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Rhodes named associate dean for graduate studies

Simon Rhodes, PhD, professor of biology at IUPUI, has been named associate dean for graduate studies at IUSM, pending administrative approval. Dr. Rhodes, who also has been appointed professor of cellular & integrative physiology, will assume his new post June 1.

Dr. Rhodes joined the IUPUI faculty in 1995 after serving as a postdoctoral fellow and then as an assistant research endocrinologist in the Department of Medicine at the University of California at San Diego. He received his doctorate in biochemistry at Purdue University in 1991.

At IUPUI, Dr. Rhodes has been active in graduate affairs, serving as a member of the biology graduate committee since 1995, and chair of the graduate recruitment committee from 2000 to 2004. He also has served on graduate student advisory committees at IUPUI and IUSM, Purdue University and the Bloomington Medical Sciences Program.

His ties to IUSM include collaborations with several researchers that resulted in journal publications and he has served on search and screen committees for several positions at the School. He has been an adjunct faculty member in the

Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology since 1996, a member of the Paul and Carole Stark Neurosciences Research Institute since 2003, the IU Cancer Center since 1995, and the IU Center for Regenerative Biology and Medicine since 2000.

Dr. Rhodes research focuses on how key regulatory genes direct the determination and differentiation of individual endocrine cell lineages during vertebrate development.

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U.S. News releases graduate rankings

Indiana University graduate programs in medicine, law, business, psychology, sociology, history and education received high rankings in the 2006 edition of U.S. News & World Report's "America's Best Graduate Schools."

IUSM was listed as 37th for primary care, up from 45th last year; and 45th in research, down from 39th a year ago.

The criteria for the rankings include peer assessment, residency directors' scores, average undergrad GPA, average MCAT scores, NIH research grant awards, faculty/student ratio, percent of grads awarded one of top three residency choices, out-of-state tuition and fees, and total medical school enrollment.

The complete rankings will be posted on the magazine's Web site April 4 at www.usnews.com.

The full rankings by U.S. News & World Report also will be released in the book "America's Best Graduate Schools" and many of the rankings will appear in the magazine's issue that hits newsstands today.

Additional information on IU's rankings can be found at medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=305.

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Dean's Message: Controversy over discussion group on 'Homosexuality: Bible and Science'

Not all may be aware that in mid-February a discussion was held on "Homosexuality: Bible and Science." I apologize for the delay in my message; I was not aware until recently when the controversy it created was brought to my attention. This discussion was not a part of the curriculum; rather an interest group scheduled a meeting on the topic, directed interested parties to a Web site and extended a welcome for any interested parties to attend. The discussion was led by one of our faculty members.

I would like to address this controversy in the context of the articulated values of the School, professionalism, freedom of expression, evidence-based medicine and the special responsibilities of faculty members. In doing so, my hope is that the principles espoused here are applicable to a range of situations and that their application is reflective of our values, of our professionalism and of responsibility-centered care.

Values: The School has specifically articulated its values in a document entitled "Core Values and Guiding Principles" (www.medicine.iu.edu/administration/dean/corevalues.html). In it, we specifically state that we shall treat all patients and each other with mutual respect and dignity, specifically:

"...the School strives to inculcate values of professional and collegial attitudes and behaviors in interactions among members of the School community and among School members and patients, their families and community members at-large, that accommodate difference, whether in age, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities, social, cultural, religious or ethnic values."

This means what it says. It also means that if one of us has a personal philosophy or belief that causes us to disrespect a patient or colleague, then we are obligated to leave those beliefs at home. Even better, we recalibrate

that belief since we realize that it is inconsistent with the egalitarian acceptance that is fundamental to medicine.

Professionalism: One of the main tenets of professionalism is that we place the needs of others ahead of our own. This does not simply mean that we stay late to care for a sick patient instead of going home to have dinner with our family. It means that we do more than provide care **to** patients; rather, we care **for and about** patients and, as an extension, one another. This responsibility of professionalism includes subjugating our personal beliefs and philosophies to make certain that we treat all patients with the same respect and caring attitude. Note how this mandate of professionalism is harmonious with the Core Values the School has articulated.

One way to think of this and put it in perspective is to consider yourself as a patient. How do you want to be treated? As many of you know, my wife and I travel to our Kenya program periodically. Suppose she or I got sick while we were there. If I went to see a Kenyan physician, it is understandable that he or she might look at me and think of my British genes and the colonial oppression Kenyans suffered at Britain's hands, or that many Kenyans and other Africans were enslaved by my countrymen.

