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A Moment for Patient Safety and Quality Health Care

Second in a series

By Herbert E. Cushing, MD

Effectiveness of Care Includes Breast Cancer Screening for Women Over 50

Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS) is a standardized, comprehensive set of indicators used to measure the performance of a health plan. It includes indicators pertinent to effectiveness of care, access to care, member satisfaction, health plan stability, utilization and cost.

HEDIS indicators earned a place in the data set by being important, clinically, financially and strategically (using limited resources in a way that obtains maximum health benefits for patients). Selection of indicators also was subject to the availability of clinical evidence, potential for improvement and potential for audit.

Indicators of clinical effectiveness include: breast cancer screening, cervical cancer screening, childhood and adolescent immunization, chlamydia screening in women, management of menopause, prenatal and post-partum care, advising smokers to quit, antidepressant medication management, asthma medication management, beta blocker treatment after heart attack, cholesterol management after acute cardiovascular events, comprehensive diabetes care, controlling high blood pressure, and follow-up after hospitalization for mental illness.

HEDIS includes breast cancer screening in women aged 52 to 69 as an effectiveness-of-care indicator because breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer deaths, and the most common cancer, among women. About 80 percent of breast cancers occur in women over the age of 50, and most lack identifiable risk factors. It is estimated that 52 breast cancer deaths can be prevented for every 10,000 women screened with mammograms. Women aged 50 to 69 should have a mammogram and clinical breast exam every one to two years.

For more detailed information, see:

www.ncqa.org/somc2001/BREAST/SOMC_2001_BCS.html

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Tally sought of biodefense, bioterrorism investigators

The Dean's Office at IUSM is assessing which investigators are doing work in the areas of the national biodefense and bioterrorism initiatives.

Researchers doing research in those areas or who have clinical or teaching activities that relate to these initiatives are asked to contact either Rose Fife, MD, at rfife@iupui.edu, or Ora Pescovitz, MD, at opescovi@iupui.edu.

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Fall Faculty Meeting to be Nov. 19

The IUSM Fall Faculty Meeting will be from 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium. Dean Craig Brater, MD, William Bosron, PhD, and Paul Nelson, MD, will speak.

Agendas will be mailed to all IUSM faculty.

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Exploring I-Light topic of workshop

The annual I-Light Applications Workshop 2002 will be 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 4, at the University Place Conference Center.

The workshop will provide a chance to explore opportunities for collaboration, research and scholarship using the I-Light Optical Fiber Infrastructure, a unique, high-speed network connecting IU-Bloomington, IUPUI and Purdue University with each other and with Abilene, the national high-speed Internet2 research and education network.

The workshop will feature demonstrations and presentations by researchers and information technologists from our campuses concerning some of the advances in IT and science already made possible by I-Light. Information also will be shared regarding the use of the I-Light network for applications in advanced computing, visualization and collaboration. This workshop will provide information on ways the I-Light networking environment can enrich research programs in a wide variety of disciplines.

Keynote speakers will be Larry Smarr and Rick Stevens.

Smarr is founding director of the National Center for Supercomputing Applications, director of the National Computational Science Alliance, and founding institute director of the California Institute for Telecommunications and Information Technology.

Rick Stevens is division director of the Mathematics and Computer Science Division at Argonne National Laboratory, director of Argonne's High Performance Computing and Communications program, and chief architect of the National Computational Science Alliance.

There is no charge for this workshop; however, registration is required. Faculty, as well as graduate students and undergraduates, are invited to attend.

For more information see www.iupui.edu/~ilight/.

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NIH Grantsmanship Workshop

A National Institutes of Health Grantsmanship Workshop, hosted by Purdue University, will be from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Friday, **Dec. 6**, in room 214 A-C, Steward Center.

The West Lafayette workshop targets a broad audience, including faculty (particularly assistant professors), postdocs and graduate students who have interest in academic careers. It will begin with a talk by Dr. John M. Schwab, a program director in the National Institute of General Medical Sciences at the NIH. The topics that he will cover include:

- The organization of NIH
- What happens to an application after it's been submitted?
- Recent funding trends and prospects for the future
- Current funding opportunities
- Can the culture of academic chemistry accommodate future funding trends?

Dr. Schwab will chair a panel discussion featuring scientists with extensive experience as NIH grantees and peer reviewers. The panelists represent a broad range of disciplines within the biomedical research community, including biophysics, organic synthesis, and chemical biology. They will share their own experience on such topics as choosing a research problem, crafting a grant application, what reviewers want or don't want to see, what happens in a study section meeting, and how to interpret the critiques.

There is no charge for this workshop, but preregistration is requested. If you plan to attend, please send an e-mail by Nov. 27 to Mary Ryker at mlryker@purdue.edu. If you have questions about the workshop, contact Christine King at hcking@purdue.edu.

Maps for traveling to campus and parking are available at news.unc.purdue.edu/newsweb.maps.html

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Wine and scholarships form unique blend

The Indianapolis Medical Society Alliance and the IUSM Faculty Women's Club are hosting a wine tasting party from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24. Proceeds from the event, featuring products from several fine wine distributors, will benefit the IMA Allied Health Scholarships Fund and the IUSM Faculty Women's Club Medical Student Scholarships Fund.

The cost per person is \$50. Much of the wine and silent auction items are being donated so a large portion of the ticket price will go to support the scholarship funds. The event will be held at Dr. and Mrs. Craig Brater's home.

The deadline for reservations is **Monday, Dec. 16.**

Reservations and payment should be sent to Ellen Crabb, 4344 N. Pennsylvania, Indianapolis, IN, 46205

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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 of copies 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 <http://adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/srf.htm>.

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Allied Health Sciences restructured

It has received little public notice -- in part because the changes were primarily administrative -- but the School of Allied Health Sciences was streamlined at the start of this academic year.

Removed from the umbrella of the School of Allied Health Sciences were nine programs. Those programs, their program directors and the new department designation are:

IU Department of Pathology

Clinical Lab Sciences

Linda Kasper

Cytotechnology

William Crabtree

Histotechnology

Glenda Hoye

**IU Department of Emergency
Medicine**

Paramedic Science (EMT)

Leon Bell

**IU Department of Radiation
Oncology**

Radiation Therapy

Donna Dunn

IU Department of Radiology

Radiology

Emily Hernandez

Nuclear Medicine Tech

Medical Imaging Tech

IU School of Informatics

Health Information Administration Danita Forgy

Programs remaining with the School of Allied Health Sciences and their program directors are:

Doctor of Physical Therapy

William Quillen

Master of Occupational Therapy

Cel Hamant

B.S. Respiratory Therapy

Deb Cullen

B.S./M.S. Health Sciences

Karen Gable

Education

M.S. Therapeutic Outcomes
Research

M.S. Nutrition & Dietetics

Neil Oldridge/Joyce
MacKinnon

Jackie O'Palka

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November speaker for Combined Seminar Series

The Nov. 13 speaker for the Combined Seminar Series will be Olivera Finn, PhD, professor and chair, Department of Immunology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. The seminar, which will begin at 4 p.m. in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium, is "Epithelial Tumor Antigens and Cancer Vaccines: Ingraham Classical Immunology Lecture"

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INGEN Proteomics Symposium is Nov. 15

The Indiana Genomics Initiative Proteomics Symposium will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday, Nov. 15, in the University Place Conference Center auditorium. The program includes sessions addressing advances in the proteomic core technologies and applications relevant to human health.

The symposium is free and open to all interested persons, but it is requested that those intending to attend e-mail Mu Wang, PhD, at muwang@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.

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. 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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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.

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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