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Dean's Message – Data-Driven Decisions: The Case for Action

The Indiana University School of Medicine has entered the 21st century with

an aggressive plan for excellence that will make it one of the top medical schools in the country in the performance of each of its missions: education, clinical service and research.

When asked to craft a strategic plan several years ago, the faculty made it abundantly clear that you aspired to this level of attainment and recognition. Through the emphasis by the city and state on life sciences, our goals are now embraced broadly, adding to their importance. Any goal this ambitious represents an enormous challenge; one to which we must rise. It means that we must be particularly wise in our use of precious resources. Moreover, those resources are increasingly threatened. For example:

- The doubling of the National Institutes of Health budget has occurred and increases from this point will be limited, thus competition for research support will be greater;
- There will be many sources of downward pressure on clinical revenues, state support is unlikely to rise in parallel with our growth aspirations.

One result of these pressures was illustrated this year. After various assessments are met for things like increased health insurance costs across the university, the school's actual allocation of funds from the state will decrease 0.5 percent in FY 05. This fact emphasizes that we must be vigilant stewards of our resources.

We must have systems that will encourage efficiency, effectiveness, communication and consensus within and between departments. We must have systems that appropriately recognize the hard and conscientious work of our many faculty and staff. And we can no longer accept a yearly budget-making process that is incrementally-based and accommodates financial arrangements whose origins are unknown.

Therefore, we have begun a project that we are calling Data-Driven Decisions (3D). 3D will produce a planning and budgeting process that will enable the school to align its resources and prioritize its decisions according

to its missions and values. This 3D process also will assist us in the recognition of individual faculty accomplishment, in helping individual faculty be more successful (for example, being promoted), and in rewarding faculty appropriately. The aim is to accomplish this in a data-driven and transparent fashion with broad participation.

The 3D process can help us transform our school to one that can be more responsive to the future that we face. It's a project to which we'll all be devoting a great deal of effort in the coming months – and a process on which we'll be working for years. Its success will depend on the support and input of everyone at the IU School of Medicine. There are no pre-conceived outcomes to this process. We intend to use the collective wisdom of the faculty to guide us. Therefore, I will do my best to keep you informed. I ask that in return, you offer your thoughtful input.

Craig Brater, MD
Dean, IUSM

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IUSM faculty recognized at IUPUI Honors Convocation

Five members of the IUSM faculty were recognized for outstanding achievement April 23 during the IUPUI Honors Convocation.

William Tierney, MD, has been named a Chancellor's Professor, one of the highest honors bestowed on senior faculty. Dr. Tierney is a professor of medicine and chief of general internal medicine and geriatrics.

To be considered for a Chancellor's Professorship, faculty members must have been at IUPUI for at least 10 years, must be at the rank of full professor, and must have compiled a career-long record of high-level achievement in two of the three traditional areas of faculty work – teaching,

research, and service – and a much-above-average record in the third area of faculty work. Recipients receive a \$5,000 addition to their base pay and the title of Chancellor’s Professor throughout their appointment at IUPUI.

As Chancellor’s Professors, faculty members are expected to maintain their high level of performance in their regular duties. In addition they will be called upon for special service and counsel by the IUPUI Chancellor and will serve upon request as mentors for colleagues, as well as resources for faculty development, student learning, and professional research and service.

Dr. Tierney was chosen by the committee because he is considered to be a “complete scholar,” one whose career of exemplary contributions to his discipline and the university has distinguished him from his colleagues. His selection recognizes his exceptional longstanding, continuous commitment to excellence in each of the major areas of university work: research, teaching, and service.

Janice Blum, PhD, professor of microbiology and immunology, is a co-recipient of the 2004 Alvin S. Bynum Award for Excellence in Academic Mentoring by a Faculty Member.

The Bynum Mentor Award is named for Alvin Bynum who served as dean of University Division at IUPUI for over 20 years. The award is given to an outstanding faculty member who has demonstrated longstanding and unusual commitment to fostering an atmosphere of learning on the IUPUI campus.

