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**Dean's message: Jones to take reins of new IUSM position**

In 1999, Bob Jones was the energy behind the School of Medicine's Strategic Plan. He also laid the foundation for mission-based accounting. He was then drafted to serve as medical director and CEO of Wishard Health Services and associate dean for the School of Medicine, a position he has held for the past three years.

The School is in a rapid pace of development as amply evidenced by the Bio Crossroads initiative, INGEN and by the construction of two new Clarian hospitals. This surge in development has resulted in a need for Bob's experience and wisdom to make certain that we maintain our momentum. Therefore, I am promoting Bob to executive associate dean for strategic planning, analysis and operations at the School.

Unfortunately, Bob's promotion within the School will require that he resign his day-to-day responsibilities at Wishard. Clearly, Wishard continues to be faced with a number of challenges and Bob's leadership will be missed.

I will appoint a search committee immediately to identify possible successors to Bob as medical director and CEO of Wishard and to ensure a smooth transition of leadership. Our support for Wishard is steadfast. Bob's promotion should not be interpreted as a departure from the commitment that Wishard is integral to all components of the School of Medicine.

I know you will join me in congratulating Bob on his important new role with the School.

-- D. Craig Brater  
Dean, IUSM

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**Applications sought for Wishard medical director/CEO**

Dear Colleagues,

A search committee has been formed to identify candidates for the position of medical director and CEO of Wishard Health Services. The search will be internal; namely, faculty of the School of Medicine, with a preference for an experienced faculty physician who has spent a substantial part of their career at Wishard. We believe it is important that the individual have a thorough understanding of not only the operations of Wishard but also its culture and its commitment to serving the underserved.

Please forward any nominations (self-nominations are acceptable) to Debbie Cowley at Fesler 318.

Thanks.

-- D. Craig Brater  
Dean, IUSM

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## **Campus invited to Bantz installation**

Faculty, staff and students are invited to the official installation of Charles R. Bantz as the fourth chancellor of IUPUI. The ceremony will be 9:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, in the University Place Conference Center auditorium.

IU President Adam Herbert will preside over the event, which includes remarks by Purdue University President Martin Jischke. A reception will follow at 11 a.m.

For additional information see [www.iupui.edu/bantz/bantz\\_evite\\_1.pdf](http://www.iupui.edu/bantz/bantz_evite_1.pdf). The event will also be Webcast and broadcast on campus over closed circuit TV. Details of these broadcasts are forthcoming.

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## **Competency director for professionalism applications sought**

The Curriculum Council of IUSM seeks a competency director for professionalism. The director will work with course and clerkship directors, faculty from all IUSM Centers for Medical Education, students and the Dean's Office for Medical Education and Curricular Affairs to facilitate the teaching, assessment, development and documentation of students' competence in professionalism.

Candidates must have experience in teaching and assessing professionalism in undergraduate medical education and have at least 20 percent protected time from their department to dedicate to this role.

Interested individuals should submit a letter of interest, a curriculum vita, and a letter of support from their department chair that specifically addresses the candidate's protected time for the position to Paula Smith, Medical Education and Curricular Affairs, EF 200 (317-274-4556 or [psmith4@iupui.edu](mailto:psmith4@iupui.edu)).

Applications should be received no later than **Monday, Dec. 22**. Electronic applications are encouraged.

Additional information about the competency curriculum can be found at <http://meca.iusm.iu.edu>

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## **More docs favor national health insurance, study reveals**

Nearly half of physicians in the United States favor governmental legislation to establish national health insurance, with the strongest support coming from pediatricians, psychiatrists and general internists.

Those are among the findings of a nationwide study conducted by researchers at the Indiana University School of Medicine whose findings were published in the Nov. 18 issue of the *Annals of Internal Medicine*. Forty-nine percent of the physicians in major specialties surveyed say they "strongly" or "generally" support national health insurance.

"At the very least, this survey takes the pulse of the general state of support among U.S. physicians for governmental action to arrange health insurance financing," says Aaron Carroll, MD, MS, assistant professor of pediatrics, who along with Ronald Ackermann, MD, MPH, assistant professor of medicine, were the study's investigators. "It also improves our understanding of how the level of this support varies across different personal, professional and practice characteristics."

