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Student-sponsored health fair touches medically underserved

IUSM students are again sponsoring an annual health fair, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 25, at the Westside Community Health Center, 2732 W. Michigan St. The event coincides with National Primary Care Week, which advocates the importance of health care and brings health-care professionals together to better serve the poor and those with limited or no access to medical care.

“The Westside center was selected because it is an area that largely is medically underserved, but has active community leadership to encourage residents to take advantage of what we have to offer,” says Damon Abaray, who is coordinating this year’s health fair with Patrick Tsai and Sandy Porter, all fourth-year medical students. “Our main goal, however, is to help empower the city residents to monitor and manage their health and it strengthens our ties to the community.”

Students, working under the direction of IU physicians and faculty, will offer free screenings for blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes for adults. Vision and hearing screenings will be available for children. Information and literature about skin and breast cancer, osteoporosis, prostate problems,

weight loss, exercise, nutrition and dental hygiene will be distributed to visitors.

The medical students will be joined by their counterparts of the IU School of Dentistry and IU School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences.

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A Moment For Patient Safety and Quality Health Care Eleventh in a series

By Herbert E. Cushing, MD

What are National Patient Safety Goals?

In July 2003, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO) issued seven patient safety goals. The JCAHO evaluates and accredits more than 16,000 health care organizations and programs in the United States. An independent, not-for-profit organization, JCAHO is the nation's predominant standards-setting and accrediting body in health care. These goals will be effective for all accrediting organizations in 2004. The following are examples of how you can help with patient safety:

Goal: Improve the accuracy of patient identification

Use at least two patient identifiers (neither to be the patient's room number) whenever taking blood samples or administering medications or blood products.

Prior to the start of any surgical or invasive procedure, conduct a final verification process, such as a "time out," to confirm the correct patient, procedure and site, using active – not passive – communication techniques.

Goal: Improve the effectiveness of communication among caregivers

Implement a process for taking verbal or telephone orders or critical test results that require a verification "read back" of the complete order or test result by the person receiving the order or test result.

Standardize the abbreviations, acronyms, and symbols used throughout the organization, including a list NOT to use.

Goal: Improve the safety of using high alert medications

Remove concentrated electrolytes (including but not limited to, potassium chloride, potassium phosphate, sodium chloride >0.9%) from all patient care areas.

Standardize and limit the number of drug concentrations available.

For more information please see

<http://www.jcaho.org/accredited+organizations/patient+safety/04+npsg/facts+about+the+04+npsg.htm>.

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Annual Summary Reports due Friday

It is time to complete the 2002-2003 Annual Summary Report (ASR), which can be found at <https://technology.iusm.iu.edu/asrv2/>.

This year's report is more user friendly than before, and every effort has been made to clarify the requests for information. The ASR has become an important tool in the budgeting process and it is important that all faculty, full- and part-time, complete the report by **Friday, Oct. 17**.

If you have difficulty accessing the form, contact Amy-Jeanne Sayre at asayre@iupui.edu, or 274-7214.

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Nominations sought for Albany Medical Center Prize

Nominations are being sought for the Albany Medical Center Prize in Medicine and Biomedical Research, the largest prize of its kind in the United States and second largest to the Nobel Prize.

The amount of the award is \$500,000 and can be presented to a physician, biomedical scientist or group of physicians or scientists who have made extraordinary and sustained leadership contributions to improving health care and patient care, or who have successfully pursued innovative biomedical research with demonstrated translational benefits applied to improved patient care.

The prize is in its fourth year. Previous recipients include Arnold Levine, MD, (2001); Anthony Fauci, MD, (2002); and Michael Brown, MD, and Joseph Goldstein, MD, (2003).

The deadline for submitting nominations is **Jan. 15**. Self-nominations are not accepted.

Additional information about the prize can be found at www.amc.edu.

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Soup supper to benefit Ronald McDonald House

As part of the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference and Empty Bowls Project, IUPUI Herron

School of Art students are creating ceramic bowls for a fund-raiser to benefit the Ronald McDonald House and raise awareness about world hunger.

A soup-and-bread dinner, served in the handmade bowls, is scheduled on World Food Day, 4:30 to 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 15 at North Central High School cafeteria, 1801 E. 86th St. Cost for the dinner is \$5. Guests may keep bowls.

Proceeds from the fund-raiser will benefit the Ronald McDonald House, which serves as a home-away-from-home to families with hospitalized children.

