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NIH funding at IUSM on the rise, particularly in Department of Pediatrics

The Department of Pediatrics at IUSM now ranks 11th among the 91 pediatric departments in the country who receive National Institutes of Health funding based on 1998 data from NIH. The Department received \$8.3 million in 1998.

The Department of Pediatrics has steadily moved up in the rankings since 1990 when it ranked 50th out of the pediatrics departments at the 124 U.S. medical schools.

A significant portion of the funding has come from the development of the Herman B Wells Center for Pediatric Research, which opened in 1991 in Riley Hospital for Children and expanded, along with other research laboratories, in the Cancer Research Institute in 1997.

Recent advances in molecular biology and genetics in the Wells Center have provided tremendous insight into the molecular basis of many pediatric disease processes.

The IUSM Department of Medicine ranked 14th among the 107 departments with NIH funding. It received \$36.1 million in grant funding in 1998. A significant amount of its funding is focused on research in cancer, alcoholism, diabetes, arthritis, infectious diseases (particularly sexually transmitted), bone studies and the General Clinical Research Center (GCRC).

Other departments at IUSM that receive significant funding from NIH (approximately \$1 million or above) include the departments of anatomy, biochemistry, genetics, microbiology, otolaryngology, pathology, pharmacology, physiology and psychiatry.

BRIEFS

Award recipients

Two alumni and two faculty awards were presented at May 15 during the 1999 Medical Alumni Weekend.

The 1999 Distinguished Medical Alumnus Award was presented to August Watanabe, MD, executive vice president of science and technology for Eli Lilly and Company, and Lawrence Rink, MD, clinical professor of medicine at the Bloomington Medical Sciences Program, who is a physician to the IU basketball team and U.S. Olympic athletes.

The Glenn W. Irwin Jr., MD, Distinguished Faculty Award was presented to Joe Christian, MD, a geneticist known for his twin studies at IUSM, and Richard Lindseth, MD, chairman of orthopaedic surgery at IUSM, who has advanced the treatment of spina bifida and myelomeningocele.

During an afternoon ceremony in the Ruth Lilly Medical Research and Library Building, descendants of Allison Maxwell attended an unveiling of a bust in recognition of his work as the first dean of IUSM. Dr. Maxwell was the grandson of the first president of Indiana University.

Faculty honored at 1999 Senior Banquet

Several IUSM faculty members were recognized at this spring's Senior Banquet. The faculty awards list follows. Student award recipients were listed in the May 24 issue of Scope.

Stan Alexander, MD, assistant professor of radiology, was awarded his fourth Golden Apple Award for outstanding teaching. The recipient of this top teaching honor is chosen each year by the graduating class.

The Students' Award was presented to Jose Espada.

Other teaching awards were presented to faculty for excellence in basic science and clinical instruction. They are:

Basic Science

Bloomington Center for Medical Education - Mark Braun, MD;

Evansville Center for Medical Education - Catherine McGraw, PhD;

Fort Wayne Center for Medical Education - Darryl Smith, MD;
Indianapolis Center for Medical Education - Robert Harris, PhD;
Lafayette Center for Medical Education - James Walker, PhD;
Muncie Center for Medical Education - Victor Jolgren, MD;
Northwest Center for Medical Education - Tsau-yuen Huang; MD;
South Bend Center for Medical Education - John O'Malley, PhD;
Terre Haute Center for Medical Education - Talhung Duong, PhD

Clinical Science Family Medicine - Richard Kiovsky, MD;
Internal Medicine - George Sarosi, MD;
Neurology - Robert Pascuzzi, MD;
Obstetrics and Gynecology - James Nocon, MD;
Pediatrics - Mitchell Harris, MD;
Psychiatry - Maxwell Sobel, MD;
Radiology - Stan Alexander, MD;
Surgery - James Madura, MD;
Surgery Specialty - Frederick Rescorla, MD

Seymour physician receives award

Joseph Black, MD, of Seymour was recently honored by IUSM with the J.O. Ritchey Medal for outstanding service to the medical profession.

Dr. Black graduated from IUSM in December 1944. He has served IU and his local community for decades in a number of positions.

During his medical career, Dr. Black was appointed chairman of the Hospital Committee of IU Trustees, served on the State Board of Medical Education, was named to the Royal Academy of Health in Great Britain and was vice chairman of the Board of Governors of the Riley Memorial Association.

The award was presented by the J.O. Ritchey Society which recognizes individuals who support IUSM's commitment to provide the highest quality medical education, patient care and biomedical research.

Consumer opinions on health care reported by AAMC

A research project on consumer perspectives on health care, conducted by the Association of American Medical Colleges and Public Opinion Strategies, has produced the following tidbits:

Definition of a good doctor

In the national survey, respondents were asked to rank several factors that impacted how they would choose a new doctor. Caring, explaining complex procedures and taking the time to listen all ranked higher than board certification, number of years in practice and where a doctor attended medical school.

Managed Care

Consumer support for managed care has continued its five-year decline. In 1997, only 25 percent of the public believed HMOs were doing a bad job. That number has risen to 42 percent in just one year.

SCOPE summer break to begin

Scope will take a summer hiatus beginning in July.

The June 21 issue will be the last until Scope resumes publication in August.

Contributions for the June 21 issue will be accepted until 4 p.m. June 18 by fax at 278-3502, campus mail to Mary Hardin at Long 401, or e-mail at mhardin@iupui.edu. Remember, the early bird gets the worm, so submit your items promptly!

Submissions for Scope will be accepted throughout the summer for the fall issues.

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