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## **Evans tapped to lead Clarian**

The Clarian Health Partners Board of Directors Friday appointed Daniel F. Evans Jr., president and CEO of Clarian Health Partners, following a three-month stint as interim chief executive.

"The Board unanimously appointed him because he has every single attribute that we wanted the new CEO to have, which made him the logical choice," said Charles Golden, vice chairman of the Clarian Board of Directors. "Since serving he has worked tirelessly at and for Clarian. He brings experience, energy and the willingness to make things happen. His energy is contagious and he is changing Clarian for the better."

Craig Brater, MD, dean of IUSM and a member of the Clarian board, echoed Golden's sentiments.

"Dan Evans has been an excellent partner in his role as interim CEO, and I look forward to working with him in the future," said Dr. Brater. "He and we face many challenges if we are to realize the true potential of Clarian. I am personally pleased that we have someone of Dan's energy, commitment, insight and wisdom with whom to work."

Evans, 53, stepped down as a senior partner at Baker & Daniels law firm to accept the Clarian CEO position. He has served as chairman of the Clarian Health Partners Board of Directors since June 2000 and has served on the Clarian board since its 1997 formation. Evans previously served on and chaired the Methodist Hospital Board of Directors, and he represents the fourth generation of his family to be actively involved with Methodist Hospital.

"Clarian Health Partners is a unique and preeminent organization in the view of many health care leaders across the country and I want to help retain this reputation," said Evans. "Clarian, its facilities and personnel have unlimited potential and the resources and ability to achieve even more. I am fortunate to be involved with Clarian and our city is fortunate to have one of the most talented groups of physicians and staff available."

"I want to maintain the focus on delivering the best care to our patients, and providing an ideal place for physician and staff to deliver the highest quality of medicine and fulfilling the Clarian mission and values," he said.

"It is essential to Clarian's success that we continue to strengthen our partnerships with the Indiana University School of Medicine, the Methodist Specialty Physicians, Riley Memorial Association and the Methodist Health Foundation, remain dedicated to all of the Clarian affiliates across the state, and build even more partnerships," he added.

Evans is the fourth generation of his family to be affiliated with Methodist Hospital. His father served as Methodist's president in the mid-1960s.

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## **Trustees select Bepko as interim president**

Gerald Bepko, who has been chancellor of IUPUI since 1986, was selected unanimously Friday by the IU Board of Trustees to serve as the university's interim president.

Bepko will take over on Jan. 1. He will succeed IU President Myles Brand, who is leaving the university to become president of the NCAA. The Trustees hope to select a permanent successor to Brand by July 1. Bepko will serve until the new president takes office.

"We have a lot of things that we need to work on during this interim period," Bepko said, pointing in particular to initiatives to focus on research and civic engagement, to build on IU's leadership in life sciences and information technology, and to continue the long-standing commitment to student learning and access.

IUPUI is IU's second-largest campus, with more than 29,000 students enrolled in more than 180 programs of undergraduate and graduate study. During Bepko's tenure at IUPUI, enrollment has increased by nearly 25 percent and external support for faculty research activities has grown from \$38 million in 1986 to more than \$200 million in the current year.

He has also led a successful fund-raising effort, the Campaign for IUPUI, that is nearing its \$700 million goal well before its scheduled conclusion in June 2004.

Earlier this year, Bepko announced he would be stepping down as IUPUI chancellor at the end of the 2002-03 academic year. A search is currently under way to find his successor. The search committee has set a goal of making its final recommendation on its choice for the position of IUPUI chancellor by mid-December.

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## **IU doctors available in all IU Health Plans in 2003**

Though the IU Health Plan POS will discontinue in 2003, you can continue to choose IU Medical Group (IUMG) physicians in 2003 through each of the four health plans being offered Indiana University employees. These are the M-Plan HMO, Blue Preferred Primary POS, IU PPO \$900 Deductible and IU PPO-Plus.

You will receive a letter from IU Human Resources Services this coming week explaining how to select an IU physician in each of the four plans. If you do not get a letter, please refer to the packet sent to you three weeks ago by HR Services or visit the IU HRS website at [www.indiana.edu/~uhrs](http://www.indiana.edu/~uhrs).

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## **Showalter Research Trust Funding applications sought**

Since 1975, the IUSM Indianapolis campus has received research funding through gifts made possible from the Ralph W. and Grace M. Showalter

Research Trust Fund. The areas of appropriate biomedical research eligible for funding are broad and described by the benefactors as "the type of medical research that is most likely to permanently benefit mankind."

