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Nelson to chair new neurosurgery department

Paul Nelson, MD, is the first person to chair the newly created Department of Neurological Surgery at IUSM.

The department was established July 1 and includes 11 neurosurgeons, 10 residents, plus nursing and research staff. IU neurosurgeons will continue to serve adult and pediatric patients at IU Hospital, Riley Hospital for Children and Wishard Memorial Hospital.

Dr. Nelson was the director of the Neurological Surgery Division within the IU Department of Surgery before the division was elevated to department level. He has been on faculty since 1992. He also served as the interim executive officer of IU Medical Group-Specialty Care and the School's executive associate dean of clinical affairs from 2002 until February 2003.

His clinical and research interests include spinal disorders and brain and pituitary tumors.

Dr. Nelson, who is the Betsey Barton Professor of Neurosurgery, completed a residency at the University of Pittsburgh and is a graduate of the Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine. He was the recipient of the School's 2004 Glenn W. Irwin Jr. Distinguished Faculty Service Award.

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New name, same mission

The Office of House Staff Affairs has changed its name to the Office of Graduate Medical Education, and the Committee on Graduate Medical Education (COGME) is now the Graduate Medical Education Committee (GMEC).

The changes were made to be more consistent with graduate medical education departments and committees across the country.

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Doebbeling holds health services research professorship

Bradley N. Doebbeling, MD, MSc, has been named the first Department of Medicine Professor of Health Services Research. He also will retain his

current title of professor of medicine.

The position was established in 2004 by multiple donors in hopes of obtaining additional donors to establish a full chair in health services research within the department.

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A short and sweet Web survey

The IUSM Web team wants to hear from faculty, staff and students. How can the school's Web site better serve its audience?

The next time you visit the home page, please pause to take the one-minute (really!) survey. Or better yet, save several seconds and click on www.medicine.iu.edu/survey/.

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Material transfer agreements are not optional

Why are material transfer agreement (MTA) required before sending or receiving materials to colleagues outside Indiana University?

1. A formally executed MTA allows for the proper tracking of research materials, compliance with the individual terms and conditions on use, and protection of the relevant intellectual property interests of both the recipient and provider of the materials.
2. As there is no "public use" exemption in the United States for research involving a patented material of another party, unauthorized use of such material in research could potentially result in a patent infringement action against the researcher and the university.

3. A completed MTA grants the researcher and the university permission to use the material in research, so the importance of such documentation should not be overlooked.

If anticipating research using material from another institution or company, researchers should work with the corporate contracts administration (CCA) in the Research and Sponsored Programs office to have a (MTA) completed. The CCA website, which can be found at <http://www.iupui.edu/~resgrad/spon/corcontent.htm>, includes links to the documentation that will be completed as appropriate to facilitate material transfers both in and out of the university.

To facilitate the MTA process, researchers, as soon as they are aware of a potential materials transfer, should complete and forward the appropriate MTA information sheet (IU as provider or IU as recipient, as found on the CCA website) along with any documentation and correspondence on that transfer to Sidney Johnson, director of corporate contracts administration (UN618), to facilitate these transfers.

Questions or comments regarding the MTA process can be addressed by Tina Noonan, associate director for corporate affairs at IUSM, at 278-5802 or tnoonan@iupui.edu.

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Educational opportunities for staff and faculty

Thinking about taking a class? Would you like to finish that degree you began years ago? What about a job advancement that would require additional education? Do you have dependent children who want to attend college?

To find out more about enrolling in classes at IUPUI and using the fee

courtesy benefit, employees are invited to attend Educational Opportunities for Staff and Faculty at IUPUI brown bag lunch from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, July 29, in University College, room 132.

To register, contact Judy Johnson, enrollment specialist, Enrollment Center, Cavanaugh Hall room 129. Johnson can be reached at 278-4602, or johnsjud@iupui.edu.

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Carol D. Nathan Scholarship

IUPUI staff needing assistance to pay expenses and tuition not covered by fee courtesy may want to apply for a Carol D. Nathan Scholarship.

The IUPUI Staff Council awards Carol D. Nathan scholarships of \$500 (\$250 each semester) for the 2004-2005 academic year. To qualify, applicants must be a full-time IUPUI staff employee with at least two years of service, pursuing an associate, baccalaureate or graduate degree at IUPUI, and must have completed 12 credit hours at IUPUI with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

To apply, fill out the online application and submit a 100-word essay. The application and additional details can be found at www.iupui.edu/~scouncil, click the link Carol D. Nathan Staff Council Scholarship.

Applications also may be picked up at the Office of Student Scholarships, Cavanaugh Hall 103, or from Molly Martin in the Staff Council Office, Union Building, room 403, molmarti@iupui.edu, or 274-2215.

The application deadline is **Friday, July 30**.

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Mathematica for Students now available

Students can obtain a copy of Mathematica for Windows, or Macintosh or Linux computers for a reduced price. A valid University ID must be presented at the Cavanaugh Hall bookstore to purchase the software for only \$20.

The new software is valid until June 30, 2005. (If you are still an IU student at that time, you may renew your license for an additional \$20.)

Faculty and staff: You are not eligible to purchase Mathematica under this license agreement. If interested in purchasing the software, contact the Stat/Math Center at statmath@indiana.edu or 278-4740.

For details on the Mathematica for Students license agreement, see www.indiana.edu/~statmath/math/mma/ela/student.html.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at noon, Saturday, July 31, and 4 p.m. Sunday, August 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.

Guests will include August (Gus) Watanabe, MD, chairman of the board of directors of Biocrossroads, will share his insights on the future of biotechnology. He retired last June from his position at Eli Lilly and Co. as executive vice president of science and technology and president of Lilly Research Laboratories. He was the former chair of the Department of

Medicine at the IU School of Medicine.

Tarun Jain, MD, and Mark Hornstein, MD, will discuss their analysis of national trends in embryo-transfer practice patterns and in outcomes after the use of assisted reproductive technology in order to assess if efforts to lower the incidence of multiple gestations have been effective. Their report was published earlier this year in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Also appearing is Mary Roach, author of *Stiffs: The Curious Lives of Human Cadavers*, which details what happens to the human body after death and discusses everything from Egypt mummies to research done today on cadavers.

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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