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Confronting Anthrax in the Mail and Related Health Issues-Monday Seminar

Campus safety measures and issues regarding mail handling will be addressed on Monday, October 29, at 1 p.m. in the VanNuys Medical Science Building, room 326.

Directors and principals of the following IUPUI departments will present and respond to your questions:

Police; Environmental Health and Safety; Occupational Health Services; Campus Design, Print and Mail; and Human Resource Administration.

This presentation is aimed at medical school employees who are responsible for handling mail, although anyone is welcome to attend. It was organized by Stephen F. Wintermeyer, MD, MPH, medical director of IU Occupational Health Services/IUPUI Student Health Services.

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Biothreats: Prescription for precaution

The IUPUI and Medical Center campus and the Clarian Health System are engaged in precautionary measures should the threat of anthrax terrorism reach the IUPUI/Methodist campuses. Following is a compilation of information for faculty, staff and students.

Whom You Should Call

Capt. Robert True of the IUPUI Police Department says any IUPUI employee who discovers suspicious mail or a suspicious substance in the workplace should contact the campus police at 274-7911. Employees in Riley, Methodist or IU hospitals should contact Clarian Security at 929-8000. Employees at the Roudebush VA Medical Center should contact its security office at 554-0000, ext. 2050. Wishard personnel should call the security office at 630-7071.

What Constitutes 'Suspicious'

A mail parcel may be considered suspicious if:

- It is addressed to someone no longer with your organization or is otherwise outdated.
- Has no return address, or has one that can't be verified as legitimate.
- Is of unusual weight, given its size, or is lopsided or oddly shaped and/or feels of a powdery or foreign substance.
- Is marked with restrictive endorsements, such as "personal" or "confidential."
- Has protruding wires, strange odors or stains.
- Shows a city or state in the postmark that doesn't match the return address.
- Has an address that is hand written or poorly typed including misspelling of common words.
- Contains excessive postage.

Suspicious packages should not be handled, shaken or emptied. They should be placed in a plastic bag or some other type of container to prevent leakage. If you cannot place it in a container, then cover it with anything available, such as clothing, paper, trash can, etc. Do not handle the suspicious item any more and do not let anyone else handle it. Notify your supervisor and the appropriate security agency (IUPUI police, Wishard, Clarian or Roudebush security office).

Clear the immediate area and close the doors. Anyone who handled the mail parcel should wash his or her hands immediately with soap and water. Provide a list to security officers of all individuals who have touched the letter, envelope or parcel.

Questions about these safety precautions may be addressed to the appropriate security office, John Mulvey, IUPUI director of public safety, 274-4860, or Rich Strong, director of environmental health and safety, 274-1388. Questions pertaining to mail distribution may be addressed to James Dalton, director of publishing and distribution, 274-5484.

Mail Bomb Threats

The United States Postal Services has a document with useful information on detecting and dealing with the threat of a mail bomb. That information can be access at <http://new.usps.com/cpim/ftp/notices/not71.pdf>. You must have Adobe Reader capabilities on your computer to access this file.

Web Links To Anthrax Information

Additional information on anthrax can be found at this link, provided by the Clarian Health Medical Library, <http://chomc.clarian.com/library/AnthraxLinks.asp>

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IUSM faculty meeting slated for Nov. 13

The fall faculty meeting is 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 13 at the Riley Outpatient Center Auditorium (lower level) with Faculty President Janice Froehlich, PhD, presiding.

Dean D. Craig Brater, MD, is slated to make a report, as are Ora Pescovitz, MD, executive associate dean for research affairs; Lynda Means, MD, executive associate dean for academic affairs; William Martin II, MD, executive associate dean for clinical affairs; Stephen Leapman, MD, executive associate dean for educational affairs; C. Duane Gaither, executive associate dean for administration and finance; and Elizabeth Elkas, director of development.

Two committee reports also are scheduled. Joseph Lurito, MD, PhD, will update faculty about IUSM admissions activities, and James McAteer, PhD, will discuss student promotions.

