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## **Former practice plan executive tapped to lead IUMG-SC**

Paul Cook, MD, MHA, has been appointed chief executive officer of IU Medical Group - Specialty Care. He also will serve as IUSM executive associate dean of clinical affairs and a professor of otolaryngology. He will begin his duties May 1.

Dr. Cook, an otolaryngologist and allergist, has led the practice plan at the University of Missouri School of Medicine, serving as chairman of that group from November 1999 until November 2002. For the past few months he has been a special consultant to the current chairman of University Physicians.

Dr. Cook joined the University of Missouri School of Medicine faculty in 1991. He served in the Department of Surgery, Division of Otolaryngology and also holds an adjunct appointment in Health Management and Informatics. During his tenure, he has served as head of the Section of Allergy and Sinus Disease, director of the Nasal Dysfunction Laboratory, director of otolaryngology and audiology clinics and medical director of the Short Stay Unit at University Hospital.

He retired in 1999 as a major with the U.S. Army Medical Corps, having served in the Reserves for 17 years.

A native of California, Dr. Cook completed his undergraduate and medical degrees at the University of Oklahoma. He completed a general surgery residency at the University of Oklahoma Medical Center and was chief resident at the University of Missouri Hospital and the Harry S Truman Memorial VA Hospital where he completed training in otolaryngology, head and neck and facial plastic and reconstructive surgery and clinical otolaryngic allergy.

Dr. Cook has ties to Indiana having completed an allergy and clinical immunology fellowship at Welborn Clinic in Evansville in the mid 1980s.

He also holds an executive masters degree in health administration from the University of Missouri - Columbia.

Dr. Cook will take over the role of CEO from Paul Nelson, MD, who has served as the interim executive officer of IUMG-SC since July 1. He

fulfilled the administrative and leadership duties while the IUMG board conducted a national search for a replacement to William Martin, MD, who resigned to accept the position of medical school dean at the University of Cincinnati.

Dr. Nelson, division director of neurosurgery, joined the IU faculty in 1992.

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## **Health workers volunteer, receive smallpox vaccine at Wishard**

Six volunteer health-care professionals rolled up their sleeves Feb. 11 and became part of Phase One of Indiana's Smallpox Pre-Event Vaccination Project. The first vaccination clinic was at Wishard Memorial Hospital and included public health nurses and workers from around the state and two local physicians, all of whom volunteered for the inoculation.

Under the project, which is directed by the Indiana State Department of Health, the state's 92 counties have been organized into 10 pre-event vaccination districts. Over the next 45 days, vaccination clinics for health professionals will take place at locations in each of these districts, providing Indiana with an immediate response capacity anywhere in the state in the unlikely event of an intentional release of smallpox.

District locations include health departments in Porter, St. Joseph, Tippecanoe, Vigo, Vanderburgh, Allen, Delaware, Marion, Clark and Lawrence counties.

In Phase One, which will take about 45 days for implementation, members of the public health response teams and health-care response teams are voluntarily receiving the vaccinations. Public team volunteers would identify people who need to be vaccinated to control an outbreak and establish clinics; health team volunteers would include hospital staff that would treat a

patient with a suspected or confirmed case of smallpox.

The Indiana Smallpox Advisory Group, headed by Kenneth Fife, MD, PhD, IUSM professor of medicine and of microbiology and immunology, provided input to state health officials.

Volunteers receive extensive medical screening to determine if there are reasons why they should not be vaccinated. Additionally, each volunteer will receive follow-up checks to ensure the vaccine is effective. Preparations have been made to provide care if anyone has a reaction to the smallpox vaccine.

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## **Library offers information resource for clinicians**

UpToDate now is available to IUSM faculty, staff and students. UpToDate performs a continuous review of over 270 journals and other resources. It is updated three times a year.

Experts in subspecialties synthesize and summarize the latest evidence and provide specific, practical recommendations for diagnosis and treatment. UpToDate combines the broad coverage of adult primary care with the in-depth information written by, and for, internists.

You can find UpToDate on the Ruth Lilly Medical Library's homepage, [www.medlib.iupui.edu](http://www.medlib.iupui.edu), under Frequently Visited Pages, or on the library's database list.

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## **Purdue Proteomics Symposium to be Friday**

The second in a series of university rotating proteomics symposia will be at Purdue University Friday, Feb. 21.

The symposium is free of charge and will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Steward Center, room 218, at Purdue. It is requested that individuals e-mail [ctanner@purdue.edu](mailto:ctanner@purdue.edu) if they intend to attend.

Topics and speakers include:

"Mass Spectrometry & Proteomics: Instruments and Models,"  
R. Graham Cooks, Department of Chemistry, Purdue

"Comparative Proteomics Based on Stable Isotope Coding and Multi-dimensional Chromatography," Fred Regnier, Department of Chemistry, Purdue

"Top Down' Protein Identification by Ion Trap Tandem Mass Spectrometry,"  
Scott McLuckey, Department of Chemistry, Purdue

"Algorithms for High-throughput Protein Structure Determination," Chris Bailey-Kellogg, Department of Computer Science, Purdue.