Nearly 3,200 physicians from the American Medical Association's Masterfile of all practicing physicians were surveyed. Forty percent of the doctors surveyed said they either strongly or generally opposed legislation to establish national health care.

Only 26 percent supported a system whereby the federal government is the sole payer for health care services.

A recent Harris Interactive poll showed that 81 percent of U.S. physicians believed that some "fundamental change" is needed to make health care more workable for citizens. That's 24 percent more than expressed wanting "fundamental change" in 1994. That poll also revealed a growing discontent with the current health care system among large, medium and small employers; health plan managers and the general public.

More than 44 million Americans do not have any form of health insurance,

according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

The IU study was funded by grants from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Department of Veterans Affairs. For more study details, see [www.annals.org/cgi/content/full/139/10/795](http://www.annals.org/cgi/content/full/139/10/795).

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## **Prostate cancer pilot project proposals requested**

The Central Indiana Prostate Cancer Foundation in conjunction with the Indiana University Cancer Center is inviting pilot proposals for prostate cancer research projects. Funding is scheduled to begin on April 1.

A primary goal of the CIPCF is to stimulate multi-disciplinary and translational research that will decrease the incidence and adverse impact of prostate cancer. Translational research seeks to develop and bring laboratory observations to innovative clinical trials. Applications from all relevant disciplines are welcome.

The duration of funding is one year and the budget should not exceed \$20,000. Applicants must be affiliated with IU and the funds should not be used for fellowship or training purposes. Applicants may have received prior or current extramural research funding, but the proposed project should be separate from previous/current funded projects.

The proposal must target prostate cancer. Preference will be given to those proposals that involve translational research and may lead to extramural funding applications.

Final applications are due by **Friday, Feb. 13**.

The body of the proposal should not exceed three pages. A budget should be

included and address the usual categories of personnel, supplies and equipment (which must be justified). A lay description is required on a separate page and will be reviewed by members of the Central Indiana Prostate Cancer Foundation. Ten copies are required. Applications will be reviewed by an internal committee.

Criteria for review are:

1. Scientific merit
2. Prostate cancer relatedness
3. Multidisciplinary and translational nature
4. Potential for subsequent peer reviewed funding

Applications should be sent to Elizabeth Parsons, IU Cancer Center, 535 Barnhill Dr., Room 455, Indianapolis, IN 46202. For additional information, call 278-0078.

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## **Visual Media to showcase services at open house**

Visual Media will host an open house on **Wednesday, Dec. 3**, showcasing the variety of professional services available to clients for the production of effective media and educational tools using the latest in technology.

Visual Media will host its holiday open house from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 pm on the IUPUI campus. The office is in room 102, Emerson Hall. The open house will feature all services and products enabling clients to get an idea how Visual Media can help them meet their media needs and educational goals.

Using graphic design, illustration, photography, sculpture and video/multimedia production, Visual Media primarily supports the

educational, research and clinical care missions of IUSM. These services also are available to all other schools at IU and with organizations throughout the state to help develop their media needs.

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## **Gift tags and cards benefit Riley**

For years, holiday cards designed by Riley Hospital patients have been a staple of the holiday season and the Riley Children's Foundation's efforts to raise funds for the hospital. This year, holiday gift tags have been added to the selection.

The gift tags and cards carry the unmistakable cheer of children since they are designed by Riley patients. Five children designed the cards and tags that depict a nativity scene, a snowman, decorated Christmas trees, Santa emerging from a chimney and a "Happy Holidays" card whose letters are seasonal symbols.

The cards and gift tags can be purchased at the Riley Hospital gift shop, online at [www.rileykids.org/giftshop/default.asp](http://www.rileykids.org/giftshop/default.asp), or by calling 634-4474. Also, purchases may be made at local participating Dairy Queen, Kroger, Cingular Wireless, credit union and Indiana Bankers Association locations.

Cards are \$5 for 10 cards and envelopes and five bonus gift tags. Gift tags are in packages of 10 for \$3.

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## **Jewelry sale to support women's health programs**

The IU National Center of Excellence in Women's Health is sponsoring a

jewelry sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3, in the CoE office on the fourth floor of the Regenstrief Health Center.

