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Cardiovascular services to consolidate on Methodist campus

More than 18,000 people are treated at Clarian for cardiovascular diseases each year. Clarian hospitals - IU, Riley and Methodist - and their partner, the IU School of Medicine, are recognized trailblazers in cardiovascular research and treatment. Their outstanding programs are now about to come together to create the new Clarian Cardiovascular Center.

On June 18, 2001, all adult cardiovascular services and research facilities, including the world-renowned Krannert Institute of Cardiology, will consolidate at a newly renovated facility on the Methodist campus.

"We talked about it at length and the Methodist campus clearly had the space, with remodeling, to absorb us. We did not have the space on the IU campus to absorb the Methodist group," says Douglas Zipes, MD, distinguished professor and director of the Krannert Institute of Cardiology, who currently serves as president-elect of the American College of Cardiology. "The expense would have been far greater had we consolidated cardiovascular services on the IU campus," he says.

The consolidated center includes pediatric programs, but those services will continue to be provided at Riley Hospital for Children. In addition, a cardiovascular presence for consultative and outpatient care will be maintained at IU Hospital, including a catheter lab for emergency care.

Exceptional Programs

One of the largest heart centers in the Midwest, the Clarian Cardiovascular Center will provide patients with a combination of the clinical expertise and practice of the Methodist Heart Institute along with the cardiovascular care, research and teaching excellence of the Krannert Institute of Cardiology, the Indiana University School of Medicine, IU Hospital and Riley Hospital for Children. The history of each institution is impressive.

Just a few of their highlights include:

- Krannert Institute of Cardiology is known throughout the world as the leader in heart research and pioneering techniques in echocardiology and electrophysiology.
- Indiana University is a nationwide leader in minimally invasive cardiac surgery and state-of-the-art heart valve surgery.
- The Methodist Heart Institute was the site of the first heart transplant in Indiana and the world's first at a private institution.
- Riley Hospital for Children was one of the first centers in the country to perform heart transplantation in a newborn infant and is

among the top five pediatric hospitals in the country for the number of cardiovascular diagnostic and surgical procedures performed annually.

The Clarian Cardiovascular Center will be the only heart hospital in the region with complete cardiothoracic services, including diagnostic testing, interventional treatment and cardiac for infants and adults. More than 70 percent of the heart transplants in Indiana are performed at Clarian.

"Our consolidated cardiovascular service provides one-stop shopping for patients with a multitude of different cardiovascular problems. For example, persons with both cardiac and peripheral vascular or surgical problems can have all those conditions attended to in either the same building or in one close by, within walking distance," says Dr. Zipes.

The combined, whole program is even better than its already-outstanding individual parts. "The combination of research, teaching and clinical skills together in one location greatly benefits our patients," says William Storer, MD, co-medical director of the cardiovascular program. "By consolidating into one program at one location, there is more money available to put into the programs, such as a new heart failure program."

"By combining all of the CV resources at one center, Clarian can invest heavily at one site and make certain it is the premier site for all adult cardiovascular services. That means premier bricks and mortar - clinical, administration, and research space, without having to build two separate sites at that level - which would be virtually impossible," says Dr. Zipes.

Patients are the ultimate beneficiaries of all the improvements.

"Our patients are at the center of this design process," notes Ann Hendrich, senior vice president of nursing and patient care services for Methodist Hospital and the Clarian Cardiovascular Center. "Nursing has

partnered with the physicians and ancillary areas to create a truly superior cardiovascular program for the Indianapolis community and the state of Indiana."

Unique Combination

Drs. Zipes and Storer both hope to see increased funding for research studies at the consolidated center. "By combining forces, we become much more formidable in the competition to participate in multi-center trials," says Dr. Zipes. "When we all pool our numbers of patients with pacemakers, coronary stents, etc., we then become a very impressive partner for any industry that wants to participate in clinical studies," he explains.

The unique combination of research, education, and the clinical leadership of Methodist, IU, and Riley hospitals and the IU School of Medicine make it possible to more quickly implement new strategies for preventing and treating cardiovascular disease. New procedures will move from lab bench to bedside more quickly and more efficiently than at any other major Indiana hospital.

And that, says Dr. Storer, distinguishes Clarian's heart program from both Community's and St. Vincent's heart hospitals.

"We are creating a heart hospital on the Methodist campus that combines all of the available clinical skills, research and education, to form a facility without equal in Indiana," says Dr. Storer. "We offer the combination of research and education along with our clinical skills. Cutting edge cardiology and cardiovascular surgery will be a given at our center," he points out.

Cardiologists' offices will also be located at the center. In addition, the facility includes more catheter lab capability, more operating room suites, and more cardiovascular patient beds with the opening of a

nursing floor and a cardiac interventional unit located in the old Cardiac Care Unit.

"We will also convert a large majority of beds to private rooms to meet patient expectations," says Barb Peters, administrative director of the cardiovascular program. "Fifty percent of the beds in the renovated facility will be private."

