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## **Search on for graduate studies associate dean**

IUSM is seeking an exceptional and innovative administrator, medical scientist and educator for the position of Associate Dean for Graduate Studies and the Graduate Division.

The associate dean is responsible for the development, organization, conduct and review of all MS, PhD, and MD-PhD graduate training programs in the

basic sciences and oversight of postdoctoral training at IUSM.

Candidates for this position should be established biomedical scientists holding a PhD, an MD-PhD or equivalent degree who are eligible for appointment at the rank of tenured associate or full professor within the School of Medicine. Candidates should be experienced in mentoring graduate students and post-doctoral fellows in their scientific training. Administrative experience, particularly in graduate program administration, also is highly desirable.

The candidate will be expected to qualify for appointment in one of the medical school's basic science departments and to maintain an active research program while committing approximately 40 percent effort to the Associate Dean position. The intent is to fill the position by September.

Address all nominations and applications for this position to: Susan J. Gunst, PhD, chair, Search and Screen Committee, Indiana University School of Medicine, 1120 South Drive, Fesler Hall 318, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202-5114. Applications will be reviewed as received. Those applying should submit a CV and a cover letter describing relevant credentials and interest in the position.

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## **A Moment for Patient Safety and Quality Health Care**

### ***Ninth in a Series***

By Herbert E. Cushing, MD

## **Effective Asthma Care is a High-Impact Health Care Strategy**

Suffering, expense and death caused by asthma can be greatly reduced with only a few preventative measures.

U.S. adults with asthma lose 3 million workdays a year; children miss 10.1 million schooldays. The disease accounts for 9.5 million physician office visits, 1.3 million outpatient hospital visits, and 2 million emergency room visits a year, at a cost of \$12.7 billion. The prevalence of asthma, its high impact and its high potential for improved management make asthma an appropriate target for effectiveness-of-care intervention. Indeed, it is one of the 13 indicators included in the Health Plan Employer Data and Information Set (HEDIS) to evaluate and compare the quality of health plans.

- Increased patient education and preventive care will allow asthmatics to manage their illness more effectively, reducing cost in suffering, loss of productivity and health care cost.
- Carefully managing and monitoring appropriate use of anti-inflammatory medications can reduce frequency and severity of attacks, with similar positive results. Evidence shows that patient and provider education are needed to overcome the current underutilization of these medications.

For more information, see

[www.ncqa.org/sohc2002/SOHC\\_2002\\_ASTHMA.html](http://www.ncqa.org/sohc2002/SOHC_2002_ASTHMA.html)

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## **Ten medical schools selected for AMA professionalism initiative**

IUSM is one of 10 U.S. and Canadian medical schools selected by the American Medical Association as partners for its Strategies for Teaching and Evaluating Professionalism (STEP) Program. The program was developed to address the difficult challenges physicians are often confronted with, such as appropriate end-of-life care, potential conflicts of interest, and the disclosure of medical errors.

Through the STEP program, partner medical schools will develop teaching and evaluative tools to be disseminated to all medical educators.

Other partner medical schools in the STEP program are: Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine; McGill University Faculty of Medicine; Michigan State University College of Human Medicine; New York University School of Medicine; University at Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences; University of Minnesota Medical School; University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences; University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine; University of Texas Medical School at Houston.

For additional information, contact Jeremy Spevick at [jeremy\\_spevick@ama-assn.org](mailto:jeremy_spevick@ama-assn.org).

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## **Workshop for IUSM advisors**

Two workshops will be conducted in June to help academic advisors define their role, learn more about how IUSM's competency-based curriculum impacts students and advisors, and garner tips on constructing dean's letters.

The workshops will be from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday, June 23, and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Friday, June 27. Both will be in room 311 A/B of the Van Nuys Medical Science Building.

RSVP by sending an e-mail to Dee Hawk at [ddhawk@iupui.edu](mailto:ddhawk@iupui.edu) with "RSVP" in the subject header and the participants' names and date attending in the body of the e-mail.

The workshop's agenda includes:

- Stimulated recall as a technique to comment on student's performance
- Dean's letter construction
- Competency requirements for fourth-year students

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## SPSS to raise prices

The Stat/Math Center has offered SPSS software to the IU community for \$5 per CD since January 2000. This spring, IU's original Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) with SPSS, Inc., was renegotiated. Due to the current economic conditions, the cost went up a great deal.

Faced with the decision of either canceling the agreement or passing more cost along to users, SPSS chose to do the latter. Effective July 1, the cost of the media will be \$25 per CD. This cost increase still produces a major savings for IU faculty, staff and students compared to the academic list price of a single copy of the software (currently \$1996). The software will continue to be available through the IUPUI Bookstores as before.

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## Honors

**Howard Eigen**, MD, has been appointed to the editorial board of the journal *Pediatrics in Review* for a three-year term. He was one of the first pediatric pulmonologists certified by the American Board of Pediatrics (he holds certificate number 3) and was one of two co-founders of the Pediatric Critical Care Medicine Boards (certificate number 2).

IUSM neonatologist **Edward Liechty**, MD, has been named to the newly established Pediatrics Subcommittee, National Institute of Child Health and

Human Development Initial Review Group. The subcommittee will advise the director of the NICHD and the director of the National Institutes of Health on research in a host of pediatric specialties. It also will review applications for career development awards, institutional training grants and program project grants.

**Mercy Obeime**, MD, a volunteer faculty member in the IUSM Department of Family Medicine and medical director at St. Francis Neighborhood Health Center--Garfield Park, was chosen as the National Winner of the 2003 Spirit of Women Award in the Healthcare Provider-At-Large category. Dr. Obeime was recognized at the national awards celebration in Baltimore on May 25 for her dedication and commitment to the uninsured and under-insured residents of Indianapolis. She is a 1996 graduate of the IU Family Practice Residency Program.

**Mark Pescovitz**, MD, director of the IU Division of Transplant Surgery, has been elected to the board of directors of the United Network for Organ Sharing as its Region 10 councillor. Dr. Pescovitz currently serves on the membership and professional standards committee of the UNOS and Organ Procurement Transplantation Network. UNOS brings together medical professionals, transplant recipients and donor families to develop organ transplantation policy.

**Jeffrey Rothenberg**, MD, MS, medical director of the Coleman Center for Women, has been elected to a three-year term as secretary/treasurer of the Indiana Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. His term begins this month.

**Claire Walczak**, PhD, assistant professor of biochemistry and molecular biology at the Bloomington Medical Sciences Program, has won the 2003 Women in Cell Biology Junior Career Recognition Award. The award is given to a woman in an early stage of her career (assistant professor or equivalent) who has made exceptional scientific contributions to cell biology and exhibits the potential for continuing a high level of scientific endeavor

while fostering the career development of young scientists.

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## **This week on *Sound Medicine***

Tune in at noon, Saturday, June 21, 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 Steve Bogdewic, MD.

Guests include William Beardslee, MD, professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and chair of psychiatry at Boston Children's Hospital. Dr. Beardslee will address issues related to protecting and nurturing children when parents suffer from depression. He is the author of *Out of a Darkened Room*.

Harvard psychologist Carol Ginandes, PhD, will talk about her research using hypnosis to speed and improve physical healing among various patient groups.

Also in the lineup is James Skinner, PhD, an IU professor of kinesiology and an exercise physiologist, who will discuss why being active is more important than being fit.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine*, as well as other helpful health information, can be found at [soundmedicine.iu.edu/](http://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](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).

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). The calendar also can be accessed directly at [www.db.ucs.indiana.edu/iusm/scripts/calendar/instr.cfm](http://www.db.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](mailto: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>

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