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IUSM issues SARS travel warning

Indiana University School of Medicine is advising members of its community to take precautions regarding the global outbreak of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The SARS outbreak continues to be a concern throughout the world, particularly mainland China, Hong Kong, Hanoi, Vietnam, and Toronto, Canada. The IU School of Medicine has not prohibited official travel to selected areas, but strongly advises faculty, staff

and students to avoid non-essential travel to SARS affected areas.

Any member of the IU School of Medicine community considering travel to any of these areas should read information posted on the Centers for Disease Control (<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/>) and World Health Organization (<http://www.who.int/en/>) web sites about the risks associated with contracting SARS. Information about the global locations that are experiencing significant number of SARS cases is also provided at these web sites.

IU School of Medicine faculty, staff and students that are considering traveling to these areas should keep the following in mind:

1. Individuals developing SARS-related symptoms while abroad may be placed in quarantine.
2. Individuals developing SARS-related symptoms while abroad may be denied an opportunity for medical evaluation in the United States.
3. Those developing SARS-related symptoms while attempting to re-enter the United States and many other countries are likely to be placed in quarantine before being allowed to return home.
4. Travel from these high-risk locations could be suspended at any time.

IU School of Medicine faculty, staff or students who find it essential to travel to these locations should be very aware of SARS related symptoms. Such symptoms include the following:

1. Fever (above 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit)
2. One or more respiratory symptoms (cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing and hypoxia).
3. Travel within ten days of onset of symptoms, to an area with current or recently documented or suspected community transmission of SARS or close contact within ten days of onset of symptoms with a person who has known or suspected SARS.

IUSM faculty, staff or students who have symptoms and a travel or contact history consistent with SARS should immediately contact IU Occupational Health Services/IUPUI Student Health Services at 317-274-5887. The individual should request to speak immediately to a nurse or physician and request to be evaluated as soon as possible.

"The IU School of Medicine is watching the situation carefully in hopes that all precautions are temporary measures," says Dean D. Craig Brater, MD.

Related Web Sites:

Centers for Disease Control: <http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/sars/>

World Health Organization: <http://www.who.int/en/>

U.S. Department of State: http://travel.state.gov./sars_announce.html

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262 to receive medical degrees

Four years ago, they stood shoulder-to-shoulder in their newly starched white lab coats and recited a common pledge to give their best in learning medicine and applying it to their future patients. On Sunday, May 11, they will repeat that oath as newly minted physicians from the Indiana University School of Medicine.

A special ceremony for the 262 members of the Class of 2003 will immediately follow the primary Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis graduation exercises. Both the IUPUI and IU School of Medicine ceremonies will be conducted at the Indiana Convention Center and RCA Dome.

The initial processional for all IUPUI graduates begins at 2:30 p.m. with formal ceremonies ending at about 5 p.m. Members of the graduating

medical class, their families and friends will then reassemble on the Dome floor at about 5 p.m. and the new physicians will be administered the time-honored Hippocratic oath, receive their diplomas and participate in a hooding ceremony.

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Competency: Lifelong Learning

Fifth in a series

Students who achieve competence in lifelong learning can a.) recognize personal limits in knowledge and experience and energetically pursue information necessary to understand and solve diagnostic and therapeutic problems, b.) apply acquired knowledge effectively, and c.) demonstrate the ability to identify and analyze relevant scientific and medical literature.

In years one and two of medical school, lifelong learning is addressed in Indianapolis in three courses: Evidence Based Medicine, Concepts in Health and Disease, and General Pathology. It is assessed by the Triple Jump Exam as well as by written assignments.

Students who do not show level 1 competence in lifelong learning may be helped by individual remedial activities that require practice in computer searching, identifying appropriate resources and citing references appropriately.

At the beginning of the third year, all students are re-introduced to the concepts of Evidence-Based Medicine as it applies to literature searching. This occurs during the first Intersession and continues with didactic sessions on the critical appraisal of relevant articles as the students rotate through their clinical rotations. Additionally, lifelong learning is formally assessed in the pediatrics clerkship.

In the fourth year, students may opt to achieve advanced ability in lifelong learning in the radiology rotation or by taking certain electives that address this competency. Students also are encouraged to design their own independent projects that specifically address the recognition and reconciliation of conflicting evidence and that demonstrate the synthesis and critical appraisal of the best evidence.

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Promotion guidelines, submissions sought

In accordance with guidelines in the IU Academic Handbook, www.indiana.edu/~deanfac/acadhbk/, the departmental chair or director of an academic unit shall have the responsibility of submitting the names of those members of the department who are deemed worthy of promotion on the basis of the established criteria. It shall also be the privilege of faculty members to submit recommendations for the promotion of any other faculty member or recommendations for themselves.

The following materials are available upon request and must be used in the preparation of recommendations:

1. **Promotion Dossier Checklist:** All recommendations for promotions must be prefaced with a Promotion Dossier Checklist.
2. **Routing and Action Form:** This form must be the first item following the Checklist and should be completed with the required information. It must be signed by the candidate.

