," said program director Brenda O'Hara, MD, clinical assistant professor of family medicine. "The challenge is to create opportunities for students to experience practice in rural areas where the shortage of physicians is acute. This experience can't be taught in the classroom."

The program, which just completed its third year, is made possible with a five-year, \$75,000 grant from the Cinergy Foundation Inc., the philanthropic arm of PSI Energy and the Cincinnati Gas and Electric Company. The foundation is funded by Cinergy Corp. shareholders. Students received a stipend for their participation in the program.

The program was developed in response to the continued need for family physicians in Indiana, especially in rural communities.

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## **Dedication slated for research institute**

Numerous events are planned for Tuesday, Sept. 30, when the Indiana University Cancer Research Institute will be officially dedicated.

The dedication ceremony is scheduled for 3 p.m. in a tent outside the new research facility which is located across the street from Riley Hospital at the corner of Barnhill and North drives. A reception and tours of the 100,000-square-foot facility will follow the ceremony.

Beginning the day's special events will be a major scientific symposium, hosted by the IU Cancer Center. The symposium will be narrated by David Nathan, MD, of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute.

Speakers will include Charles Sherr, MD, PhD, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital; Anthony Pawson, PhD, Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute, Mount Sinai Hospital; John Reed, MD, La Jolla Cancer Research Foundation, and Stuart Orkin, MD, Boston Children's Hospital.

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---e-mail the information to mhardin @iupui.edu;

---or mail the information to Mary Hardin, LO 401, IUPUI.

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