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IU, Methodist CV docs to join in one facility

The Clarian Health Board of Directors committed \$28 million to support the consolidation of adult cardiovascular services at IU and Methodist hospitals on Friday, Aug. 27. The consolidated program will be housed on the Methodist campus.

The consolidation was praised by leadership as a significant commitment, not just for cardiovascular operations, but the future of all programs. The board's action was made on recommendations from primary care and specialty care physician leadership at IUSM and Methodist, and leaders of Clarian and IUSM who make up the Alliance.

Alliance leaders include Joseph Mamlin, MD, president of IU Medical Group - Primary Care; Stephen Pollom, MD, president of Methodist Medical Group; Robert Holden, MD, dean, IUSM; William Loveday, president and CEO of Clarian Health, and other executives.

Physician leadership involved in making the recommendation includes Douglas Zipes, MD, director of the IU Division of Cardiology and director of Krannert Institute of Cardiology; Eric Williams, MD, co-chair, Cardiovascular Operations Committee and co-chairman of Cardiology Section of Medical Staff; William Storer, co-chairman, Cardiovascular Operations Committee; Harold Halbrook, MD, co-chairman of Cardiovascular Surgery Section of Medical Staff; John Brown, MD, co-chairman of Cardiovascular Surgery Section of Medical Staff; Gary Fisch, MD, co-chairman of Cardiology Section of Medical Staff; Evan Farmer, MD, and John Kohne, MD, co-chairmen of the Joint Medical Council. Drs. Farmer and Kohne also are members of the Alliance Team.

The plans calls for the renovation of Noyes Pavilion on the Methodist campus for the consolidation of the majority of CV services, although some necessary CV services will remain at IU. Eventually, Krannert Institute of Cardiology will be housed on the Methodist campus.

In addition, the Clarian board approved plans for construction of an automated monorail system, called

the People Mover, that will link Riley Hospital for Children, IU and Methodist hospitals. The cost of the People Mover is estimated at \$26 million. It will utilize two elevated cars that can carry 50 passengers over the 1.5 miles track in five minutes and will take approximately 2 years to construct.

The third component of the board's action involves improving the technological connection of the campuses with the installation of a digital radiologic imaging system, called Picture Archive Communication Systems (PACS). Its price tag on the system is \$25 million.

PACS will allow the rapid delivery of radiological images to physicians at Clarian hospitals and its beltway facilities. Rather than delivering the images as X-ray films, the PACS system will deliver electronic digital images to clinics and individual physicians' offices. These same images can be viewed simultaneously by different physicians at different locations. The system will reduce costs and increase convenience for physicians and patients.

"The consolidation and the Clarian board's commitment to Krannert Institute assures the people of Indiana that we will be at the leading edge of cardiac medicine at a time when the expanding need for cardiovascular research is quite evident," said Dr. Holden. "Although the board's vote for the plan was unanimous, there is still much work to be done to finalize the consolidation and keep our promise to our medical students and patients that we will offer only the finest of services."

BRIEFS

Domestic violence

Ellen Taliaferro, MD, co-founder of Physicians For a Violence-Free Society, will present "Documentation," a seminar on a standardized approach to effective medical documentation of domestic violence injuries. The seminar is open to all physicians and health care providers.

The seminar will be from 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 11. To register, call Cheryl Statom at the Indiana State Medical Association at 261-2060 or e-mail her at cstatom@ismanet.org.

Women's month

Indiana first lady Judy O'Bannon and former state Attorney General Pam Carter, a breast cancer survivor, will help launch Women's Health Month at the Statehouse Rotunda, Wednesday, Sept. 8.

September marks the observance of women's health issues in the Hoosier state. The event, which will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. During the event, the distribution of \$100,000 in grants will be made.

Women's Health Month is sponsored by the Office of Women's Health at the Indiana State Department of Health, in collaboration with the Indiana University School of Medicine's National Center of Excellence in Women's Health and the Indiana Commission for Women.

For more information, contact the Indiana State Department of Health at 233-7019.

Sleep lab expands; lectures and open house planned

The Children's Sleep Disorders Center at Riley Hospital has expanded, making it the largest pediatric sleep laboratory in the country.

A dedication ceremony will be Thursday, Sept. 9, with an open house and brunch from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. in the sleep lab on the third floor at Riley Hospital.

On Wednesday, Sept. 8, David Gozal, MD, the William C. and Ruth P. Griffith Visiting Professor, will speak at noon in the Meiks Conference Room at Riley Hospital on "Biological and Population-Based Evidence for Learning Deficits in Pediatric Obstructive Sleep Apnea." At 6 p.m. that evening, Dr. Gozal will present "Sleep in School-Age Children Tentative Screening Algorithms for Learning Debt" at the University Place Conference Center.

Dr. Gozal is the director of the Tulane University Comprehensive Sleep Medicine Center.

Honors

Deborah Allen, MD, has been elected treasurer of the American Board of Family Practice. She was elected to the ABFP as an at-large member in 1996.

Frances Brahmi, MLS, has been selected as a distinguished member in the Medical Library Association Academy of Health Information Professionals. The honor recognizes certified medical librarians in compliance with guidelines of the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

In a recent brochure highlighting the 50th anniversary of the American College of Cardiology, the work of **Harvey Feigenbaum**, MD, was recognized as one of 27 advances in cardiovascular medicine that occurred in the past 50 years. Dr. Feigenbaum was cited for his development of echocardiography. It was noted that he published the first American monograph on echocardiography and has been a tireless promoter of the technology.

Patricia Keener, MD, has been awarded the Bynum Mentor Award from Indiana University. Each year, IUPUI recognizes an outstanding academic mentor by designating one faculty member as a Bynum Mentor.

Mark Sothmann, PhD, has been accepted at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Institute for Educational Management, class of 1999. He is one of five deans in the nation who are among 90 participants to receive this opportunity.

Leg pain screenings offered

The Indiana University School of Medicine Department of Radiology will conduct free screenings for people suffering from leg pain to determine if they are at risk for peripheral vascular disease, a common condition affecting thousands of Hoosiers.

The department will sponsor free screenings from 8 am to 5 pm, Tuesday, Sept. 14, in room 3600, at Indiana University Hospital. The department's participation is part of the nationwide Legs for Life™ National Screening Week for PVD, sponsored by the Society of Cardiovascular & Interventional Radiology. The screening will be coordinated by Kenneth Moresco, MD.

For more information or to arrange for a free screening, call IUSM's Department of Radiology at 274-1840.

Participants with Internet access can fill out a pre-screening survey at www.indyrad.iupui.edu/legsforlife. Individuals completing the on-line survey will then be called to schedule a screening appointment before Sept. 14.

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

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