Even so, Clarian is a multi-building campus and it will be necessary for caregivers and others to move between Methodist, IU and Riley.

"Fundamental to all of this is the People Mover," says Dr. Zipes. "It will enhance our strengths and our cohesiveness by facilitating transportation of house staff, fellows and the senior staff. They can hop on this train and be transported from one campus to other. That is essential as we have grand rounds and division meetings and other education processes. When it's 30 degrees outside and snowing, it's a lot of trouble to get in your car and drive between campuses. But with the People Mover, they can just ride over in five minutes," says Dr. Zipes

Staffing

Open positions for the Clarian Cardiovascular Center are now posted. "Our Clarian staff will have first opportunity to apply for the open posted positions," says Hendrich. "Then, at the end of March, we'll extend our search externally for any positions remaining open." .

Madura named Battersby Professor of Surgery

James Madura, MD, has been named the J. Stanley Battersby Professor of Surgery by the Trustees of Indiana University.

Dr. Madura received his medical degree from Western Reserve University and completed an internship and residency at The Ohio State University Hospital. He served as chief resident from 1970-71. He completed a fellowship as NIH Academic Trainee in Surgery and was a research fellow at Duke University Division of Immunology. He joined the IU School of Medicine faculty in 1971.

The J. Stanley Battersby Professorship in Surgery was established in 1986 by his friends, colleagues and former residents in recognition of his 40 years of service to the IUSM Department of Surgery.

Dr. Battersby, who is the Willis D. Gatch Professor Emeritus of Surgery, became the first full-time member of the Department of Surgery in 1943. Although Dr. Gatch started the thoracic surgery program, Dr. Battersby took over that area and, in 1946, performed the first successful repair of an esophageal atresia with a tracheo-esophageal fistula in a newborn at Riley Hospital for Children.

Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center seeks research proposals

The Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center is soliciting proposals for pilot projects from investigators who want to develop research on Alzheimer disease, frontotemporal dementia, or diffuse Lewy body disease as well as other neurodegenerative or vascular dementias. The purpose of the IADC pilot grants is to allow investigators to obtain preliminary data leading to additional extramural funding.

A maximum of two projects will be funded for up to \$30,000 each. The deadline is March 29 for letters of intent and May 1 for completed applications.

Applicants should use a reduced version of the PHS 398 forms for research applications. The research plan should be limited to 12 pages according to the following:

Specific Aims, 1 page

Background and Significance, 2 pages

Preliminary Studies/Progress Report, 1 page

Research Design & Methods, 8 pages

All other sections should follow the instructions in the PHS 398 application booklet. The booklet is available from Research and Sponsored Programs located in the Union Building. Applications not adhering to these reduced page limitations will be returned unreviewed.

The letter of intent and completed application should be mailed to:

Bernardino Ghetti, MD

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635 Barnhill Drive, Medical Science, Room A142

Indianapolis, IN 46202-5120

Questions should be directed to Francine Epperson at 274-1590 or freppers@iupui.edu.

Outstanding faculty and students honored during annual IU Founders Day

Indiana University honored its outstanding faculty and students at its annual Founders Day ceremony on Sunday, March 4.

Fifteen IU professors and an associate instructor were recognized for

their outstanding teaching, research or service to the university. The award recipients teach on IU's Bloomington, Indianapolis, East, Fort Wayne, Northwest, South Bend and Southeast campuses and at Indiana University Purdue University Columbus.

The President's Award was presented to Jay Howard, associate professor of sociology and assistant dean for budget and planning at IUPU Columbus; Patrick Ashton, associate professor of sociology at IUPU Fort Wayne; Charles Gallmeier, associate professor of sociology at IU Northwest; and Suzanne Konzelmann, associate professor of economics at IU South Bend.

The Frederic Bachman Lieber Memorial Award, the oldest of IU's teaching honors, was presented to Sharon Sims, associate professor of nursing and chair of the Department of Family Health in the IU School of Nursing at IUPUI.

The Herman Frederic Lieber Memorial Award, also for outstanding teaching, was presented to Robin K. Morgan, professor of psychology at IU Southeast. The Frederic Bachman Lieber Award was established in 1954 by Katie D. Bachman in honor of her grandson. The Herman Frederic Lieber Award originally was sponsored by the IU Foundation and is now sponsored by Mrs. Herman Lieber of Indianapolis.

Mary Fell, associate professor of English at IU East, received the Sylvia E. Bowman Award. Bowman, a respected scholar and author, gave 34 years of service to IU as a professor, academic administrator and chancellor for regional campus administration. The Bowman Award, established in 1994, honors exemplary faculty members in discipline areas related to American civilization.