Criteria for candidates include a cumulative impact on the lives of students, a devotion that routinely finds the candidates going beyond the call of duty to make the extra mile a normal part of their work, displaying and instilling enthusiasm, helping students learn about themselves in both formal and informal settings, and demonstrating pride in and loyalty to IUPUI. Seniority is not a requirement of the award, but rather it is important that an awardee will be “someone special” recognized by students and colleagues alike.

The selection committee noted that Dr. Blum has devoted a sustained level of activity towards mentoring especially with regard to minorities. Her work with the Preparing Future Faculty Program was noted as an asset to the campus.

Also recognized as recipients of prestigious external awards during the past year were **Mario Svirsky**, PhD, who was named a fellow in the Acoustical Society of America and the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering; **Merrill Benson**, MD, who was first recipient of the Pasteur-Weizmann/Servier International Prize in Biomedical Research; and **Joseph Fitzgerald**, MD, who received the Distinguished Clinical Award from the American Enterological Association.

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Proteomics Core gets new location and name

Effective May 3, the Proteomics Core Facility will become part of the Indiana Centers for Applied Protein Sciences (INCAPS), an initiative being spearheaded by BioCrossroads, central Indiana's life science network of public, private, and academic institutions aligned to accelerated business formation and growth.

The Proteomics Core Facility will move from the Biotechnology Research and Training Center (BRTC) to Indiana University Emerging Technology Center, which is located next to the downtown canal at 351 W.10th St. The core, with the new name Academic Research and Service Center, will be in Suite 350. The facility is expected to be back in operation by May 17.

Mu Wang, PhD, who has been the core director, will serve as the director for the Academic Research and Service Center and remain as the contact person for all academic proteomics projects. Dr. Wang said INCAPS will provide "cutting edge" proteomics technologies, applications and expertise for

academic and industrial projects.

“We are looking forward to the greater resources that will be a part of INCAPS and most importantly assisting the faculty in all future proteomics research needs,” Dr. Wang said. He thanked the faculty, fellows and students who have utilized the proteomic technologies and expertise provided by the Core and its staff since its inception in October 2001.

Dr. Wang said that all data generated in the past two years on the server of the Proteomics Core will also be transferred to the new INCAPS server. Although the data will still be stored on MDSS, users are encouraged to save a copy of their data on their own data management system.

For more information about the move, and about the center’s services and fees, contact Dr. Wang at 278-0296, or muwang@iupui.edu.

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PDA Lunch-n-Learn session – April 30

At the fourth PDA Brown Bag Lunch-n-Learn session, select Skyscape software including smARTlink™ functionality and ARTbeat services, will be demonstrated. Medical students, residents, physicians, nurses and staff are welcome.

The session is from 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Friday, April 30, in VanNuys Medical Sciences Building, room B26.

The presentation is WebEx – participation is by a PC/laptop with an Internet connection and a phone. For groups gathering to view the presentation, a PC/laptop with an Internet connection hooked up to an LCD projector and a speaker phone would work well.

Connection instructions will be posted prior to the event at <http://granite.medlib.iupui.edu/iusmpda/>.

Remember, IUSM is offering a 25 percent discount negotiated for all Skyscape products.

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Combined Seminar Series for May

The IU Cancer Center Combined Seminar Series is held on Wednesdays from 4 to 5 p.m. in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium. Guest speakers for May include:

May 5 – Stanton Gerson, MD, chief, Division of Hematology/Oncology, Shiverick Professor of Hematologic Oncology, associate director of clinical research, Case Western Reserve University, “Stem Cell Selection and Transdifferentiation In Vivo”

May 12 – Steve Howell, professor of medicine, University of California, San Diego, “Copper Transporters that Mediate Platinum Drug Resistance”

May 19 – Dario Altieri, MD, Eleanor Eustis Farrington Professor and chair of Cancer Biology Director, University of Massachusetts Memorial Cancer Center, University of Massachusetts Medical School, topic to be announced

May 26 – Dong-Er Chang, topic to be announced

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Faculty Development Conference – May 27

The Faculty Development Conference “Teaching and Evaluating Required ACGME Competencies in Systems-based Practice and Practice-based Learning and Improvement” will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, May 27.

The conference, hosted by IUSM and Tufts Health Care Institute, will be at the University Place Conference Center.

