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IUSM to host psychiatry/neurology board exams

The IUSM departments of neurology and psychiatry, along with Clarian Health Partners, will host the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology National Board Certification Examination Sept. 10-15.

For the third time in four years, the ABPN has selected IUSM and Clarian as its host examination site.

This year, the examination will include ABPN planning meetings and the development and roll-out of a pilot exam, the prototype for the ABPN's future oral examinations. Neurologists from across the country will be in Indianapolis for the meeting and many will serve as examiners.

Qualified neurologists and psychiatrists from all across the United States who have completed training and are pursuing board certification will be formally examined for board certification. ABPN certification of physicians provides the general public and referring physicians with documentation that physicians have established a benchmark of excellence in their respective specialties.

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Nobel laureate to visit IUSM

Phillip A. Sharp, PhD, co-recipient of the 1993 Nobel Prize, is will present on the "New Biology of RNA" in a campus-wide lecture 1 p.m., Monday, Sept. 15 in the Ruth Lilly Auditorium at the Riley Outpatient Center.

Dr. Sharp, professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, is the invited guest of IUSM's graduate students in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. He also is director of the McGovern Institute for Brain Research at MIT.

The Kentucky-born professor received one of science's most coveted prizes in 1993. That year, he and Richard Roberts, PhD, a researcher at New England Biolabs Inc., shared the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their investigations into understanding the genetic causes of cancer and other diseases.

Much of Dr. Sharp's scientific work has been conducted at MIT's Center for Cancer Research. His research interests have focused on the molecular biology of gene expression relevant to cancer and the mechanisms of RNA splicing.

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21st Century Fund grant application process explained

Anthony Armstrong, director of the Indiana 21st Century Research and Technology Fund, will explain the grant program and its funding requirements at an hour-long meeting at 8 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 11, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium. All IUPUI and IU School of Medicine scientists who might be interested in seeking funding from the 21st Century Fund are invited.

The 21st Century Fund now is accepting proposals for its fifth and sixth rounds of funding. The deadline for fifth-round proposals is Nov. 14. The sixth-round deadline is May 15.

The fund provides support for projects in three general areas, with an emphasis on academic-commercial sector partnerships in science and technology commercialization, centers of excellence, and cost-share of federal or other proposals

Complete information regarding proposal requirements and the process is available at www.21fund.org/pdf/rfp073003.pdf.

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Come join the party

Each of the School's nine campuses will have a large part to play in IUSM's 100th birthday bash on Tuesday, Sept. 23 – and they will get to observe what their sister campuses are doing to celebrate via video linkup.

The birthday celebration kicks off a series of year-long events in connection with what is called *Centennial Celebration... advancing medicine since 1903*.

At noon, IUSM Dean D. Craig Brater will recognize students, faculty, staff, special guests and directors of the Centers of Medical Education at the Indianapolis, Bloomington, Lafayette, Evansville, Muncie, Terre Haute, Fort Wayne, South Bend and Gary campuses.

Dr. Brater will briefly talk about the entry of the first class in 1903 at Bloomington and how the School grew to become the nation's second largest medical school in the United States. Each director also will deliver remarks on the unique genesis and future of their respective center.

After a proclamation from Gov. Frank O'Bannon is read, it's slicing time. Each center has a birthday cake fashioned in the shape of Indiana with stars denoting the locations of IUSM centers. Candles will be lighted on the cakes, "happy birthday" will be sung (no American Idol auditions are scheduled at this time at any of the centers) and the cakes cut and served to everyone present.

Commemorative lapel pins will be distributed at all centers to students, faculty and staff attending the events. In Indianapolis, students' groups are selling centennial sportswear to raise funds for their activities. The items also are available to all centers and can be ordered beginning Sept. 23 from the centennial web site at www.medicine.iu.edu/~centen/.

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AMWA lunch lecture Sept. 10

The first American Medical Women's Association lunch lecture of the semester will feature Hiral Warner, MD, assistant clinical professor of OB/GYN, discussing primary and preventative health care for female adolescents.

The lecture, sponsored by the student chapter of the AMWA, will be at noon, Wednesday, Sept. 10, in Van Nuys Medical Science Building, room 326. Lunch is provided

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Women's Resource Fair to be Sept. 10

The IUPUI Women's Resource Fair will be 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 10, in the walkway of University Library.

Women and men are invited to attend. Participants and exhibits include interactive art by the Domestic Violence Network, women's health and healing, work/life resources, career development, the Office for Women and Women of Color Network, IUPUI childcare resources, and business, science and engineering resources.

For additional information contact opd@iupui.edu, or call 278-9658.

The event is sponsored by the IUPUI Office for Women.

