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## **Herb Cushing named associate dean of student affairs**

Herbert Cushing III, MD, has been named associate dean of student affairs at IUSM. He has served as acting dean of Medical Student Academic Affairs since Nov. 1, 1999.

Dr. Cushing has served as an advisor, counselor, mentor and friend to hundreds of medical students since coming to the IUSM in 1992, said Stephen Leapman, MD, executive associate dean for educational affairs,

in making the announcement.

Dr. Cushing has been a motivating force in the promotion of many student initiatives. Most recently, along with Rich Haak, PhD, he shepherded the students and faculty through the accreditation process with the Liaison Committee for Medical Education.

Dr. Cushing attended medical school at State University of New York/Upstate and completed a residency in internal medicine at the University of Virginia Hospital and served as a fellow in infectious diseases at the University of Washington.

He was an acting instructor of medicine and infectious diseases at the University of Washington from 1989 until he joined the IUSM faculty.

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## **Marcia Gonzales named IUSM compliance officer**

Marcia Gonzales, JD, began her duties Oct. 11 as the IUSM compliance and privacy officer. She replaces Marti Arvin, JD, who resigned the post in July.

In her new role, Ms. Gonzales will oversee the compliance function for fraud and abuse, oversee HIPAA compliance, assist departments with response to inquires by governmental payors and provide guidance on documentation and billing issues.

Ms. Gonzales has more than 10 years experience in the health care arena and has practiced health law for more than seven years. Her prior experience includes corporate counsel for Indiana Heart Physicians, Inc. and working with Physician Partners Group, LLC, a physician practice management and consulting company that provides practice

management services for 30 physician practices in the Indianapolis metropolitan area.

She is a graduate of the IU School of Law-Indianapolis and was the assistant director at the Center for Law and Health in Indianapolis. As an undergraduate student, she worked as a research technician at the Riley Child Psychiatry Clinic and as a pharmacy technician at Indiana University Hospital.

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## **JSB lecture on evidence-based medicine - Oct. 17**

The John Shaw Billings History of Medicine Society will present Jalees Rehman, MD, a cardiology fellow at IUSM, discussing "Is the Current Form of Evidence-Based Medicine a Science?"

The presentation will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, in room 301, of the Ruth Lilly Medical Library.

Evidence-based medicine is currently emerging as a leading paradigm in modern clinical medicine and is based on knowledge derived from large randomized, placebo-controlled trials. There appears to be a silent assumption that the methodology of EBM is scientific.

This presentation will examine the validity of this assumption using recent definitions of science. The problem of patient heterogeneity in clinical trials also will be discussed.

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## **Swiss researcher to deliver Beering Lecture Oct. 24**

The 2001 Beering Award recipient will be Bernard C. Rossier, MD, professor of pharmacology and toxicology of the Institut de Pharmacologie et de Toxicologie at the Université de Lausanne, Switzerland.

Dr. Rossier's lecture, entitled "Salt-sensitive hypertension: from monogenic to polygenic disease," will be presented at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, Oct. 24, at the University Place Conference Center auditorium.

Dr. Rossier's research involves genetic cloning and characterization of the amiloride-sensitive sodium channel, known as ENaC.

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## **Location of mock residency interviews changed - faculty/house staff volunteers needed**

The mock residency interviews, organized by Medical Student Academic Affairs, will be in the VanNuys Medical Science Building instead of the Clinical Skills Education Center (OSCE) at the Methodist Towers as previous announced.

Faculty and house staff familiar with the residency interviewing process are needed as volunteers to conduct and critique the interviews. The commitment would entail two or three hours.

The mock interviews will be 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 8, and 8 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Dec. 4.

Volunteers should contact Courtney Lord at [cjlord@iupui.edu](mailto:cjlord@iupui.edu).

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## **New look for Graduate Programs' Web site**

The IUSM Graduate Programs Web site sports a dramatic new look and new information.

The updated Web site offers key information to students interested in pursuing a PhD, a combined MD/PhD, or an MS in Medical Science. Individuals researching a combined degree can now get detailed information on the program curriculum and on graduate research opportunities at [www.medicine.iu.edu/~gradschl/](http://www.medicine.iu.edu/~gradschl/).

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## **Health fair benefits community and future physicians**

IUSM students, working under the direction of IU physicians and faculty, are organizing and sponsoring a health fair 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 20, at the Westside Community Health Center, 2732 W. Michigan St.

"The fair gives us the opportunity to apply our education and, more importantly, serve the community and better learn the needs of patients," says fair organizer Amanda Myers, MS 4. "The Westside center was selected because it is an area that largely is medically underserved, but has active community leadership to encourage residents to take advantage of what we have to offer."

Students will assist IUSM faculty and staff physicians to provide free screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol, diabetes and colon cancer in adults. Vision and hearing screenings will be offered to children. Also,

free information about breast and skin cancer, osteoporosis, exercise and diet, weight loss, prostate problems, dental hygiene and other health topics will be distributed to visitors.

The Indiana chapter of the American College of Physicians will have a booth and offer inoculations to adults at high risk for complications from influenza or pneumonia, says Michael Sha, MD, who is helping medical students coordinate the event.

Students from the IU schools of dentistry and allied health science also will join the medical students in providing screenings and other services.

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## **Mark your calendar for April conference on clinical research accountability**

IUSM, along with the National Patient Safety Foundation, are co-sponsors of the April 24-26 conference *Accountability in Clinical Research: Balancing Risk and Benefit*. The conference will be at the University Place Conference Center and Hotel and will offer unique segments with role-playing and audience interaction.

This inaugural conference will examine the funding, management, conduct and accountability of research involving human subjects from operational, regulatory and ethical perspectives.

The conference is designed to interest investigators, clinical coordinators, deans/research deans, hospital administrators, IRB members/staff, media, regulators, patients, patient advocacy and public interest groups, voluntary health organizations, pharmaceutical/medical device companies, ethicists, risk managers, institutional general counsel, and attorneys.

Accreditation will be provided by the Annenberg Center for Health Sciences, an accredited provider of continuing education for health care professionals.

For additional information, visit the conference Web site at [www.npsf.org](http://www.npsf.org) and click on "Clinical Research Conference."

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## Scientific Calendar online

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at <http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar/>. To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Iona Sewell at [imsewell@iupui.edu](mailto:imsewell@iupui.edu).

To keep the electronic version of *Scope* as streamlined as possible, only seminars and lectures of general or multi-disciplinary interest will be printed.

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- mail the information to Mary Hardin, LO 401, IUPUI
- paste your plain text message into Scope Web form on the IUSM faculty & staff page: <http://medicine.iu.edu/faculty/index.html>

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