3. **Guidelines and Criteria:** These are specific suggestions which may be used by the School of Medicine Promotions Committee in evaluating the dossiers. They should be carefully read by all those involved in the preparation of dossiers.
4. **Curriculum Vitae Format:** Each dossier must contain a current curriculum vitae using a standardized format. The curriculum vitae preferably should be prepared by the candidate, but in any case, the candidate should sign as an indication that the material presented is an accurate summary of his or her professional life to date.

The original recommendation for promotion dossier must be transmitted to: Dean's Office, Academic Administration, Fesler Hall 318, **no later than July 18, 2003**. All dossiers will be checked for completeness and returned to the chair/director, along with a list of any missing items, by August 8. At that time, instructions will be provided for further action.

Please contact Lynn Wakefield, 274-7215 **no later than July 11** to state your intention to submit recommendations for promotion. The above forms may be obtained from Lynn or from Lisa Polen at 278-7263.

Should you need helpful advice for dossier preparation or if you would like to see sample dossiers, please contact Debbie Cowley at 274-5271.

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Purdue workshop focuses on research opportunities

IUSM faculty are invited to a workshop Wednesday, May 7, at Purdue University highlighting opportunities for researchers to collaborate with colleagues at smaller universities and colleges.

The workshop, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., will be in the Stewart Center on the West Lafayette campus. Dr. Judith S. Sunley, senior advisor at the National Science Foundation, will lead the workshop.

She will discuss the Research Opportunity Awards, Collaborative Research in Undergraduate Institutions and Research in Undergraduate Institutions (RUI) programs. Details are available at www.purdue.edu/Research/SPDOffice/events.html.

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PACE C-100 Go Live project application postponed to May 10

The Partnership to Advance Clinical Excellence C-100 Go Live project application scheduled for April 26 will now take place on May 10.

A pilot that has already begun with rehab scheduling will continue unaffected by the delay. Areas where the C-100 changes will occur include registration, patient information, lab, surgery and rehab scheduling.

The delay allows additional time to ensure system stability and to further physician communication and coordination.

C-100 is the first transition phase of an enterprise-wide computer software change known as the PACE project, which will provide Clarian the opportunity to integrate knowledge-driven care with technology to set new standards of care worldwide.

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IU Geriatrics Conferences in May, June

The IU Geriatrics Conferences are from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in Wishard Memorial Hospital, room T2008. Speakers in May include:

May 7 -- Joanne Wojcieszek, MD, IU associate professor of neurology, "Practical Management of Parkinson's Disease and Complications"

May 21 -- Michael Wynne, MD, associate professor of otolaryngology, "You Ain't Too Old to Dance to the Beat: The Aging Ear"

June 4 -- Craig Wilson, MD, director of St. Vincent's Geriatric Medicine Fellowship Program, "Cytokines and Cognition"

June 18 - Malaz Boustani, MD, assistant professor of medicine, "Agitation in Delirium World: To Drug or Not to Drug!"

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Combined Seminar Series - May 7

The Combined Seminar Series meets Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in room 101, IU Cancer Research Institute. The May 7 speaker and his topic will be Jianjie Ma, PhD, Department of Physiology and Biophysics, Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, "Intracellular Calcium as Life or Death Signal."

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AAMC surveys HIPAA research experiences

The Association of American Medical Colleges is announcing a new project to monitor and document the effects of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 on research and is now accepting electronic

reports. The survey web site can be found at <http://services.aamc.org/easurvey>.

The AAMC says it is critically important to build a comprehensive database of case reports that reflects the impact of HIPAA on the various disciplines of medical and health research. The data received by the AAMC will serve as the basis of future policy recommendations.

Please advise investigators, IRB members, privacy officials, research administrators, deans and others involved in the conduct or oversight of medical and health sciences research of our interest in receiving case reports describing the impact of HIPAA on their research at the AAMC survey website listed above.

Please send questions, comments or requests for further information to Rina Hakimian at the AAMC 202-828-0484 or at rhakimian@aamc.org.

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Indiana Health Industry Forum showcase June 5

The Indiana Health Industry Forum's premier event, "Indiana Health Innovention 2003" will be June 5 at the Indiana Convention Center. More than 800 are expected to attend from Indiana's health industry, universities and government agencies.

The event showcases Indiana health and life-sciences startup companies and entrepreneurs and provides opportunities to learn about other endeavors and meet potential investors.

For additional information, see www.ihif.org/showcase.aspx.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, May 10, 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.

During this one-hour program, IUSM neurologist Karen Roos, MD, discusses what to expect this year with West Nile Virus. Chandru Sundarum, MD, IUSM urologist, explains how he's using a new surgical robot developed for heart surgery to perform prostate surgery. Also, David Flockhart, MD, PhD, chief of the IUSM Division of Pharmacology talks about how men and women have different responses to certain medications.

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.

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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