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What time is it? Wishard Telethon time

The Wishard Telethon will air throughout central Indiana from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Monday, Aug. 8, on WTHR Channel 13. Wishard's rich history and stories of healing and hope from Wishard patients and their families will air during the special, which is the third annual telethon for Wishard Health Services.

For more than 145 years, Wishard has provided high quality, cost-effective health care to the citizens of Marion County. Rising health-care costs, increased demand for Wishard's services for the poor and declining reimbursement rates have put Indiana's largest public hospital in one of the most challenging financial positions in the organization's history.

As it does each year through its televised fundraising event, Wishard Health Services is appealing to the community to contribute critical funds for patient care needs throughout the hospital, its seven community health centers and Midtown Community Mental Health Center.

"This event is especially important in these challenging economic times, as rising rates of uninsured individuals coupled with increasing health-care costs severely strain Wishard's ability to provide needed care," said Lisa E. Harris, MD, chief executive officer and medical director for Wishard Health Services. "We are grateful for the community's help and support in addressing this Indianapolis-wide health-care crisis."

Since 2002, Wishard Telethons have raised more than \$2 million for Wishard Health Services. Patient care areas benefiting from past telethon contributions include the Richard M. Fairbanks Burn Center, Wishard's Emergency Department, the Wishard Ambulance Service, IU/Wishard Level I Trauma Center, the special care nursery, the palliative care program and Midtown Community Mental Health Center.

Corporations making major contributions to the Wishard Telethon 2005 include IU Medical Group; Clarian Health Partners; University Plastic Surgery Associates; FTI Cambio Health Solutions; Delta Dental; Indianapolis Power & Light; Anthem; the Law Offices of Wilson, Kehoe & Winingham; IKON Office Solutions; and Lamar Outdoor Advertising.

Contributions may be made to Wishard Health Services at any time by calling the Wishard Telethon office at 630-6502 or by visiting www.wishard.edu.

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Annual Faculty Survey available online

The 2005 Faculty Annual Summary Report (ASR) now is available and should be completed by all regular faculty members who were active faculty during the past academic year (2004-2005). The deadline for submission is **Friday, Sept. 2**.

Primary changes this year include:

- On-line help has been added, including buttons with "More Information" and "See Examples" on each page. In addition, pop-up boxes with definitions are available throughout the forms.
- Graduate, medical school and undergraduate course teaching has been consolidated into one "Course" section. All information related to a course (such as lecture, course administration, mentoring, curriculum development) will be captured within this section.
- Clinical service roles, such as hospital committees, clinical administration, etc., have been added throughout the survey.
- MACs will no longer be supported in this application; insufficient resources make it impossible to do so during this reporting period. Microsoft will end support for Internet Explorer on Macintosh PCs in December 2005.

Past information provided in the Faculty ASR has been beneficial to the development of the 3D faculty effort model, and this year's data is expected to provide aggregate information for legislators, central university management and hospitals to support the ongoing success of IUSM's educational endeavors.

The survey is available at <https://technology.iusm.iu.edu/asrv4/login.asp>. Contact Erik Cornet at finaff@iupui.edu with problems or questions about accessing the survey.

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Medicare drug coverage discussed July 21

"Ensuring Prescription Drug Coverage for People with Medicare" is the topic of three presentations Thursday, July 21, sponsored by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in IU Hospital, room 101; from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Methodist Hospital, room DG422B; and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. for physicians and pharmacists in Petticrew Auditorium, Methodist Hospital.

Medicare will begin offering prescription drug coverage Jan. 1, to all people with Medicare coverage. There will be extra help available for people with limited incomes and resources to assist in paying the premiums, deductibles and co-pays.

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is hosting training workshops to discuss how distinct populations with varying health-care needs can benefit from Medicare drug coverage. CMS personnel also will be available following the training to discuss practice implications with health-care providers.

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Final summer seminar for undergraduates – July 21

For college students working on campus and interested in a career in medicine, "Financing Medical School," the final session of the four-part series, will be from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday, July 21, in the Riley Outpatient Center Ruth Lilly

Learning Center, conference rooms A and B.

This seminar is free and participants are welcome to bring their lunch. For additional information, contact the IUSM Office of Admissions at 274-3772.

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FEED seminar - Aug. 17

The next in the series of Faculty Enrichment and Education Development seminars will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 17, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium.

This two-hour session, facilitated by Richard Kohler, MD, is designed to enhance teaching skills by emphasizing the importance of setting educational goals for students.