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Register for a free distributed storage services workshop

Attention researchers: Are you currently using or are interested in using IU's Common File System (CFS) service or the Massive Data Storage System (MDSS) service? If so, mark your calendars for a distributed storage services workshop to be at IUPUI from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 14, in SL251 (the CS Sparc Lab).

The workshop will discuss services offered and how they can be utilized in research. These services are described at the DS@IU website: <http://storage.iu.edu/>.

The same workshop is offered at IU-Bloomington.

The workshop is offered by the UITS Distributed Storage Services Group. Additional information and registration forms can be found at <http://www.indiana.edu/~dssg/workshop.html>. The deadline for registration is **Monday, Oct. 13**.

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Medical malpractice lecture series

A series of lectures on topics related to medical malpractice will be conducted in October and November. The lectures will be from noon to 1 p.m. in Van Nuys Medical Science Building, room B26. Scheduled lectures are:

Oct. 17 – David Orentlicher, MD, JD, and attorney panel, “Perspectives on Medical Malpractice Litigation”

Oct 31 – Indiana Supreme Court Justice Frank Sullivan Jr., “Judicial Interpretations of Indiana Medical Malpractice Law”

Nov 13 – Dr. Richard M. Frankel, PhD, professor of medicine and geriatrics and senior research scientist at Regenstrief Institute, and Michael Weiner, MD, assistant professor of medicine and researcher at Regenstrief Institute, “Preventing Medical Practice by Improving Patient Safety”

Nov 20 – Eleanor D. Kinney, JD, Hall Render Professor of Law, co-director of the IU Center for Law and Health, “The Medical Liability Insurance Crisis and its Resolution”

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Medical Ethics and Humanities seminar – Nov. 6

The next Seminars in Medical Ethics and Humanities will be “Defining Death for the Purpose of Organ Procurement” from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 6. Jason T. Eberl, PhD, assistant professor and graduate co-director in the IUPUI Department of Philosophy, will be the speaker.

Seating is limited so reservations are recommended and may be made by noon, Tuesday, Nov. 4, calling Judi Campbell at 274-4740, or by e-mail to jizukac@iupui.edu

The Oct. 15 Medical Humanities seminar has been postponed to a date yet to be determined.

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Endnote software training

The IUSM Medical Libraries and the Institute for Scientific Information are presenting a training course in Endnote software from 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 16, in the Van Nuys Medical Science Building, room B26. The session is free and no registration is required.

Endnote software is licensed for IU use from ISI, and is available for download through the IUware program, or on cdrom from the libraries and bookstores. The software enables researchers to download and manage bibliographic citations and to easily merge them into scientific publications. Both Ovid and Web of Science have methods for easily downloading citations into the Endnote database.

More information about the software is available on the medical library website, at www.medlib.iupui.edu/citemgr/index.html.

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IUPUI United Way Campaign - now thru Oct. 31

Your gift matters. Your United Way gifts stays in your community – Boone, Hancock, Hamilton, Hendricks, Marion and Morgan counties – improving lives each day.

Please give to the Community Solutions Fund and support the following community priorities:

- Successful kids
- Strong families and neighborhoods
- Healthy, Independent people

Make your pledge online by going to the IUPUI United Way website at www.iupui.edu/~uwaycamp. Questions, contact Mary Kate Myers at myersmk@iupui.edu.

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Honors

Daniel Meldrum, MD, assistant professor of surgery and cellular and integrative physiology, and director of the Cardiovascular Physiology Core, was appointed to the editorial board of the journal SHOCK, which is the official journal of The Shock Society and The European Shock Society. The five-year appointment becomes effective Nov. 1.

Donald Orr, MD, professor of pediatrics and an adjunct professor at the IU School of Nursing, is the recipient of the Doris H. Merritt Service to Nursing Award. He was honored at the 11th annual Nursing Gala hosted by the IU School of Nursing. The award recognizes Dr. Orr for his collaboration and support of the nursing school's research initiatives, faculty development and cultivation of IUSON's Center for Enhancing Quality of Life in Chronic Illness.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, Oct. 11, 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 Ora Pescovitz, MD.

Guests include David Bell, PhD, a faculty member at the Fort Wayne Medical Education Center, who will discuss his research of the antioxidant properties of exotic berries, and IUSM neurologist Martin Farlow, MD, who will shed light on the obscure but devastating prion diseases and the likelihood of transmission of animal prion disease, such as Mad Cow, to humans.

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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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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