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Wishard, WTHR health fair focuses on stroke

Wishard Health Services and WTHR-Channel 13 are joining forces to sponsor a health fair 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 27 at Glendale Mall, 6101 N. Keystone Ave. The event will focus on stroke assessment, nutritional counseling, smoking cessation, stress screening and other health-related information.

"The IU Stroke Center at Wishard Community Outreach Program is a vital component in the treatment of stroke," said center coordinator Desiree Neal, LPN. "Through community education the number of stroke occurrences and disabilities caused by stroke can decrease and improve the quality of life of those who have been affected by it."

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Combined Seminar Series slated for November

The Combined Seminar Series will be Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium.

Nov. 7 - Marc Hansen, PhD, professor of medicine, genetics and developmental biology, Center for Molecular Medicine, University of Connecticut Health Center, "Molecular Genetics of Osteosarcoma and Related Disease."

Nov. 14 - Susan Parson LeDoux, PhD, Department of Structural and Cellular Biology-University of South Alabama, "Mitochondrial DNA Repair: A Critical Player in Cellular Defense Against Genotoxic Stressors."

Nov. 21 - No seminar (Thanksgiving break)

Nov. 28 - Milos N. Novotny, PhD, Distinguished Professor and Lilly Chemistry Alumni Chair, Institute of Pheromone Research, Department of Chemistry, IU, "Analytical Glycobiology: Elucidating the Roles of Glycans in Health and Disease."

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Psychiatry conference planned for Nov. 9 and 10

"Primary Care Update in Psychiatry: What Our Patients Tell Us" will be a two-day conference, Nov. 9 and 10, at Larue D. Carter Hospital.

The conference, open to mental health care professionals, medical students and Indiana Consortium for Mental Health Services research faculty, will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Nov. 9, and from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Nov. 10.

For additional information or to register, contact the IUSM Division of Continuing Medical Education at 317-274-8353, or visit the CME Web site at iumeded.med.iupui.edu.

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Geriatrics seminars scheduled through year's end

The schedule for the IU Geriatrics Conferences for the remainder of the year have been released. The Wednesday sessions are from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in Wishard T2008 A&B.

Oct. 31: Update-Alzheimer disease

Martin Farlow, MD

Professor of Neurology

Co-director, IU Alzheimer Disease Center

Nov. 7: No seminar**Nov. 21:** Breast cancer in older women

Anna Maria Storniolo, MD

Professor of Clinical Medicine

Dec. 5: Skin disorders in older adults

Margaret Gaffney, MD

Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine

Director, Introduction to Clinical Medicine Course

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Once a year, full-time appointed employees have the opportunity to make changes to their IU-sponsored health care coverage, personal accident insurance coverage, and to enroll in the Tax Saver Benefit Plan reimbursement accounts.

- Add, drop or change health care plans, personal accident insurance
- Add or drop dependants, dental coverage.
- Submit contributions - Tax Saver Benefit Plan, Parts B&C

The deadline to return completed forms is earlier this year is Nov. 14. It is important to note that re-enrollment is mandatory if you wish to continue health care coverage for your spouse and children. For your convenience benefit specialists will be on site (as listed below) to answer any questions you might have, provide assistance or information.

Oct. 22	10 a.m -11:30 a.m.	UL Auditorium
Oct. 22	1 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.	UL Auditorium
Oct. 25	10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Union, Hoosier Room
Oct. 26	9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Cancer Research, R4-101
Oct. 30	1 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.	UL Auditorium
Oct. 31	10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Columbus Campus, 143

Nov. 1	3 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.	Dental School, S116
Nov. 7	1:30 p.m.- 3 p.m.	Nursing, 112

Return your completed forms to University Human Resources Services; Poplars, Room 165; Bloomington, Indiana 47405.