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September geriatrics presentation

“Foot care in the elderly” will be the topic of the Wednesday, Sept. 17 IU Geriatrics Conference. Podiatrist Thomas Zunica, DPM, will speak at the 7:30 a.m. event in room T2008 at Wishard Memorial Hospital.

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New treatment option available for hypercholesterolemia

The IU Medical Group has acquired a low density lipoprotein (LDL) apheresis machine— the only one of its kind in the state of Indiana. The machine offers options for patients with hypercholesterolemia whose options are limited due to severe genetic disease or drug intolerance.

LDL apheresis removes LDL by precipitating apolipoprotein B-containing particles with heparin. In addition, these treatments lower C-reactive protein, fibrinogen and blood viscosity.

Potential candidates for this treatment include: 1) patients with heart disease and LDL >200mg/dl on maximal medical therapy or with intolerance to drug therapy and 2) patients without heart disease but with LDL >300mg/dl.

Administered every two weeks, LDL apheresis removes up to 60 percent of LDL cholesterol from the patient’s blood and has been used effectively on over 1,500 patients in Europe and the U.S.

This procedure is costly, but is covered by insurance and requires prior approval before treatments may begin. Lipid consults are now available at IU Medical Group at Carmel, 200 West 103rd Street, Carmel, in addition to IU Hospital.

For more information about LDL apheresis, consultations or referrals for dyslipidemias, please contact Mark Deeg, MD, PhD, medical director of the IU Vascular Health Program, or Jim Walsh, MD, PhD, associate professor of

medicine, at 274-4347, or Sue Kirkman, MD, Medical director, IU Lipid Clinic, at 274-0550.

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SPSS software distribution

Changes on SPSS software updates are now in effect. In the past, faculty, staff and students who acquired SPSS under the Enterprise License Agreement could update the license code through a secure Stat/Math Center website. After renegotiations, SPSS, Inc. has changed the terms and conditions for use of SPSS software. As of July 1, the software use is on an annual lease basis.

When the software expires you need to purchase a new SPSS CD with a current license code for continued use. You may purchase the CD from the same locations (Stat/Math Center on the IUB campus, and campus bookstores on all other campuses) as before.

Details about the licensing procedure can be found at www.indiana.edu/~statmath/stat/spss/ela/index.html.

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DePauw service program seeks volunteers

DePauw University is seeking health care professionals to participate in its popular Winter Term In Service program. Students, faculty and community construction and health care volunteers are sent to developing domestic and international communities to provide assistance. The program was founded in 1973.

For additional information, see
www.depauw.edu/univ/hartman/wtis_files/index.asp.

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IUPUI Sport Complex has many classes available

Registration is being accepted for Learn to Swim Classes, Aqua Fitness Classes, and Tennis Lessons at the IUPUI Sport Complex. Special pricing on memberships and/or programs is available for IUPUI students, faculty and staff.

The IU Natatorium is available for recreational swimming and offers aqua fitness classes as well as access to a weight room. The Indianapolis Tennis Center offers six indoor courts and 18 outdoor courts, league play, group lessons or clinics.

For more information, visit www.sportcomplex.iupui.edu.

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Volunteers needed for Diabetes Sunday program

Diabetes Sunday is a church-based program designed to increase awareness among the African American community of the seriousness of diabetes and its risk factors. Nearly three million African Americans have diabetes and a third of them don't even know it. African Americans are almost twice as likely to have diabetes than the general population.

The program consists of a 5- to 10-minute program on diabetes presented to the entire congregation, to take place during the church service or other designated time. The presentation will be delivered by a qualified member of

the congregation or by a representative of the American Diabetes Association, who will also be available for a short time after the service to answer questions.

The American Diabetes Association needs volunteers, lay and health professional, to make this much-needed program possible. Volunteers need to participate in a one hour and a half training session and to making two or three presentations during the year. For additional information, contact Elaine McClane at the American Diabetes Association office, 317-352-9226, or Arvetta Grimes at the Minority Health Coalition of Marion County, 317-924-6068.

Training sessions are planned for Wednesday evening, 5 to 6:30 p.m, Oct. 8, and Saturday morning, 9:30 to 11 a.m., Oct. 18, both in the Community Center of Methodist Medical Plaza East, 9660 E. Washington St.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, Sept. 13, 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 is Stephen Bogdewic, PhD.

Listeners may tune in to hear Nick Money, author of *Mr. Bloomfield's Orchard*, discuss wild mushrooms and other fungi; Jim Borgstede, MD, a practicing radiologist and a member of the American College of Radiology's Board of Chancellors, discuss the ACR's stance on full body scanning that isn't medically prescribed; and IUSM assistant clinical professor George Hicks, MD, talking about inner ear disorders

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 webdb.iu.edu/iusm/scripts/calendar/instr.cfm.

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- 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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