Custom-designed handmade jewelry and other items are available to support women's health programs at Wishard Memorial Hospital and in the community.

For additional information, contact Tina Darling at 630-2243.

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## **JSB lecture focuses on historic pathology building**

Charles Bonsett, MD, will present "Saving the Old Pathology Building: How? Why? A Chapter in the History of IUSM" at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 8, in the Ruth Lilly Medical Library, room 301-302. The presentation is a John Shaw Billings History of Medicine lecture.

Refreshments will be served at 3:30 p.m. Questions may be addressed to [billings@iupui.edu](mailto:billings@iupui.edu), or Nancy Eckerman at 274-2076.

The Indiana Medical History Museum is located in the "Old Pathology Building" on the grounds of the former Central State Hospital on the near west side of Indianapolis. The museum represents the beginning of scientific psychiatry and modern medicine while the building itself is the oldest surviving pathology facility in the nation and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

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## **Combined Seminar Series for December**

The Combined Seminar Series is from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium. The December schedule includes:

**Dec. 3** -- Richard Longnecker, PhD, director, Viral Oncogenesis, Lurie Cancer Center, professor of microbiology immunology, Northwestern Medical School, "How to Enter and Survive in B Cells - Lessons from Epstein-Barr Virus"

**Dec. 10** -- Michael Colvin, MD, director, Duke Comprehensive Cancer Center, "Enzymatic Activity, Isolation Techniques, and Differentiation Properties of Hematopoietic Stem Cells"

**Dec. 17** -- Thomas MacVittie, PhD, professor, departments of radiation oncology and pathology, University of Maryland, Greenebaum Cancer Center, "Ex Vivo Expansion of HSCs: The Nonhuman Primate as a Pre-clinical Model"

**Dec. 24** -- Holiday, no seminar

**Dec. 31** -- Holiday, no seminar

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## **Wine-tasting party to raise scholarship funds**

The IU Faculty Women's Club and the Indianapolis Medical Alliance are sponsoring a wine tasting event to raise money for medical student scholarships and School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences student scholarships.

The event will be Friday, Jan. 30, but the deadline for reservations is **Friday, Dec. 19**. The cost per person is \$50 and the event will be at the home of IUPUI Chancellor Charles Bantz and Sandra Petronio, 5801 Sunset Lane.

The Robert Mondavi Winery is providing the wine.

Reservations and checks can be mailed to Karen Molitoris, 1213 Alderly Road, Indianapolis, IN 46260.

For additional information contact Karen Molitoris at 582-1137 or Miriam Holden at 216-1864.

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## Honors

The American College of Rheumatology has honored **Kenneth Brandt**, MD, professor of medicine and director of the IU Multipurpose Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Diseases Center, with the new Clinical Research Award. Dr. Brandt was recognized for his innovative, investigator-initiated clinical research that benefits the field of rheumatology.

**Kathleen Margaret O'Connell**, MS4, is the recipient of the E. Jane Brownley Scholarship. Dr. Brownley, now retired, practiced pediatrics in Indianapolis for more than 30 years. She was a member of the IUSM Class of 1952. The scholarship is presented to an outstanding female student in the graduating class entering a pediatric career.

**Mitesh Shah**, MD, co-director of Skull Base Surgery and associate professor of neurological surgery, has been elected to the Executive Committee of the Congress of Neurological Surgery. The CNS is a national neurological organization that promotes advancement of neurosurgery, excellence in education and research and scientific knowledge. He will serve a three-year term as member-at-large. Dr. Shah was elected in October at the CNS annual meeting in Denver.

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

Tune in at noon, Saturday, Nov. 29, 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.

Larry Anderson, MD, Centers for Disease Control, will provide an update on the upcoming SARS flu season and the CDC's plan of action. Rena Stewart, MD, chief of orthopaedics at Wishard Memorial Hospital, will discuss lower extremity amputation, a treatment often needed by people with diabetes. Elizabeth Blackburn, PhD, the 2004 Steven C. Beering Award recipient, will discuss her pioneering research of telomeres.

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 [webdb.iu.edu/iusm/scripts/calendar/instr.cfm](http://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](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>

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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