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Brater new leader of medical school

D. Craig Brater, MD, has been selected the ninth dean of IUSM, the second largest medical school in the country, pending approval later this month from the Trustees of Indiana University.

Dr. Brater's selection was announced June 8 by IU President Myles Brand. He is to assume his new duties July 1.

Dr. Brater will succeed Dean Robert Holden, MD, who is retiring June 30 after nearly five years at the helm of Indiana's only academic medical center. (See SCOPE Briefs for additional information.)

"As we look to a new era and to new challenges for the medical school, the university counts itself fortunate to have found in Craig Brater an able successor. As a longstanding member of the IU family, we appreciate the importance of partnerships, particularly the medical school's Clarian partnership with Methodist Hospital," said President Brand. "Dr. Brater is well acquainted with the opportunities and challenges the medical school will face in coming years, and I have every confidence in his vision and leadership."

As dean, Dr. Brater will oversee an annual budget of \$488.9 million for the School of Medicine, including more than \$135 million in research funding of which \$73 million is from the National Institutes of Health. He will manage the school's statewide education program located on nine campuses. This program includes working relationships with more than 2,200 physicians who serve as volunteer faculty.

"I am extraordinarily flattered and humbled to be able to serve the School of Medicine and the State of Indiana in the capacity as dean," said Dr. Brater. "Educating the state's next generation of physicians and researchers presents an enormous responsibility. This is an unprecedented time of opportunity and challenge for academic medical centers. It is vitally important to the physical health and financial well-being of Hoosiers that the School of Medicine grows as a national and international leader in health care."

Dr. Brater sees the partnerships with Indiana hospitals as important toward meeting that goal. "The unique skills of school's faculty and Methodist physicians within Clarian Health can create a national

powerhouse in clinical care. Combining our efforts with our partners at the Roudebush VA Hospital and Wishard Health System, we have the opportunity to be a national role model for how best to care for our veterans and for our underserved patients."

Dr. Brater will take an integral leadership position in the school's partnerships with Wishard Health Services, Roudebush VA Medical Center, LaRue Carter Hospital and Clarian Health, which includes Riley, IU and Methodist hospitals.

(See http://www.medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/newdean.html for additional information on the appointment.)

Briefs

Holden honored

Mark your calendars for a retirement reception honoring Dean Robert Holden, MD, from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Friday, June 30. Remarks and presentations will be made at 4:30 p.m.

The event will be at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center. IUSM faculty, staff and students, along with community leaders and other medical colleagues, are invited to attend.

Dr. Holden is retiring after nearly 5 years at the helm of IUSM.

Braddom resigns

Randall Braddom, MD, has resigned as CEO and medical director of Wishard Health Services, effective May 31, to resume his duties at IUSM.

In a letter to colleagues, Dr. Braddom stated that although he has enjoyed his position at Wishard, he has "greatly missed being able to teach, do research and see patients."

Following a sabbatical, Dr. Braddom will return as a professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, a department he founded 10 years ago. He will be engaged in teaching, research and patient care in association with his colleague and PM&R Chairman Ralph Buschbacher, M.D.

IU nicotine experts named to state boards

The co-directors of the IU Nicotine Dependence Program will be helping even more Hoosiers to kick the nicotine habit.

In May, Gov. Frank O'Bannon named Stephen Jay, MD, and Arden Christen, DDS, to boards charged with guiding the expenditure of \$35 million earmarked for tobacco education, prevention and control. The funds are from the state's tobacco settlement.

Dr. Jay was appointed to the Indiana Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Executive Board and Dr. Christen will serve on the Indiana Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Advisory Board, which serves as an advisory committee to the executive board. "I consider this opportunity of serving on the Indiana Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Advisory Board to be one of the highlights of my 30-year career in tobacco education and control," said Christen.

Dr. Christen is a nationally recognized expert on smoking cessation, having served as technical expert to Surgeon General Koop's advisory committee for the development of the report "Health Consequences of Using Smokeless Tobacco." Christen also served as co-author and reviewer of several other Surgeon General reports.

Dr. Jay served as the founding chairman of the Indiana State Medical Association Tobacco Control Task Force and chaired an Indiana Hospital Association committee that published and distributed to state businesses "A Practical Guide to a Smoke-Free Work Place." Jay was also one of the principal investigators of the Youth Tobacco Initiative in IPS and is a past president of the American Lung Association of Indiana.

Ball Medical Education Center dedicated

The Muncie Center for Medical Education now has a new home. The Edmund F. Ball Medical Education Center -- a \$9.5 million, 62,000-square-foot building was dedicated June 1.

Construction of the center was a joint project between IUSM, Ball Memorial Hospital and Ball State

University. The two-story building provides clinic space for BMH's family practice residency program on the first floor. On the second floor are located faculty offices, a state-of-the-art computer facility, teaching laboratories, lecture rooms and administrative offices for the regional campus of IUSM.

Additional research laboratories are housed on the third floor of BMH's nearby Maria Bingham Hall.

The Muncie Center currently has 16 first-year and 16 second-year IUSM students, 10 faculty members, two office staff members and three technicians. Faculty members are involved in a variety of research, including projects in molecular immunology, molecular biology, neurophysiology, infectious diseases, tropical medicine, hematology, developmental biology and amphibian population biology.

BMH's Family Practice Residency program was initiated by Ross Egger, MD, in July 1970, under the direction of John Cullison, MD, who was director of medical education. The program was one of the first U.S. residency programs to earn accreditation. In July, a total of 142 residents will have graduated from the program.

Honors

Deborah Allen, MD, was recently elected president of the American Board of Family Practice, the second largest medical specialty board in the United States. Dr. Allen previously served as the organization's treasurer.

John Coleman III, MD, was elected May 6 vice-chairman of the American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. Beginning in May 2001, he will serve one year as chairman-elect and then will serve as chairman of the board from 2002 to 2003. Dr. Coleman has served as the Oral Examination Committee Chair since 1998 and has been a director of the board since 1996.

Patricia Keener, MD, was appointed assistant dean for medical service-learning beginning May 1. She will retain her current titles of clinical professor of pediatrics and adjunct professor of philanthropic studies in the School of Liberal Arts.

Kurt Kroenke, MD, has been named president-elect of the Society of General Internal Medicine, the national organization of internists engaged in research, teaching and patient care. Dr. Kroenke, who is just completing a three-year term as treasurer of the organization, will serve as president of the organization from May 2001-2002.

Clement McDonald, MD, director of the Regenstrief Institute, was recently named Regenstrief Professor of Health Services Research at IUSM. His appointment begins July 1. McDonald also is professor of public and environmental affairs at the School of Public and Environmental Affairs and a

distinguished professor at the IU School of Medicine.

Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, MD, has been named president of the Society for Pediatric Research, the world's largest pediatric research organization. She assumed the presidency May 15 at the society's annual meeting in Boston.

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