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[IUPUI to close maintenance tunnels to pedestrians](#)

Maintenance tunnels underlying the IU Medical Center campus will permanently close to pedestrian traffic Aug. 1. University officials said safety concerns cited by an engineering company hired to assess the status of the tunnels convinced them this was the only viable option.

Two tunnels built for pedestrian traffic will remain open. They are the tunnels between Riley and University Hospital and the one between the Medical Research and Library Building and the Van Nuys Medical Science Building.

Traffic in the hallway-sized maintenance tunnels has increased over the years. Employees use them to escape inclement weather and to transport patients and materials from one hospital to another. The maintenance tunnels were designed for worker access to steam pipes and water, electrical and communication lines. Safety concerns associated with the steam pipes, including aging joints that could develop leaks, have prompted officials to restrict the use of tunnels to their original purpose.

IUPUI has worked closely with IUSM, Wishard and Clarian to identify the needs created by the closing of the tunnels and to assist in covering expenses associated with transportation issues resulting from the closure. Trucks, vans and other vehicles will be purchased and drivers hired to transport equipment, supplies, items used in experiments and other materials that are now routinely moved through the tunnels.

Clarian implemented new patient transfer procedures for Riley Hospital on June 1 using ambulance services to move patients to and from Riley/IU and Wishard hospitals since tunnel access will no longer be permitted.

Individuals with safety questions or questions about the closure may contact Emily Wren, assistant vice chancellor for facilities, by e-mail at ewren@iupui.edu. Employees with operations questions should contact their supervisors.

Cathy Vogelweid, PhD, DVM, can be contacted at 274-8649 or cvogelwe@iupui.edu on matters concerning animal access. Beverly Hill, EdD, will address questions pertaining to MERP access. She can be reached at 274-4083 or bhill@iupui.edu.

Zone maintenance trouble lines are available to report tunnel emergencies 24 hours a day.

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Westward Ho! Clarian moves into new territory

The Clarian Board of Directors plans to expand its hospital operations with a 50- to 70-bed hospital in Hendricks County. The proposed location is in a rapidly growing suburban area near Avon.

Clarian holds an option to purchase property in eastern Hendricks County. Later this month, Clarian will file an appeal for a special permit from the county's Board of Zoning Appeals to use the land for a hospital. If approved, the new hospital could open in late 2003 or early 2004.

The Hendricks County area is ideal for a new hospital according to recent U.S. Census data. It shows that the county's population grew by more than 37 percent between 1990 and 2000, making it one of the state's 20 largest counties. The county's double-digit growth is projected to continue through 2020. Between October 1999 and September 2000, nearly 1,900 Hendricks County residents were hospitalized at Riley, IU or Methodist hospitals.

A Physician Advisory Committee will be formed to help guide planning for the new facility. Contact Marvin Pember, senior vice president of finance at Clarian Health, for more information. He can be reached at MPember@clarian.com.

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Moe named assistant dean

Sharon Moe, MD, has been appointed assistant dean for research support. The appointment was effective July 1.

In her new role, Dr. Moe will coordinate the development and implementation of educational programs to enhance clinical research, will oversee clinical research compliance and will serve as the IUSM liaison to IUPUI Research and Sponsored Programs committees and task forces.

Dr. Moe, who will retain her current title of associate professor of medicine, will report to Lynda Means, MD, executive associate dean for academic affairs.

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Women's health topics spin off new Web site

The IUSM National Center of Excellence in Women's Health has launched a new Web site to provide informative and educational updates on various women's health issues

and concerns.

The site, <http://www.womenshealthtoday.org>, focuses on special topics each month. In addition to providing information about general women health issues and about children's health, users also can submit questions and receive answers from IUSM physicians and also find useful links to other Web sites.

The CoE partnered with the Lilly Centre for Women's Health and the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library as topic sponsors. Indianapolis radio stations WZPL 99.5 FM, WTPI 107.9 FM and WMYS AM 1430 (all owned by MyStar Communications) are providing promotional support, Web design and consulting. Project management is provided by Amusion Entermedia and Information Resource Consulting.

"Both the Lilly Centre and the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library are natural partners for this project," says Ann Zerr, MD, CoE co-director. "The formation of the Lilly Centre for Women's Health in 1996 formalized Eli Lilly and Company's commitment to integrate women's health into their corporation and to advocate in partnership with like-minded organizations."

The library will make its resources on the monthly topics readily and separately available to the public, Dr. Zerr further notes. "Our dual goal is met by getting women into library branches to learn more about a health issue and get their families oriented to the many services provided by the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library system to children and adults."

In addition to assisting the CoE with its Web project, the Lilly Centre for Women's Health offers a *Chat With A Nurse program*, which can be accessed online at <http://www.lillywomenshealth.com>. Visitors can pose questions with registered nurses 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The special topic on the Lilly Centre and CoE sites for July is osteoporosis.

The CoE encourages links to women's health events and issues of interest from anywhere in Indiana. To include a link or for more information, contact Tina Darling, CoE project coordinator at tdarling@iupui.edu, or call her at 317-630-2243.

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Correction

Marti Arvin, JD, compliance and privacy officer, has accepted a position with the University of Pittsburgh Physician, not the University of Pennsylvania Physicians, as was reported in the July 2 issue of *Scope*.

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Submissions to Scope

Scope wants your news items.

The deadline for submission is 8:30 a.m. on Fridays. *Scope* is published electronically and sent to faculty, staff, students, and residents.

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- mailing the information to Mary Hardin, LO 401, IUPUI.
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