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New director named for MPH program

Carole Kacius, PhD, has been named the director of the Master's in Public Health Program in the IU Department of Public Health. She will assume those responsibilities May 1.

She succeeds Mary Elise Papke, MPH, who was the first director of the MPH Program.

Dr. Kacius has served as director of admissions at the IU School of Dentistry for the past 15 years. While there, she was involved in the implementation of the school's Problem-Based Learning curriculum and coordinated a statewide public health rotation for fourth-year dental students.

Prior to joining the School of Dentistry, Dr. Kacius was a school psychologist for four years in a four-county special education cooperative, providing services for 12 school corporations. She also served as a group therapist at Community Hospital in 1990 and 1991.

Dr. Kacius received her doctorate in higher education administration from IU in 2000. She received bachelor's and master's degrees in school psychometry and an Ed.S. in educational psychology from Ball State University.

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Match Day a success

This year's graduates did well in National Match Day, March 21, a program that coordinates thousands of medical students' and U.S. hospital programs' preferences.

IUSM students in Class of 2002, who will receive their medical degrees May 12, accepted positions in 35 states, including Indiana.

Among the IUSM Match Day 2002 highlights:

- 45 percent of the students will pursue their first year of residency within Indiana.
- 72 students will be residents at IU Hospital, Riley Hospital for Children and other Clarian Health facilities.
- 43 percent of IUSM graduates will enter primary-care residency programs, which includes internal medicine, family medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology, primary and combined internal medicine-pediatrics.

Additional information about Match Day 2002 and the National Resident Matching Program can be found at www.nrmp.org.

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A Moment for Patient Safety and Quality Health Care

Sixth in a series

By Herbert E. Cushing, M.D.

CASS Helps Prevent Ventilator-Associated Pneumonia

Of three randomized controlled trials of continuous aspiration of subglottic secretions (CASS), two of which included medical and surgical patients who were on ventilators for more than 72 hours, one demonstrated a significantly decreased occurrence of ventilator-associated pneumonia (VAP), compared to standard treatment, and a second study yielded a strong trend.

All three studies demonstrated a statistically significant delay in the development of VAP, from 48 hours to 8 days.

Two of the trials reported a decreased incidence in VAP caused by *Staphylococcus aureus* and *Hemophilus influenzae*, although there was no decrease reported in the incidence of VAP caused by *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* or *Enterobacteriaceae*.

The cost effectiveness of CASS has not been documented, but is estimated to be minimal, and no adverse patient events occurred among the 150 patients studied.

The full report is available at
www.ahrq.gov/clinic/ptsafety/chap17a.htm.

This is the sixth of 11 practices identified by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality as "clear opportunities for safety improvement." Through a critical study of recent literature and clinical trials, these practices were found to have the greatest positive impact on patient outcomes, with the least downside risk, including cost, of the 79 practices studied.

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Medical honorary society inducts new IU members

Forty-six Indiana University School of Medicine students will be inducted Tuesday, March 26, into the Indiana Chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha, the nation's only medical honorary society.

The ceremony will be at the Marten House and Conference Center in Indianapolis. Steven C. Beering, MD, who served as IUSM dean from 1974 to 1983, is the keynote speaker. Dr. Beering later served as

president of Purdue University, retiring in 2000.

The Alpha Omega Alpha Honorary Society recognizes and perpetuates excellence in the medical profession. The Indiana Chapter has about 1,800 members.

Students inducted from the Class of 2002, who will graduate this May: Sam Robert Bagchi, Catherine Elizabeth Beck, Paula Scales Bunde, Brian Chung, Kevin Condict, Jennifer Connolly, Susan Theobald Crook, Britton Rink Delaney, Michael Emery, Elizabeth Ferries-Rowe, Terri Fites, Megan Hartzell, Shannon Hawkins, Heather Hedstrom-Lara, Douglas Heintzelman, Laura Kristen Hollenbeck, Jonathan House, Catherine Kurowski, Teresa Lo, Jayne MacLaughlin, Emily MacNeill, Kevin McConnell, Robb McLean, Justin McMonigle, Eric Miller, Carrie Milligan, Andrew Offerle, Elizabeth Picologlou, Daniel Selo, Sean Sharma, Jonathan Shook, Craig Stewart, Chadwich Strain, Michelle Strong and Joshua Zimmerman.

