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Bepkos to be honored April 23

IUPUI students, staff and faculty are invited to The Nicest Day in the History of IUPUI, a tribute to Jean and Jerry Bepko, at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 23.

The lunchtime tribute honors the commitment and contributions of the Bepkos to IUPUI. Gerald Bepko served as IUPUI chancellor for 16 years and is now interim president of IU. The celebration will be at the Wood Fountain near the IUPUI library. Live music, a light lunch and beverages will be provided.

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Competencies: Basic Clinical Skills

Third in a series

The competent graduate (a) elicits and records a complete and accurate medical history, (b) performs a skillful examination appropriate to a variety of patient encounters, (c) correctly determines whether to perform a comprehensive or suitably focused history and physical examination, and (d) correctly selects, proficiently performs, and accurately interprets selected clinical procedures and laboratory tests.

In the first two years of medical school, acquiring history-taking and physical examination skills is a primary skills focus. This is accomplished in Introduction to Clinical Medicine at most medical education centers. In addition, students earn basic life support certification and learn certain basic radiology skills. Students who do not show competence undergo individual remedial activities determined after discussions involving the student and the center and statewide competency directors prior to beginning their clinical year.

In the third year, basic clinical skills are addressed during all clinical rotations through the logging of skills encounters. Each student must participate effectively (observe, assist, or perform) in a defined number of clinical procedures to complete the requirement. An educational mentor certifies each procedure. Students failing to accomplish these skill requirements undergo a remediation workshop early in their fourth year.

Fourth-year students can demonstrate advanced basic skills competence in multiple ways. Some electives are centered around a short course focused on clinical skills (such as ATLS, PALS) or included within an elective with emphasis on higher clinical skills level education and formal assessment.

In the future we hope to add new electives, enhance the current OSCE

evaluation system to allow students showing skills deficits to be identified earlier and remediated, and lastly, to develop web-based logging of clinical skills allowing all clerkship directors to evaluate student skills opportunities offered in each clerkship. This should lead to additional curricular change and improved preceptor feedback

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NSF grants still available - application deadline April 25

The National Science and Technology Foundation Integrative Partnerships grant application deadline is **Friday, April 25**.

Currently, there are 11 Science and Technology Centers funded through this program which enables innovative research and education projects of national importance that require a center support system. These centers conduct world-class research in partnership with academic institutions, national laboratories and industrial organizations.

The IU campuses are each limited to five applications, although additional applications will be accepted but subject to an internal review committee selection process.

Two-page descriptions of project proposals should be submitted to Jeff Alberts at alberts@indiana.edu or Mark Brenner at mbvrenner@iupui.edu

Additional information can be found at www.nsf.gov/pubsys/ods/getpub.cfm?nsf03550.

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Alzheimer's forum planned in Greenfield

The Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center is hosting a free educational forum at Hancock Memorial Hospital and Health Services. All programs begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be in classroom 1 in the hospital basement.

Speakers and topics include:

- May 5** Daniel Riexroth, PsyD, "Memory Loss: What's Normal, What's Not?"
- May 12** Jamie Stuck, MS, "Alzheimer's and Genetics: What is a DNA Bank and Cell Repository?"
- May 19** Caregiver Night
 - Luann Lilly, PhD, RN, "Helpful Hints for Caregivers"
 - Betty Deer, MSW, LSW, "Caregiver Resources in the Community"
- May 27** Martin Farlow, MD, "The Latest Research and Development in Alzheimer Disease"

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Free anxiety screenings - May 7

Free anxiety screenings will be offered from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, May 7, in the Methodist Hospital rotunda (in front of cafeteria). No appointment is necessary.

Screenings will consist of a self-test for anxiety and an opportunity for individual questions to be answered. Private follow-up via the phone will be offered to discuss self-test in depth and treatment options. Educational information will also be available.

For additional information, call 962-0327.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, April 26, to *Sound Medicine*, the weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis. This week's co-host will be Stephen Bogdewic, PhD.

During the one-hour program, Joe Piscatella, president of the Institute for Fitness and Health and author of *Take A Load Off Your Heart* will discuss the topic that has earned him the title "the patient who teaches doctors." He has made it his life's work to education others about how to avoid or live successfully with heart disease.

Also on the lineup is D'Arcy Lyness, PhD, a psychologist and behavioral health editor for teenshealth.org, will discuss teen bullies.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine*, as well as other helpful health information, can be found at soundmedicine.iu.edu/.

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Online IUSM calendars

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.

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. The calendar also can be accessed directly at wwwdb.ucs.indiana.edu/iusm/scripts/calendar/instr.cfm

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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 278-8722
- e-mail the information to mhardin@iupui.edu
- mail the information to Mary Hardin, Z-7, Ste. 306, 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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