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**Indiana University School of Medicine
Grants & Awards
August 1, 2001 - August 31, 2001**

Project Director	Agency Grant Number Agency Type	Award Type	Title	Start/Stop	Total Award
Anna A. Depaoli-Roach	NIH-NIDDK	Contin/Competing Research	Structure and Regulation of Type 1 Protein Phosphatases	08/01/01 06/30/02	\$332,841
Maureen A. Harrington	US DEPT OF EDUCATION	New Research	Fellowships for PhD Candidates Seeking Teaching or Research Careers in Biochemistry and Biotechnology	08/15/01 08/14/02	\$115,428
Ronald C. Wek	NIH-NIGMS	New Research	Translational Control by eIF-2 Kinase During ER Stress	08/01/01 07/31/02	\$223,331
Tatiana M. Foroud	CHARCOT MARIE TOOTH	New Research	Charcot-Marie-Tooth Registry	08/01/01 07/31/02	\$ 50,000

Ting-Kai Li	UNIV. OF MO-COLUMBIA	New Research	Rat Resource Center	06/01/01 05/31/02	\$ 13,470
Stuart Sherman	AM DIGESTIVE HLTH FD	New Research	Comparison of Endoscopic Ultrasound and Dual Phase Helical Computed Tomography for the Staging and Determination of Resectability of Pancreatic Neoplasms	01/01/01 12/31/01	\$ 10,000
Christopher Callahan	QHRQ	New Research	A Program of Collaborative Care for Alzheimer Diseases	08/01/01 07/31/02	\$552,095
Clement J. McDonald	NIH-NCI	New Research	Indianapolis Pathology Informatics Network (IPIN)	08/13/01 07/31/02	\$1,705,894
Glenda Westmoreland	ASSN. OF AMERICAN MED	New INSTRUCTION	Integrating and Enhancing Geriatric Medicine in Undergraduate Medical Education	07/01/01	\$ 50,000
Robert A. Hromas	NIH-NHLBI	New Research	Role of Exodus-2/SLC/6Ckine in GVHD	07/01/01 06/30/02	\$ 406,654
David S. Wilkes	NIH	New Research	Innovative Methods for Immune Tolerance in Lung Transplantation	08/01/01 07/31/02	\$ 221,505

Alexander Dent	V FOUNDATION FOR CAN	New Research	Regulation of C-Jun/AP-1 Activity by the BCL6 Pro2 Oncogene	08/01/01 07/31/03	\$ 100,000
Louis M. Pelus	NIH-NHLBI	New Research	Chemokine Induced Hematopoietic Stem Cell Mobilization	08/15/01 07/31/02	\$ 335,250
Arun Srivastava	NIH-NHLBI	Contin/Competing Research	Parvovirus Vectors for Human Gene Therapy	08/15/01 06/30/02	\$ 370,505
Ruben Vidal	AM FED AGING RES	New Research	The BRI Gene Family and Familial British and Danish Dementia	07/01/01 06/30/03	\$ 49,000
Terry A. Vik	UNIV. OF MINNESOTA	Contin/Competing Research	Childhood Cancer Survivor Study	06/01/99 05/31/02	\$ 2,500
Mary C. Dinauer	NIH-NHLBI	Contin/Competing Research	Structure/Function Analysis of Phagocyte Proteins	08/15/01 06/30/02	\$ 298,000
Tammy J. Sajdyk	NIH-NIMH	New Research	Role of Amygdalar CRF Receptors in Regulating Anxiety	08/15/01 07/30/02	\$ 127,346
Anantha Shekhar	NIH-NIMH	New Research	Neurobiology of Anxiety and Panic Disorders	08/17/01 06/30/02	\$ 325,656

Harikrishna Nakshatri	UNITED STATES ARMY	New Research	NF-KappaB- Mediated Repression of GADD153/CHOP: Role in Breast Cancer Initiation	08/01/01 08/31/04	\$ 351,558
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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.

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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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.

There are four easy ways to submit story ideas or information to *Scope*:

- fax the information to 278-3502
- e-mail the information to mhardin@iupui.edu
- 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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