Do I want my care to be encumbered by whatever beliefs and philosophies that history might have caused in this skilled clinician in whose hands I place my health? Of course not. If we expect an egalitarian attitude from our treating physician and to be cared **for and about**, then we should demand the same of ourselves.

Freedom of Expression: We are a community of scholars; as such we should not only welcome but embrace a culture wherein people have the right to express their opinions. Such expression should always be in a dignified and thoughtful fashion. Dialogue should be polite and respectful. To be otherwise is not consistent with our values. Stridency either for or against a position is inappropriate.

It is also inappropriate for the School to be a "philosophy cop." Free exchange of ideas should serve to broaden all of us. Even if we vehemently disagree with a position, hearing it allows us to know the reality of its existence and to decide how we will individually deal with it.

Most importantly, virtually any view you hear expressed by your colleagues will be seen again in a patient for whom you care in the future. Shouldn't such an experience help you be a better doctor, a more professional doctor, when you are dealing with a patient who may have views that are antithetical to your own? Hearing polar views from your colleagues also gives you the opportunity to point out to those expressing them that they must not allow such views to adversely affect their care for patients. Instead of engaging in an argument that is not amenable to logic and therefore cannot be resolved, a more fruitful course may be a dialogue about the professionalism that must govern patient care.

Evidence-based Medicine: If we are to provide the best care we can, we must be evidence-based. No matter what our beliefs, it is our responsibility to read the literature broadly and make care decisions according to the breadth of evidence. We must be open to information that may not fit comfortably with our beliefs, religious or otherwise. In terms of the current controversy, attendees were referred to the following web sites:

www.cmdahome.org/?CONTEXT=art&cat=100114&art=2553 and

www.cmdahome.org/?CONTEXT=art&cat=100114&art=2554.

More data than is included here is readily available. For example, the American Psychological Association addresses questions about sexual orientation and homosexuality at www.apa.org/pubinfo/answers.html.

If we are to be a community of scholars, we must examine the breadth of the evidence.

Responsibilities as Faculty Members: Faculty members have special roles. How we act and behave and relate to one another is a powerful hidden curriculum. We are role models in virtually everything we do. Students give us deference and put us on a pedestal we don't deserve and no matter how often we ask them not to do so, they still do it.

Thus, it is especially incumbent on each and every faculty member to enact our values, to live all the tenets of professionalism, to embrace freedom of expression and to examine all the evidence. It should be obvious that this must be the case no matter what personal beliefs and philosophies an individual faculty member might have.

We must remember that it is our responsibility to imbue each and every one of our students as if they might be caring

for one of our family or loved ones some day—and do we want them to provide care to us, or do we want them to care for and about us?

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Med students' community project nets national honors

An IUSM student-organized program to help the needy has garnered national attention from the American Medical Student Association Foundation.

The foundation recognized IU medical students and residents for the Best Community Outreach National Primary Care Week Project for 2004. The award is presented annually to a U.S. medical school having the largest participation in activities and programs designed to serve the poor.

Last October, the IU Internal Medicine Student Interest Group organized a week-long series of presentations from community health-care experts. The week was capped with a community health fair at a downtown Indianapolis clinic. More than 100 medical students and residents provided free health screenings and offered health education and safety information to the needy.

"With the increasing number of uninsured patients and need for adequate health care in our country, it's important for future physicians to consider primary care careers," says fourth-year medical student Shannon Gearhart, who organized many of the week's activities. She said the support of the Indiana Area Health Education Center was instrumental in making the project a success.

The health fair has become a staple program for IU medical students. It coincides with National Primary Care Week, which advocates the importance of medical care and brings health-care professionals together to better serve the poor and those with limited or no access to medical care.

The American Medical Student Association is the oldest and largest independent association of medical students in the United States.

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IUSM library has new role as calendar pin-up

A photograph of the IUSM Library has been selected to be published on the front cover of the Elsevier & Majors 2005 Calendar. Elsevier, a major international publisher of print and electronic books, journals and databases, ran a competition for the best photograph of a medical library.

Doug Bartlow of the Medical School Library submitted the winning entry featuring the Library and Medical Research building with the Clarian PeopleMover in the foreground.

The photograph is available to be used (with permission) at:
<http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/libraryhistory/library2004.html>.

Contact Doug Bartlow at jbartlo@iupui.edu for information.

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Hospital quality information now online

Beginning April 1, helpful information on hospital quality will be available to the general public for the first time through the new consumer Web site www.HospitalCompare.hhs.gov.