Brian Powell, director of graduate studies and a professor in the Department of Sociology at IU Bloomington, received the Wilbert Hites Mentoring Award, a new honor this year. The award was established by

Ronald A. Hites, distinguished professor of Public and Environmental Affairs at IU Bloomington, in honor of his late father. Hites Award recipients must display outstanding mentoring qualities that provide students or colleagues with the academic support, advice and encouragement needed to establish their own career and educational goals.

The W. George Pinnell Award for Outstanding Service was presented to Susan Eklund, professor of education, Byron A. Root Professor in Aging, director of the IU Center on Aging and Aged, and associate dean of the faculties.

The University Faculty Council established the Pinnell Award in 1988, honoring the memory of the former executive vice president of the university who also served during his career as president of the IU Foundation and dean of IU's Kelley School of Business. Pinnell was known for his stewardship, leadership, initiative and service to the university, the state and the national government. The award recognizes faculty members or librarians who have shown exceptional breadth of involvement and depth of commitment in service to the university, their profession or the public.

Recipients of the John W. Ryan Award for Distinguished Contributions to International Programs and Studies were Richard Fredland, professor of political science and adjunct professor of environments for health/nursing; and Lawrence Davidson, co-director of the Global Business Information Network, co-chair of the Global Experience Program in the Kelley School of Business, and professor of business economics and public policy.

The Ryan Award was initiated in 1991 and named for the man who was president of IU from 1971 to 1987. Ryan, now president emeritus, was instrumental in fostering IU's commitment to excellence in international education. The award honors faculty members or librarians who have

made exceptional contributions to the university's international programs and studies.

Cathy Foos, associate professor of philosophy at IU East, will receive the Thomas Ehrlich Award of Service, which is presented annually to an IU professor at one of the eight campuses who has demonstrated excellence in service learning. The award, named after IU's president from 1987 to 1994, will be presented for the first time this year.

Three professors will be elevated to the rank of Distinguished Professor: Giorgio Tozzi, professor and the Henry A. Upper Chair in Music at IU Bloomington; **Robert A. Harris**, chairman of the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology and the Showalter Professor of Biochemistry in the IU School of Medicine; and Victoria L. Champion, Mary Margaret Walther Professor of Nursing, associate dean for research and director of clinical research in the IU School of Nursing.

Receiving the Lieber Memorial Teaching Associate Award was Camilla Saulsbury, an IU Bloomington doctoral student in sociology. Established in 1961, the Lieber awards are presented each year to outstanding teachers among the university's graduate students who combine their programs of advanced study with instructional employment in their schools and departments.

IHEN conference will be March 23

The sixth annual Indiana Healthcare Ethics Network conference is slated for Friday, March 23. "Life's End: The Human Experience of Illness, Suffering and Dying" will be at the Ritz Charles with registration at 7:45 a.m. The program begins at 8:30 a.m. and adjourns at 4 p.m.

The keynote address will be present by Ira Byock, MD, author of *Dying Well: Prospects for Growth at the End of Life*. He is the past president of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine and currently directs Promoting Excellence in End of Life Care, a national program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

For further information, contact the clinical education department at Community Hospitals, one of the sponsors of the program, at 317-355-4885.

Health Care Heroes found at IUSM

Two IUSM faculty members have been recognized for their contributions to medicine in the 2001 Health Care Heroes program, sponsored by the Indianapolis Business Journal.

L. Joseph Wheat, MD, professor of medicine and pathology and director of the Indiana AIDS Clinical Trials Unit, was a runner up in the Advancement in Health Care category. Robert M. Einterz, MD, clinical associate professor, was a runner up in the Physician category.

Drs. Wheat and Einterz, who were recognized at a breakfast/awards ceremony March 2, were the subjects of feature articles appearing in a special IBJ publication.

Wishard Health Services radiology requisition guidelines

A campus-wide policy (Clarian, Wishard, VA, IUSM) was instituted effective July 15, 1999, stating that no imaging study will be performed without an adequate radiology requisition. Himanshu Shah, MD, chief of radiology at WHS, has consolidated helpful information which can be

downloaded at the end of this message as a reminder of the policy.

HCFA regulations require that every radiology requisition must have a current diagnosis (the admission diagnosis is not always adequate as this can frequently be wrong or the diagnosis may have changed following a patient's admission) and an appropriate indication for the study. If the diagnosis is not known, then the patient's symptoms must be given instead. The requisition must be signed.

Accurate, current patient information improves the ability of the Department of Radiology to provide good patient care and timely, accurate interpretation of images. HCFA regulations consider it unlawful for radiology exams to be performed without an appropriate indication. These regulations hold both the radiologist performing the study as well as the referring physician who caused the "unindicated" study to be performed responsible.

Inappropriate requests will continue to be returned and no radiologic exams will be performed until a request with an appropriate indication and current diagnosis is supplied by the referring physician. Compliance guidelines and answers to commonly asked questions are attached below and will also be posted throughout Wishard Hospital and its associated clinics.

[Compliance guidelines](#) (Click to open MS Word document and save to disk.)

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