Class of 2003 to be inducted: Melissa Bowker-Kinley, John Caridi, Jonathan Dillman, Andrew Dubois, Bryane Hainline, Michael Hancock, Stephen Kralick, Shannon McCanna, Timothy Roth, Colleen Tomcik and Charles Yates.

Honorary inductees with IU School of Medicine affiliations: (alumni) pediatrician Duane Hougendobler, MD; and orthopaedist John Meding, MD; (faculty) radiologist Stan Alexander, MD; internist Roland McGrath, MD; and (housestaff) pediatrician David Ingram Jr., MD; otolaryngologist Ted Meyer, MD, PhD; and surgeon Don Selzer, MD.

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Doris A. Merritt Lectureship in Women's Health to be April 2.

Marietta Anthony, PhD, director, Women's Health Research, Georgetown University Medical Center, will present "The Evolution of Sex-Based Biology from Women's Health" at the Doris A. Merritt Lecture in Women's Health. The event will be at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, in the Ruth Lilly Learning Center auditorium at the Riley Outpatient Center.

The lectureship is presented by the IU National Center of Excellence in Women's Health.

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Promotion and tenure workshop - April 4

Tenure track faculty are invited to participate in a promotion and tenure workshop from 9 a.m. to noon, Thursday, April 4, in the former law school building, LS 116.

From past experience it is known that the workshop also is helpful to mentors, department chairs, assistant and associate deans, members of primary and unit promotion and tenure committees, in short, anyone who may be involved in assisting our junior colleagues.

This year a mock committee deliberation in which experienced members of the campus Promotion and Tenure Committee discuss sample dossiers will be included. Through the presentation, we hope to demystify the committee deliberation process and to allow participants to interact with the committee.

This year's planning committee will review several dossiers, all of which are actual exemplary cases from recent years. During the workshop, the committee will review these cases in the same manner as they are reviewed during the actual proceedings. Immediately after the

disposition of each case, the audience will be invited to interact with the committee about the process.

Participants can register for the workshop by e-mailing opd@iupui.edu or calling 278-6221.

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Scholar Chip Classic seeks duffers

The sixth annual Scholar-Chip Golf Classic, sponsored by the IU Alumni Association, will be Wednesday, June 5, at Hanging Tree Golf Club.

The tournament pairs foursomes of alumni and students against teams from the schools of law, dentistry and medicine.

The cost is \$150 for individuals or \$300 for team registration. That also covers the cost for the student. Net proceeds go to support student scholarships at each of the three schools.

Early birdie registration can be made by **April 5**. For information call Stefan Davis at 274-2317, or e-mail him at ssdavis@iupui.edu

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Medical Ethics and Humanities seminar to address bioterrorism issues

Seminars In Medical Ethics And Humanities will feature Eric M. Meslin, PhD, discussing "Genetics and Bioterrorism: Unexpected

Consequences for Bioethics and Public Policy" at its noon, Wednesday, April 10, presentation. The program will be in the Ruth Lilly Medical Library, room 301. A light lunch will be served.

The anthrax-tainted letters sent to public officials and private citizens in the weeks following September 11 remind us that there are biological threats to public health because of genetic technology. Dr. Meslin, who is director of the IU Center for Bioethics, will discuss some of the ethical and policy issues facing scientists, industry and the government who are preparing to deal with this threat. He is the former executive director of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission.

The presentation is sponsored by the Medical Humanities Program at IUPUI in conjunction with the IU Center for Bioethics.

The event is open to the public, but attendance is limited to 40 persons. Please call Judi Campbell at 274-4740, or e-mail a message to jizukac@iupui.edu by noon, Monday, April 8, to reserve a spot.

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Diversity seminar offered at IUSM

A one-day seminar in improving communication and other skills to better serve patients with diverse cultures is being offered by IUSM. The accredited program entitled Cultural Competence for Physicians: Improving Patient Care will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Friday, April 12, in the Ruth Lilly Learning Center Auditorium at the Riley Outpatient Center. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m.

IUSM faculty, staff and residents may attend free. Pre-registration is not required.

The purpose of the conference is to instill in health care professionals an understanding that patients' diverse cultural values, health care beliefs and practices are integral to eliminating health care disparities.

Robert Like, MD, MS, is the keynote speaker. He is an associate professor of Family Medicine and director of the Center for Healthy Families and Cultural Diversity at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He is the author of numerous articles and books on issues of diversity and health care.