Applications for funding beginning July 1 must be received by the IUSM Dean's Office by **Jan. 3**. Submission of the original, 35 complete sets and an institutional route sheet are required.

Applications for the funding will be reviewed by the Biomedical Research Committee at IUSM. Proposals will be reviewed in two stages. An initial review will select the most meritorious proposals for further discussion and ranking. The BRC will provide a ranking which will be presented to the Showalter Trustees. Funding decisions are made by the Showalter Trustees.

Only current Indianapolis full-time faculty (non-visiting status) having a rank of assistant professor or assistant scientist are eligible to apply for funding from the Showalter Research Trust.

Funds awarded this year are expected to be fully expended in the 2003-04 fiscal year, or within the approved award period if longer than one year. However, if there is a need to carry over award funds beyond the initial award period, procedures for a "no-cost" extension request may be obtained by contacting the Dean's Office Grants Manager.

Note that the same proposal may not be submitted as both a Biomedical Research Grant and a Showalter Trust application. If eligible for both programs, the investigator is encouraged to submit to the Showalter Trust.

Instructions and forms may be downloaded at [adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/srf.htm](http://adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/srf.htm)

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## Medical Management Committee Update

By Herbert Cushing, MD

*Nearly a year ago a Medical Management committee was formed at the request of the directors of the IU Medical Group-Special Care. Herbert Cushing, MD, was asked to direct the committee, which would serve as a forum for information about patient care quality assurance and improvement. It also would design quality assurance measurement tools for ambulatory care, develop patient care guidelines to govern the implementation of information systems, develop and update referral guidelines pertaining to managed care, and facilitate programmatic interaction among departments.*

*It was agreed that the physicians who serve on the IU Hospital Operations Committee would take on these responsibilities as well. These physicians now meet monthly, addressing hospital operations and practice management issues in alternate months. Committee members, in addition to Dr. Cushing, are Drs. Dewey Conces, Larry Cripe, Michael Koch, Michael Kraus, Michael Lykens, Richard Miyamoto, Jeffrey Rothenberg and Neal Simon.*

*Scope will report quarterly on the business of the Medical Management Committee and members welcome communications from colleagues pertinent to clinical quality measurement and improvement. The first report follows.*

The IU Medical Group-Specialty Care Medical Management Committee met Sept. 19 and welcomed Thomas Howard, MD, of general surgery, and Clinical Nurse Specialist Marty Polston-Cangany, of Indiana University Hospital's Adult Medical-Surgical Care Center. They described a collaboration that could serve as a model for others. Together with key staff, they formed a Collaborative Practice Team that set out to optimize care for IU Hospital patients undergoing the Whipple procedure to treat chronic pancreatitis and pancreatic cancer. The procedure involves removing the

head of the pancreas and part of the small intestine, the gallbladder, and part of the bile duct, and reconnecting the small intestine to the remaining pancreas, bile duct and stomach.

In 18 months, the Team identified a care pathway to manage patient variances, length of stay, and cost and charges. They found opportunities for improvement in pre-op patient education, post-op ambulation, use of incentive spirometry, pain management, and control of nausea and vomiting. An educational notebook for patients and standardized pre-printed orders were developed. Dr. Howard briefed 3-South nurses on all aspects of the Whipple surgery.

Prior to the project, in 2000, the readmission rate for Whipple patients was 30 percent; for 2001, the rate was 19 percent. In 2001, 9 percent of the patients admitted to 3-South were later sent to the ICU, while 83 percent of Whipple patients admitted to other medical-surgical units were later sent to the ICU. Work is now underway to fine-tune the care plan and educational materials and to more completely document improvements in patient outcomes and satisfaction, as well as decreases in organizational costs.

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## **Dial in for Alzheimer presentation tonight, Nov. 4**

Want to learn more about Alzheimer and not leave your home? Martin Farlow, MD, professor of neurology, will give an overview about the disease and information about the latest in research at 7:30 p.m. (EST) tonight via a teleconference.

The program, sponsored by the I-Care About Alzheimer Disease Project, can be accessed by calling 800-597-0731 and following the directions of the operator. Listeners also will be able to interact with Dr. Farlow in a question-and-answer period following his presentation.

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## Alzheimer Disease focus of November forum

November is Alzheimer Disease Awareness Month so the Indiana Alzheimer's Disease Center is sponsoring informative speakers each Monday. The presentations will be in room 101 of the Indiana Cancer Pavilion.