This site marks a milestone in public accountability and is the outcome of a landmark public-private partnership

between hospitals, government agencies and other health-care organizations, known as the Hospital Quality Alliance.

Families and communities will be able to examine quality information and make an apples-to-apples comparison of hospitals. By using a common set of measures, the public will be able to access relevant data, presented in laymen's terms, to help them make important health care decisions.

In 2002, the AHA, Federation of American Hospitals and Association of American Medical Colleges worked together to develop a national strategy to provide relevant information on hospital performance to the public.

The site's launch is an important first step in hospitals' efforts to publicly report quality information, and the site will continue to evolve as new conditions and measures are added.

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Faculty promotion materials online

Faculty promotion dossier materials for promotions effective July 1, 2006, are available on the Web at <http://administration.iusm.iu.edu/promotion.html>. Dossiers will be due in the IUSM Dean's Office (Academic Administration) no later than **Friday, July 15**.

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Telemedicine topic of international student group

Eugene Helveston, IU professor emeritus of ophthalmology, will discuss his work with ORBIS International from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, April 5, in room B26, Medical Sciences Building. He is the ophthalmologist-in-chief and senior vice president of telemedicine for ORBIS, an organization dedicated to reducing or eliminating preventable blindness in developing countries.

His presentation, "Telemedicine: Providing Consultation and Education in Ophthalmology" is co-sponsored by the IUSM International Medicine Student Interest Group and the IUPUI Medical Humanities Program.

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Fun run, health fair hosted by medical students, Wishard – April 9

The Indiana State Medical Association's Medical Student Society has teamed with Wishard Health Services and WTHR Channel 13 to host a health fair 5K run/walk in Eagle Creek Park Saturday, April 9.

Registration for "Spring Into Shape" begins at 7:30 a.m. with the walk/run beginning at 8:30 a.m. The event coincides with this year's AMA-MSS service project that focuses on reducing obesity.

Cost for the event is \$5 in advance and \$10 the day of the run. Fees include park entrance, T-shirt, healthy snacks and water. Also, health screenings and information about healthy living will be available.

Email isma_healthyife@yahoo.com with questions or for a registration form.

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IUPUI Health Services shortens hours for April 7

IUPUI Student/Occupational Health Services will close between 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Thursday, April 7, while staff members attend clinical education classes.

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Medical Alumni Weekend coming in May

The 2005 Spring Medical Alumni Weekend is May 13-14.

All IUSM Alumni can participate in the all-alumni reception and Strawberry Shortcake Luncheon. Reunions will be hosted for classes graduating in 1942 and in years ending with a "5" or a "0."

To register, view class composites, or to submit personal updates online see www.iupui.edu/~alumrels/medicine/reunions.shtml.

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ScholarChip Classic – June 8

The ninth annual ScholarChip Classic Alumni-Student Golf Open is Wednesday, June 8, at Bent Tree Golf Club. Tee time is 1 p.m.

Students, and alumni of the IU schools of dentistry and medicine and the Kelley School of Business – Indianapolis are invited to participate in the event which raises funds for scholarships. Each foursome is comprised of two alumni and two students. Team registration is \$300; individual registration is \$150.

For additional information, contact the IU Alumni Association at 274-4555, or 866-267-3104.

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Advice for researchers forming start-up companies available April 5

EDF Ventures, which assists researchers forming start-up companies, wants to meet with IUSM faculty to learn about their clinical interests, research and thoughts on commercializing their work.

IUSM and the IU Research and Technology Corporation are hosting EDF Ventures on Tuesday, April 5. Two of its partners, Mary Campbell and Mike DeVries will be at IURTC, 351 W. 10th St., to meet with faculty interested in commercializing their inventions.

EDF Ventures provides equity capital to early-stage enterprises. They have a particular interest in assisting researchers within the university environment who plan to start companies. As seen their Web site at www.edfvc.com, EDF has funded several companies over its history, some of which began in a university.

Intralase is one such company, now publicly trading on NASDAQ as "ILSE." At the time of EDF's first investment, there was no corporate entity and only a rough prototype of the medical device. EDF assisted the scientific founders in refining the product strategy, adding expertise to develop clinical trial strategy, building a management team and recruiting additional investors.

Contact Jack Pincus, IURTC's vice president of technology transfer, at jpincus@iu.edu, or 274-5904, to schedule an appointment.