For additional information, contact the registrar at IUSM Division of Continuing Medical Education at 274-8353.

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Mark your calendar for April conference on clinical research accountability

IUSM, along with the National Patient Safety Foundation and 13 other convening organizations, are 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.

The program will bring in national authorities in the field of human subjects research and utilize a mixture of unique presentation formats.

This inaugural conference will examine the funding, management, conduct and accountability of research involving human subjects from the 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.researchsafety.org. Space is limited so early registration is recommended. Registration can be done at www.annenberg2.org/forms/research/index.html.

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April schedule for Combined Seminar Series

The Combined Seminar Series has four speakers on the April schedule. The seminars are Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Cancer Research Institute auditorium. The speakers and their topic are:

April 3: Maureen Hoatlin, PhD, assistant professor of Medicine and Molecular Medicine, Oregon Health Sciences University, "Exploration of *Xenopus laevis* as a model system for Fanconi anemia."

April 10: David Largaespada, PhD, assistant professor, Department of Genetics, Cell

Biology and Development, and director, Mouse Genetics Laboratory, University of Minnesota Cancer Center, "Murine Leukemia Viruses and Transposons as Gene Discovery and Gene Delivery Agents."

April 17: Yoke Kow, associate professor, Division of Cancer Biology, Department of within Radiation Oncology, Emory University School of Medicine, "An interesting region the putative nuclease domain of E. coli endonuclease V."

April 24: Celeste Simon, PhD, -- more information will be provided at a later date.

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Research cores listed on the Web

Now available on the IUSM Web is a listing of scientific research core laboratories on the IUPUI campus. The list describes core services and provides contact information. It can be found at medicine.iu.edu/research/cores/index.html.

These services are available to all researchers, academic or industrial, regardless of affiliation. Services include gene analysis, proteomics, assistance in conducting clinical trials, imaging (both human and animal), analyte determination, and analysis of molecular interactions -- among others.

For additional information, contact Mark Deeg at mdeeg@iupui.edu. If you operate a scientific core that provides services, contact Marti LaChance at lachance@iupui.edu to have your core listed.

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List of IUSM-related research centers, institutes updated on Web

The definitive list of medical research centers of excellence and institutes has been updated on the IUSM Web site. The page describes each center's focus and includes new additions, such as the Indiana Center for Bioethics. Each listing is hyperlinked to the center's formal Web site. The list can be found at medicine.iu.edu/research/institutes_centers.html

Directors of IUSM scientific research centers or institutes who wish to be included on the list should contact Marti LaChance at lachance@iupui.edu.

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This phone scam is no urban legend

Telephone companies are warning people not to respond to e-mail, telephone calls, pager messages or Web pages which tell to call an "809" phone number. This is a scam that is spreading quickly.

This scam has been identified by the National Fraud Information Center and is costing victims a lot of money. There are lots of different versions of this scam.

Here's how it works: You will receive a message on your answering machine or your pager, which asks you to call a number beginning with area code 809. The reason you're asked to call varies. It can be to receive information about a family member who has been ill, to tell you someone has been arrested, died, to let you know you have won a "wonderful" prize, etc. In each case, you are told to call the 809 number right away. Since there are so many new area codes these days, people unknowingly return these calls.

If calling from the US, the calls can be billed at a rate of as much as \$2,425 per minute. Frequently, the caller will hear a long recorded message or some other guise to keep the caller on the phone for as long as possible.

The 809 area code is located in the British Virgin Islands. The 809 area code can be used as a "pay-per-call" party line number, similar to 900 numbers in the US. Since 809 is not in the US, it is not covered by US regulations of 900 numbers, which require that you be notified and warned of charges and rates involved when you call a "pay-per-call" number.

There also is no requirement that the company provide a time period during which you may terminate the call without being charged. Further, whereas many US phones have 900 number blocking to avoid these kinds of charges, 900 number blocking will not prevent calls to the 809 area code.

As if this isn't bad enough, the infamous offshore area code (809) is in the process of breaking up into other numbers, including 242, 246, 264, 268, 284, 345, 441, 473, 664, 758, 767, 784, 787, 868, 869, 876.

AT&T's fraud information page can be found at www.att.com/fraud/home.html.

A current area code list is at www.nanpa.com.

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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 included.

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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>

Contributions submitted by e-mail should be forwarded in 12 point, plain text format.

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