All the presentations will begin at noon, except the first one Nov. 4 when Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson will present a proclamation at 11:45 a.m.

Speakers and their titles are:

<b>Nov. 4</b>	"The Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center: It's Goals, Mission and Successes"
	by Mary Guerriero Austrom, PhD
<b>Nov. 11</b>	"Caring for the Caregiver" by Mary Guerriero Austrom, PhD
<b>Nov. 18</b>	"Alzheimers and Genetics: What is a DNA Bank and Cell Repository?" by
	Tatiana Foroud, PhD
<b>Nov. 25</b>	"The Latest Research and Development in Alzheimer Disease" by Martin Farlow, MD

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## Geriatric conferences planned for November

The IU Geriatric Medicine Conferences for November will be from 7:30

a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in room

T-2008 A and B at Wishard Memorial Hospital. Speakers and their topics:

<b>Nov. 6</b>	Margaret Gaffney, MD
	Skin Disorders in Older Adults
<b>Nov. 20</b>	Rafael Grau, MD
	Temporal Arteritis and Polymyalgia Rheumatica

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## **Applications sought for training program**

Kathy Zoppi, MD, is seeking applications for the July 2003 class of a one-year, post-residency training program entitled "Faculty Development in Underserved Medicine Leadership." The grant is funded by an award from the Health Resources Services Administration.

The program is designed to train family physicians in the scholarship, teaching, research and leadership skills required to direct community health services, to teach students and residents about the health care needs of underserved populations and to promote retention of minority physicians in academic medicine.

For further details, contact the Department of Family Medicine at 278-0323, or e-mail Dr. Zoppi at [kzoppi@iupui.edu](mailto:kzoppi@iupui.edu)

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## **Seminar offered on complementary and alternative medicine**

A day-long seminar "Complementary and Alternative Medicine Update: Hazards, Healing and the Placebo" will be Friday, Nov. 22, at the Indiana Historical Society.

The program, designed to interest primary care physicians, nurse practitioners and other health care providers who are interested in complementary and alternative medicine and its applications, is offered by IUSM Continuing Medical Education. Palmer MacKie, MD, is the presenter.

Complementary and alternative medicine use and interest has grown markedly over the past five to seven years. Use of CAM has increased by patients and practitioners, and understanding of a variety of its modalities has increased. This expanded knowledge has infrequently resulted in a safer, more knowledgeable and effective use of CAM. While we have learned more, there is still much uncertainty regarding the safety and efficacy of CAM modalities. Concurrently, within the CAM community and elsewhere in the academy, a deeper, more scientific exploration of the placebo has emerged. This exploration will be the topic of our keynote address.

For addition information, call 274-8353, or visit [cme.medicine.iu.edu/courses/CAM02.htm](http://cme.medicine.iu.edu/courses/CAM02.htm).

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## **Are you a leader? Tell the dean**

The IUSM dean's office is interested in identifying IUSM faculty who have recently held, are currently holding, or are scheduled to serve in positions of leadership within their professional societies and medical/scientific organizations.

The information will be used to demonstrate to a variety of individuals and

organizations the importance and esteem in which IUSM faculty are held, and to ask for help from these faculty in attracting biomedical/biotechnology conferences to Indianapolis and central Indiana as the city and state strive to become major players in biotechnology.

Please e-mail the requested leadership information, including faculty name and society/organization name to Associate Dean J. David Smith at [jodsmith@iupui.edu](mailto:jodsmith@iupui.edu).

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## **IU Research Symposium 2002 slated for Nov. 19**

The *Indiana University Research Symposium 2002: Facing the Challenges of Research Administration Together* presented by the IU sponsored programs offices will be from 8 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. at the Indiana Memorial Union in Bloomington. The program will focus on research education activities, discussions, and presentations for administrators, key research personnel, and other interested participants.

For more information, see the *What's New* page on the Research Gateway Web site [www.indiana.edu/~rschinfo/new.html](http://www.indiana.edu/~rschinfo/new.html).

The sponsored program offices at IUB and IUPUI will host a research symposium for administrators and researchers from all campuses twice a year, alternating between the Bloomington and Indianapolis campuses.

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## **Scientific Calendar online**

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can

be accessed at [www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar](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 included.

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- fax the information to 278-3502
- e-mail the information to [mhardin@iupui.edu](mailto: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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