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Seminars to address IRB policy changes

The IU Clinical Trials Program and the Office of Research Compliance Administration are co-sponsoring a series of

educational seminars for researchers and staff about anticipated changes to IRB policies, processes and forms resulting from the recent review and accreditation process conducted by the Association for the Accreditation of Human Research Protection Programs Inc.

Educational sessions have been divided into two general content areas and each area will be presented twice to accommodate busy schedules. The sessions in April will deal primarily with changes to the initial approval process; sessions in May will deal with issues affecting project management after a study has been approved.

The target audience is anyone conducting or assisting with trials involving human subject research on IUPUI/Clarian affiliated campuses. Details about the programs can be found under "Educational Seminars in Clinical Research 2005" on the Clinical Trials ProgramWeb site at medicine.iupui.edu/ctp/pdf/2005%20Educate.rtf.

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IU Geriatrics Conferences for April

Two IU Geriatrics Conferences are planned for April. Each session is from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. in Wishard Memorial Hospital, room T2008 A and B:

April 6 "Post-Op Cognitive Deficiencies in the Older Adult"
Malaz Boustani, MD
Assistant professor of medicine

April 20 "Cholesterol Management in Older Individuals"
Mark Deeg, MD
Director, IU Vascular Health Program

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Combined Seminar Series for April

The IU Cancer Center Combined Seminar Series meets Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium. April's lineup:

April 6 Marcus T. Kuo, PhD, professor, molecular pathology – research, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, "Evolution of Drug Resistance in GI Cancers"

April 13 David Pellman, MD, co-director of education (research), Department of Hematology-Oncology, Children's Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, "Ploidy, Genome Stability and Cancer"

April 20 No seminar

April 27 Haiyan Fu, PhD, associate professor, Emory University, "14-3-3 and its Regulation of Apoptosis Signal-regulating Kinase 1 (ASK1)"

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Bioethics Research Rounds for April

Jason Eberl, PhD, IU assistant professor and graduate co-director of the Department of Philosophy, will be the Friday, April 8, speaker for the Bioethics Research Rounds.

BRR sessions are from noon to 1 p.m. in the IU Center for Bioethic's conference room at 714 N. Senate Ave. on the second Friday of each month. This is a brown bag lecture series; beverages are provided.

The series, hosted by the Center, is an opportunity for faculty to present and learn about bioethics research in progress.

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Birthday of John Shaw Billings to be observed

The 167th anniversary of the birth of John Shaw Billings will be observed from noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, by the medical society that carries his name. The event will take place in room 301 of the Ruth Lilly Medical Library.

A native Hoosier, Dr. Billings was a Civil War surgeon, medical librarian and hospital designer. He created the indexing that has become Medline, designed the New York Public Library, the Johns Hopkins Hospital, in addition to other projects.

The John Shaw Billings History of Medicine Society will host programs at 12:30 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to include:

- Honoring William H. Wishard, a surgeon of the 48th Indiana Infantry Regiment. He will be portrayed by Fred Schaefer, who will demonstrate Civil War surgery at 12:30 p.m.
- Nancy Eckerman will present her talk on Indiana's Civil War Surgeons.
- John Joseph Cash will discuss aspects of Civil War reenactments including medical reenacting.
- Displays of books used by surgeons from that era and books written by Dr. Billings will be available.

More information on Dr. Billings can be found at www.medlib.iupui.edu/hom/billings.html.

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Pediatrician open house for Riley autism center – April 13

An open house to familiarize pediatric care physicians with issues related to autism will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, April 13 at the Ruth Lilly Learning Center in the lower level of the Riley Outpatient Center.

The event is hosted by the Christian Sarkine Autism Treatment Center at Riley Hospital which recently launched Helping Answer Needs by Developing Specialists in Autism.

The HANDS in Autism program was established with a \$468,000 grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the Center and Clarian Health Partners, creating an intensive training program that will initially be geared to teachers, administrators and other personnel in local school districts.

Information will be distributed to private pediatricians, libraries and all Clarian facilities in central Indiana, primarily at Riley Hospital, Indiana University Hospital and Methodist Hospital throughout the year.

For more information about the HANDS in Autism program, call 278-4887, or send email to pamander@iupui.edu.

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McRobbie keynote speaker at Spring Research Symposium

The Spring Research Symposium, sponsored by the IU Research and Sponsored Programs offices, will be presented

from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thursday, April 14, at the IUPUI University Library Lilly Auditorium.

"Facing the Challenges of Research and Sponsored Programs Administration Together," the research symposium features IU Vice President for Research Michael McRobbie as the keynote speaker.

