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ABC News to feature Wishard's Emergency Department

As part of a week-long health care series beginning Monday, Oct. 20, ABC News *Nightline* with Ted Koppel, Wishard Memorial Hospital's Emergency Department will be the focus of a segment expected to air at 11:35 p.m. Friday, Oct. 24, on WRTV Channel 6.

The series will take an in-depth look at the growing numbers of uninsured and how the situation has affected emergency rooms across the country. Two *Nightline* producers and a two-person camera and sound crew spent three days in Wishard's ED. The crew shadowed several Wishard emergency

physicians, all of whom are IUSM faculty. They also spoke with patients and interviewed Roland McGrath, MD, chief of emergency medicine at Wishard, and Matthew Gutwein, president and CEO of the Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County.

Patient loads at emergency rooms across the country have increased over the past 10 years. Wishard's ED is the busiest in Indiana with 108,863 patient visits in 2002, a nearly 20 percent increase since 1988. About 3,000 of those visits were to treat major trauma. More than 60 percent of those who receive care in Wishard's ED are without private insurance or any type of government assistance, such as Medicare or Medicaid.

The *Nightline* series brings timely national attention to Wishard's financial challenges. Earlier this summer, U.S. Sen. Evan Bayh (D-Ind.) authored an amendment to the Senate version of the Medicare Prescription Drug Bill, which would provide Wishard with additional funding and support to hospitals throughout the state. U.S. Sen. Richard Lugar (R-Ind.) actively supports the amendment.

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Mock residency interviews need faculty assistance

The Medical Student Affairs Office for the past few years has arranged mock videotaped interviews for fourth-year medical students to help them prepare for residency interviews. Students who have participated have been extremely enthusiastic about the opportunity to practice and to hear valuable feedback from faculty interviewers.

Volunteers are needed so the experience can be offered again this year. Faculty and house staff familiar with the residency interviewing process are sought to conduct and critique the interviews. About 10 faculty or residents are needed for each date; the OSCE Center has the facilities to run 15

concurrent interviews). Volunteers would need to commit at least 2 hours during which they will conduct 20-minute interviews, each followed by an individual critique of the student's performance.

Keep in mind, more volunteers reduce the time commitment for each individual faculty member. Faculty from all disciplines are needed by no guarantees can be made that volunteers will be interviewing students interested in his or her specialty. '

Tentative dates for the mock interviews are 9 a.m. to noon, Tuesday, Oct. 28, and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 13. This year's mock interviews will be at the Clinical Skills Education Center at Methodist (OSCE Center).

As soon as faculty interview schedules have been confirmed, fourth-year students will be invited to sign up on a first-come, first-served basis. Students will be required to submit residency application materials to MSA. Those materials will be forwarded, along with transcripts, to faculty interviewers for review prior to the interviews.

Faculty and house staff interested in volunteering or seeking more information should contact Canary Rossum at crossum@iupui.edu, or 274-7173.

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Centennial clothing orders are here

Students, staff and faculty who ordered IUSM Centennial shirts and sweatshirts from American Medical Women's Association and Student National Medical Association may pickup their orders from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, Oct. 22-24, in the medical student lounge in the basement of the VanNuys Medical Science Building.

If you cannot make it to these pick-up times and cannot make arrangements for someone else to pick up your order, please e-mail Rebecca Hoban, MSII, at rhoban@indiana.edu, to make other arrangements.

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Oct. 22 Combined Seminar Series lecture cancelled

The Combined Seminar Series Oct. 22 presentation has been cancelled because of a scheduling conflict with the speaker. No replacement presenter has been scheduled.

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Loan repayment information from the NIH

Loan Repayment Program For Health Disparities Research
(NOT-MD-04-001)

National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities

Index: Minority Health, Health Disparities

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MD-04-001.html>

Extramural Clinical Research Loan Repayment Program For Individuals
From Disadvantaged Backgrounds (NOT-MD-04-002)

National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities

Index: Minority Health, Health Disparities

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MD-04-002.html>

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Flu shots available

Free flu shots will be available beginning Monday, Oct. 20, at Employee and Student Health in Coleman Hall. Appointments are not necessary, but employee identification is required to get a shot.

Clinic hours are 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays.

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IUPUI United Way Campaign - now thru Oct. 31

United Way is continually researching central Indiana's human needs so that your dollars are focused where they are needed most. For example, United Way doubled the amount of support for homeless persons based on the homeless count conducted in 1999.

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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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, Oct. 25, 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.

Guests include Mary Roach, author of *Stiff: The Curious Life of Cadavers*,

which details what happens to the human body after death and discusses everything from Egypt mummies to research done today on cadavers. Also Michael John Carley, founder of a support group for people with Aspergers syndrome. Ann Zerr, MD, will discuss why obesity in America is so out of control, along with low-carb diets and her work facilitating a support group for obese women.

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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