The program is designed for residency training program directors, clinical faculty and GME leaders to address the ACGME competencies. Systems-based practice and practice-based learning and improvement will be one focus of the program.

This activity has been approved for AMA/PRA category 1 credit.

For additional information, call the Office of House Staff Affairs at 274-8282.

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CoE event focuses on women’s health care

Health care professionals and nonprofessionals alike have the opportunity to learn some of the latest medical developments and issues affecting women’s health from IUSM physicians at an upcoming seminar.

“Dimensions in Women’s Health: Knowledge, Expertise and Communication” is sponsored by the National Center of Excellence for Women’s Health at the IU School of Medicine. The event is Friday, May 7, and will be at the University Place Conference Center and Hotel, 850 W. Michigan St., on the Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis campus.

Topics to be covered at the day-long event:

- Clinical developments in the treatment of osteoporosis
- Controversies in hormone replacement therapy
- Developments in the clinical management of heart disease
- Contraceptive options
- Sexual dysfunction and how it's treated in clinical settings
- Identifying female patients at risk of domestic violence

“IU physicians as well as guest speakers will provide provocative and timely information, all of it geared to enhance the skills of women’s health care providers and better the general public’s understanding of these issues,” says Rose Fife, MD, Center of Excellence director and associate dean for research. “This event is unprecedented, too, because it’s the first time we have geared a program to serve health care professionals and the general public at the same time.”

The seminar offers continuing medical education credits for health care providers. For more information, call 317-274-8353. Registration is required 72 hours before the event.

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Recovery focus of annual Mental Health Symposium

Kay Jamison, PhD, a professor of psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and author of five books including *Night Falls Fast* and *An Unquiet Mind*, will be the keynote speaker at the seventh annual Mental Health Symposium hosted by the IUSM Department of Psychiatry and the Mental Health Association in Indiana.

The daylong symposium will be Friday, May 14, in the Grand Hall and Conference Center at Crowne Plaza Hotel, Union Station. This year’s theme

is “Recovery.”

IUSM faculty will present topics ranging from issues in pediatric psychopharmacology, treatment of schizophrenia and alcohol addiction.

The symposium is open to individuals in recovery, as well as family members, caregivers, advocates and service providers. The deadline for registering is **Friday, May 7**.

For more information or to register, contact the Mental Health Association in Indiana at 638-3501.

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Register now for Molecular Biology Workshop

The 2004 Molecular Biology Workshop will be Mondays through Fridays June 15 through July 1.

The workshop is a combination of lectures and hands-on labs and is open to faculty, staff and graduate students. Graduate students may take it for credit. Participants will receive instruction in basic molecular biology and theory of laboratory methods, leading to discussions of cutting-edge techniques and real life examples of problems and methods.

Laboratories are hands on. Participants will learn to perform basic and advanced techniques, trouble-shoot problems and critically examine industrial kits and equipment.

For more detailed information about the workshop, see www.iupui.edu/~mbwkshp/, or contact Chao-Hung Lee, PhD, at 274-2596, or chlee@iupui.edu.

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Grants available to cancer researchers

Institutional grants from the American Cancer Society are available. The deadline for submitting applications is **Tuesday, June 1**. Forms may be obtained from Elizabeth Parsons, IU Cancer Center, room 455, eparsons@iupui.edu.

Grants from this ACS fund are usually allocated in amounts of \$15,000 to \$20,000. The purpose of the grant is to assist young investigators in the ranks of assistant professor and assistant scientist in starting research projects. The grants also are designed to foster cancer research at the IUSM campus in Indianapolis and at the Regional Medical Education Centers.

The applications (8-10 pages, no recycled R01 applications) will be reviewed by the ACS Institutional Grant Committee. The investigators who receive grants must submit an interim and final progress report as required by the American Cancer Society.

Applicants with prior funding from the ACS are not eligible to apply. Applicants with significant funding from other sources are not eligible to apply. Limited support for partial salary may be allowed.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or approved for a green card.