For more information, see www.iupui.edu/~resed/symposiumspring05intro.htm.

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Doris H. Merritt Annual Lecture – April 26

The IU National Center of Excellence in Women's Health is hosting the fifth annual Doris H. Merritt, MD, Annual Lectureship in Women's Health at noon, Tuesday, April 26, in the Indiana Cancer Research Institute auditorium. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m.

The lecture, "Women in Academic Leadership: Institutional Transformation Required," will be presented by Molly Carnes, MD, MS, professor of medicine and director of the National Center of Excellence in Women's Health at the University of Wisconsin.

Reservations are required. Contact Tina Darling at 630-2243, or tdarling@iupui.edu for more information or to RSVP.

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Brown bag financial planning, retirement seminars for April

Brown bag financial planning and retirement seminars for April, sponsored by the IUPUI Human Resources Administration, are open to faculty, staff and students. The free seminars are from noon to 1 p.m. at various locations on campus.

For additional information or to register for a seminar, see www.hra.iupui.edu/signup. Feel free to bring your lunch. To register for these seminars, access the "SignUp" registration system by going to www.hra.iupui.edu/signup. Inquiries may be directed to 274-8931 or hrratng@iupui.edu.

Topics of the April sessions are "Rollover Solutions," "Tax Smart Ways to Save and Invest," "PERF Retirement Plan – the Basics," "Planning Ahead for Retirement" and "Smart Women Finish Rich."

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Correction

John Butterworth IV, MD, the newly named chair of the IU Department of Anesthesia, succeeds Ken Gwartz, MD, who has served as interim chair since 2003 when long-time chair Robert K. Stoelting retired. The March 28 issue of *Scope* misidentified Dr. Butterworth's predecessor.

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Honors

Richard Hamburger, MD, has been honored with the Distinguished Nephrology Service Award from the Renal Physicians Association. The award was presented to Dr. Hamburger, an IU professor of medicine, at the annual meeting of the RPA in March. He was recognized for his 30 years of service to the professional society.

Hugh Hendrie, MB, ChB, is the National Alzheimer's Association medical researcher honoree this year. He will receive

their honors at the 2005 Chicago Rita Hayworth Gala in Chicago in May. Dr. Hendrie is being recognized for his career dedication to Alzheimer's disease research. He is a professor of psychiatry, served as department chair from 1975 to 2000, and is a research scientist at the IU Center on Aging Research and the Regenstrief Institute. This year's Chicago Rita Hayworth Gala "Affair in Trinidad" will be held on Saturday, May 7, at the Civic Opera House.

James (Jamie) Jones, MD, associate professor of clinical emergency medicine, has been named to the Board of Directors of the American Board of Emergency Medicine. Dr. Jones has been an oral examiner on the board for the past 15 years. ABEM is a member of the American Board of Medical Specialties and is the certifying board for emergency medicine.

Alexander Niculescu III, MD, PhD, is the recipient of the American Psychiatric Association AstraZeneca Young Minds in Psychiatry International Award and of the National Alliance for Research on Schizophrenia and Depression Young Investigator Award. The AstraZeneca award, which includes a \$45,000 prize, will be presented to Dr. Niculescu May 24 at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association in Atlanta. The NARSAD Award for 2005-2007 includes \$60,000 in funding for research. The Young Investigator Award Program provides support for promising young scientists conducting research into schizophrenia, major affective disorders or other serious mental illnesses. Dr. Niculescu is an assistant professor of psychiatry and a scientist with the Institute for Psychiatric Research.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 10, 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-hosts are Kathy Miller, MD, and Diane Willis.

Guests include Elizabeth Blackburn, PhD, professor of biology and physiology at the University of California, who will talk about the relationship of severe emotional stress and aging and the disruptive role tiny bits of DNA known as telomeres plays in that relationship.

Minimally invasive breast biopsies and the new diagnostic tool making the option quicker and more precise is the topic of Gillian Newstead, MD, associate professor of radiology and director of clinical breast imaging at the University of Chicago, and Joe Mark, co-founder and vice president of technology of Indianapolis-based Suros Surgical Systems.

Sound Medicine correspondent Eric Metcalf will present a special essay on out-of-date forms of medicine and the appeal they may still hold for many.

Sound Medicine co-host and breast cancer specialist Kathy Miller, MD, and special host Diane Willis will discuss a new breast cancer research project that will be launched at the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure April 16.

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 daly.medicine.iu.edu/med/Public/Calendar/default.asp?view=Week. 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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- fax your information to (317) 278-8722

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