FEED seminars, hosted by the IU Department of Medicine, are conducted quarterly.

For additional information or to register, contact Sandra Haley at 630-6263, or sdhaley@iupui.edu.

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MCAT converts to computer-based format

The Association of American Medical Colleges will convert the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT®) to an entirely computer-based format within the next two years. The paper version of the test will be administered only through 2006.

The AAMC has signed a contract with Thomson Prometric, part of The Thomson Corporation, to deliver the computer-based MCAT to locations in the United States and around the world.

The upgrade to computer-based format will provide examinees and medical schools with more test dates each year, faster score results, a more controlled testing environment and a shorter test day. As the exam is converted to the new format, the number of questions on the MCAT will be significantly reduced.

Thomson Prometric currently administers the MCAT in computer format at selected test centers as an alternative for examinees who prefer a computer-based test to the "fill-in-the-bubbles" paper version. This pilot implementation has allowed the AAMC and Thomson Prometric to develop effective systems and processes for the computer-based test and will be continued through 2006. A trial implementation at all testing locations will occur during the August 2006 administration of the MCAT.

The new MCAT also will include technology that can capture an examinee's thumbprint electronically, rather than on paper as is the current practice. This innovative verification technology will shorten pre-test check-in time and will enhance test administrators' ability to verify examinees eligible to take the test.

The AAMC currently administers more than 60,000 MCAT examinations each year at more than 600 locations around the world.

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Campus traffic alert

Parking lot 75 at the corner of Michigan Street and University Boulevard will close on or after Aug. 1. The closure will be for building demolition in preparation for the new Campus Center.

Information on the Campus Center can be found at www.life.iupui.edu/campcntr/.

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Night bike ride to impact traffic flow July 23

The N.I.T.E. Ride bicycling event on Saturday, July 23, will affect traffic on the medical center campus and downtown Indianapolis. Riders will pass through the medical center campus from about 11:15 p.m. to midnight and through the Downtown until about 1 a.m.

The route of the N.I.T.E. Ride will cross 10th Street from Stadium Drive and proceed south on University Boulevard. Employees who require access to or from the "contained area" bounded by 10th Street, University Blvd., Michigan Street, and Porto Alegre Street will be able to use the two westbound lanes of 10th Street, which will temporarily be used for two-way traffic across the White River between Porto Alegre Street and White River Parkway West Drive. The eastbound lanes will be temporarily blocked for use by bicyclists on the event route.

Personnel departing from this area will use the right-hand westbound lane across the 10th Street bridge over White River. Personnel who require access to or from the area inside the cycling route (such as at Methodist Hospital) may do so via I-65 using the exits and entrances at 21st Street or West Street.

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They vont your blood

The IUPUI University Library Specialist Group is sponsoring its third annual summer blood drive from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 19, in UL room 1126.

Contact Teresa McCurry at 274-0462, or tmccurry@iupui.edu, to schedule your donation.

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Pop tab celebration hosted by Ronald McDonald House

The Ronald McDonald House of Indiana has been collecting pop tabs for 10 years. To celebrate this achievement, they are hosting a Pop Tab Drop in Monument Circle from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, July 29.

Everyone is invited to deposit pop tabs to help reach the goal of collecting 5 million tabs in four hours. The first 100 people with a gallon jug or more of tabs will receive a T-shirt, courtesy of the Speedway Lions Club. Children can have their pictures taken with Ronald McDonald from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

For additional information about the Ronald McDonald House, see www.rhm-indiana.org.

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Scope hiatus

Scope will be on its normal summer break and will publish only as needed. Weekly publication will resume Aug. 22.

Archived issues of *Scope* can be accessed at www.medicine.indiana.edu/scope/archscope.html.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, July 24, 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 David Crabb, MD, and Kathy Miller, MD.

Guests include Jeffrey Towbin, MD, chief of cardiology at the Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, who will discuss his research of cardiomyopathy in muscular dystrophy patients.

Perri Klass, MD, a pediatrician at Boston University School of Medicine, and her mother Sheila Solomon Klass to discuss generational attitude differences on personal health care. The duo teamed up to write "Every Mother is a Daughter," which is expected to hit newsstands next spring.

The shortage of bone marrow donors in minority populations will be the topic of a report from special correspondent Daniel Kraker of Arizona Public Radio.

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.

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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
- fax your information to (317) 278-8722

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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