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## **Spirituality and medicine conference to be March 27-28**

Medical students, residents, faculty and other health care providers are invited to attend "Spirituality and Healing in Medicine: A Multi-Cultural Approach" presented by Harvard Medical School (The Mind/Body Institute) and George Washington University (Institute for Spirituality and Health).

The conference will be March 27-28 at the Westin Hotel in Indianapolis. Featured speakers include Herbert Benson, MD, Christina Puchalski, MD,

and Harold Koenig, MD.

Continuing education credit is available for most professionals. Tuition is \$350 for physicians and \$150 for others. For a brochure and registration information visit [www.cme.hms.harvard.edu](http://www.cme.hms.harvard.edu). Call 317-962-3591 for scholarship information.

The conference is hosted by Clarian Health Partners and supported through a grant from the Methodist Health Foundation.

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## **Mark your calendar for a night of entertainment**

IUSM students will soon trade their stethoscopes for the spotlight in an annual program that benefits the city's homeless.

The annual Evening of the Arts showcases students' music, dance and stage-skit and talents in a variety of acts. Medical faculty, residents and staff also will perform. The curtain will rise at 7:30 p.m., Friday, March 28, at the University Place Conference Center auditorium.

Artwork and photography produced by the medical students will be on display and sold that evening at a silent auction.

Proceeds from the event are used to purchase medical equipment and supplies for Indianapolis-area homeless clinics. IU medical students and residents often volunteer their time to help provide patient care as part of the IU School of Medicine's Health and Homelessness Project.

Tickets for Evening of the Arts are \$8 each and may be purchased at the door.

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## **AAMC seeks nominations for Nickens Awards**

The Association of American Medical Colleges is soliciting nominations for the Herbert W. Nickens, M.D., Award (\$10,000), Herbert W. Nickens, M.D., Minority Faculty Fellowship (\$15,000), and Herbert W. Nickens, M.D., Minority Medical Student Scholarships (\$5,000 each for five recipients). These awards are presented to individuals who advance the educational, societal and health-care needs of minorities. Nominations must be received by **Friday, May 9**.

For additional information see [www.aamc.org/about/awards/start.htm](http://www.aamc.org/about/awards/start.htm).

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## **Clinical research training grant available**

A clinical research training program for physicians, nurses, dentists, doctoral and postdoctoral scientists -- the Clinical Investigator Training Enhancement (CITE) Program - is accepting applicants. This special program allows enrollees to integrate formal research training with a fellowship or faculty position in their own department. Approximately six credit hours per semester will be taken along with clinical research in one's own discipline. As part of the CITE Program, participants receive a masters of science in clinical research degree through the IU Graduate School.

More detailed information is available at [www.regenstrief.org](http://www.regenstrief.org). Questions can be directed to Kurt Kroenke, MD, at [kkroenke@regenstrief.org](mailto:kkroenke@regenstrief.org), or to the program manager, Suzanne Galbraith at 630-7870.

The program is partially sponsored by a K-30 grant awarded by the National

## Institutes of Health.

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### **Sigma Xi Graduate Research Competition offers cash prizes**

The campus chapter of the Sigma Xi Honor Society will sponsor its annual Graduate Research Competition on Monday, April 14. This competition is open to the public and will take place in the Van Nuys Medical Sciences Building, rooms 311 A and B. Faculty and staff are invited to encourage student participation in this forum to showcase their research and communication skills.

Presentations are judged by a panel of IUPUI faculty and cash prizes will be awarded to students for outstanding research presentations. The competition is open to all IUPUI students enrolled in the Graduate School as of March 1 who have not yet defended their dissertation/thesis by the time of the competition.

Student abstracts will be judged based upon a written abstract describing their research, and their oral presentation. Qualifying abstracts will be selected for 10 minute to 12 minute oral presentations that will be followed by a brief question period. Students at all stage of their career and training are encouraged to participate.

Abstract forms for the competition are available by e-mail from the chapter president, at [jblum@iupui.edu](mailto:jblum@iupui.edu). The deadline for abstract submission is **Wednesday, April 2**. Abstracts should be returned by e-mail or campus mail to Dr. Janice Blum Department of Microbiology and Immunology, 420 MS Bldg.

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## IUSM Special Events Calendar online

A Special Events Calendar for presentations, symposiums, conferences and other activities at IUSM can be found on the School's Web page at [www.medicine.iu.edu](http://www.medicine.iu.edu) under the Quick Links menu. The calendar also can be accessed directly at [wwwdb.ucs.indiana.edu/iusm/scripts/calendar](http://wwwdb.ucs.indiana.edu/iusm/scripts/calendar).

To place an item on the calendar, submit it via the form available as a link on the calendar Web site.

The calendar is designed as an informational tool for upcoming events and to help people avoid scheduling events simultaneously that might attract the same audiences.

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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 multidisciplinary 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](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>

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

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