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Nominations sought for 2005 Beering Award

The Beering Award Committee seeks nominations for the 2005 Steven C. Beering Award for Advancement of Biomedical Science. The deadline for

submission is **Wednesday, April 28.**

Established through contributions of faculty, alumni and friends of the School of Medicine as a tribute to the former dean, this award honors an internationally recognized individual for outstanding research contributions to the advancement of biomedical or clinical science. The recipient is asked to present one major lecture to the medical community at the time the award. The award winner also receives a medal and a check for \$10,000, and spends about three days on campus, during which one or two additional lectures to smaller groups are planned.

Nominations should be accompanied by a summary statement emphasizing the most important academic accomplishments of the nominee; the importance to biomedical or clinical science; and why he or she is deserving of this honor. A curriculum vitae and a list of key publications should be included.

Submit all information no later than Wednesday, April 28, to the attention of Amy-Jeanne Sayre, Academic Administration, Fesler Hall 318.

Stanley Korsmeyer, MD, Sidney Farber Professor and professor of medicine at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School, is the recipient of the 2004 Beering Award and will present his lecture on Oct. 20.

Steven C. Beering Award Committee members are: Richard Miyamoto, MD, chair; Simon J. Conway, PhD, Anna DePaoli-Roach, PhD, Leonard C. Erickson, PhD, Janet Hock, PhD, BDS, Ora Pescovitz, MD, Karen Roos, MD, Stephen Trippel, MD, and Sandra Valaitis, MD.

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Free anxiety screenings

In conjunction with the National Anxiety Disorders Screening Project, free anxiety screenings will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Wednesday, May 5, in the Methodist Hospital

rotunda near the cafeteria. No appointment is necessary.

Screenings will consist of a self-test for anxiety and an opportunity for individual questions to be answered. Private follow-up by phone or e-mail will be offered to discuss self-test results in depth and treatment options. Educational information also will be available.

For additional information, call 962-0327, or e-mail Angela at akkuhn@iupui.edu.

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PDA's and accessories on sale

PDA's and PDA accessories are the Jagtag/Jags Bookstore Item of the Month. All items are discounted 60 percent.

The offer is valid in the Union Medical and Cavanaugh Hall bookstores only. The discount cannot be combined with any other offers and is valid on in-stock items only. The discount is not valid on special orders.

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Tee time for Ronald McDonald House – June 10

The 18th Annual Ronald McDonald House Golf Tournament is Thursday, June 10. Tee times are at 8 a.m. or 1 p.m. with two Shotgun Starts and a Florida Scramble format.

The outing is at Highland Country Club in Indianapolis. Individual patrons are \$500. Par patrons (team of two) are \$750. Birdie patrons are \$1,500 (team of four). Lunch, dinner, green fees, cart and tee favors and recognition signage are included. There really is no registration deadline, entry is on a first-come first-served basis.

Lots of prizes and food are offered and a silent auction will be conducted. For more information, call 267-0605, ext. 208.

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Decorators' Show House opens

The St. Margaret's Hospital Guild Decorators' Show House, an event that raises money for Wishard Health Services, will continue through May 9. The event began April 24.

The display houses in the Meridian-Kessler area are a classic English Tudor at 5555 Washington Blvd., and an Italian Renaissance at 5540 Central Ave. There are a total of 39 interior and 11 landscaped areas available for touring.

Proceeds from the 2003 Decorators' Show House Tour generated \$295,000 for Wishard.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, May 1, 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

David Crabb, MD.

Guests will include Christopher McDougal, MD, chairman of the IUSM Department of Psychiatry, who will offer an update on autism research, including the recent one by British authors of a study linking autism to the MMR vaccine. He also will discuss a new theory by another British researcher linking testosterone and a lack of empathy in males to the disease. J.D. Graham, MD, of Indiana Heart Physicians at St. Francis Hospital, will discuss the recent New England Journal of Medicine study comparing two cholesterol medications, Lipitor and Pravachol, and a now widely accepted theory on the cause of heart attacks. Mike Flynn, PhD, Purdue University Department of Health and Kinesiology, will discuss the best training practices for marathon and long-distance runners.

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 three easy ways to submit story ideas or information to *Scope*:

- 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.

In the interest of accuracy, please do NOT use:

- acronyms
- abbreviations
- campus building codes (use full, proper name of building and include the room number)
- Dr. as a preface before names (designate MD or PhD)

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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