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## White Coat Ceremony – a rite of passage

One by one, they stepped forward to receive their first white lab coats. Collectively, they recited an oath promising to act professionally and compassionately.

Those are among the rites nearly 300 first-year students experienced at the White Coat Ceremony Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Murat Theatre.

With their families and friends looking on, the Class of 2009 were presented with white lab coats and then repeated a pledge whose origins are attributed to the Greek physician Hippocrates.

The White Coat Ceremony has become a staple activity at IUSM. It precedes the start of classes which will lead students in their first year through gross anatomy, histology, neurobiology, biochemistry, physiology, microbiology and immunology and introduction to medicine. The second year focuses on biostatistics, pharmacology, medical genetics, pathology and emergency medicine.

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## IUSM students complete family medicine clerkships

Thirty-four IUSM first-year students gained real-world knowledge and exposure this summer by working with

primary-care physicians throughout Indiana.

As part of the 2005 Primary Care Scholars' Consortium, the students spent eight weeks with a family physician in an Indiana area designated as medically underserved by the Indiana Department of Health.

Currently, 63 of Indiana's 92 counties are designated as a health professional shortage area (HPSA) or as a medically underserved area (MUA). The Primary Care Scholars' Consortium program was designed to combat this shortage.

Students were matched with physicians practicing in community-based Indiana clinics in hopes the eight-week program will positively influence career choice and practice environments. Each student received a stipend funded by program sponsors.

The Consortium, with its seven primary-care summer internships, was formed in 1999 and is coordinated by the IU Department of Family Medicine.

Consortium members include the Cinergy Foundation, Deaconess Hospital Family Practice Residency Program, Fort Wayne Center for Medical Education, the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians, the Midwest Center for Rural Health, St. Joseph's Medical Center, and the IU Department of Family Medicine.

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## McDonald to help bring IUSM research discoveries to the marketplace

Robert McDonald, MD, MBA, a life sciences business consultant with extensive experience at Eli Lilly and Co. and Anthem Inc. (now Wellpoint), has been selected to help speed the conversion of ideas and intellectual property from research at IU and the School of Medicine in particular into new life science products and businesses.

McDonald was appointed clinical director of life sciences initiatives for the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, located at the IU Emerging Technology Center, 351 W. Tenth Street. The Emerging Technologies Center is the life sciences business incubator owned by the IU Research and Technology Corp. (formerly ARTI). McDonald's appointment was effective Aug. 1.

Dr. McDonald, volunteer clinical associate professor of medicine, will evaluate the likelihood of commercial success for bench and clinical research projects; bring the skills for evaluating these types of projects to IU faculty; and provide business coaching services to companies in the Emerging Technology Center.

McDonald has experience in bringing pharmaceutical products to market having worked in the Lilly Research Laboratories, and has marketing experience based on 10 years at Anthem. He now provides consulting services to life science and health service companies through Aledo Consulting, which he will continue to do in parallel with this new position.

The new position was developed by IUSM Dean Craig Brater, MD; Donald Kuratko, PhD, executive director of the Johnson Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at the Kelley School of Business, and Mark Long, president and CEO of the Emerging Technology Center and of IURTC.

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## Ragatz, Vilensky to share responsibilities

Barth Ragatz, PhD, has announced his intention to retire as assistant dean and director of IUSM - Fort Wayne in the spring. Joel Vilensky, PhD, has agreed to serve as interim director of IUSM-FW and will be responsible for day-to-day operations, effective immediately.

Dr. Ragatz joined the faculty of the medical school in 1972 and has directed the Fort Wayne Center since 1987. He will continue as the assistant dean and oversee planning and fund-raising for the new facility that will house the IUSM

educational and research programs in Fort Wayne.

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## Research vice chancellor to go west; accepts UNR position

Mark Brenner, PhD, who has served for seven years as vice chancellor for research and graduate education at IUPUI, has been named vice president for research and dean of the Graduate School at the University of Nevada, Reno. Dr. Brenner's final day at IUPUI will be Wednesday, Aug. 31.

As vice chancellor for research and graduate education at IUPUI, Dr. Brenner has been responsible for the administration of research and sponsored programs. He is well-known nationally for his knowledge on issues of research compliance and development of the Electronic Research Administration.

With Sherry Queener, PhD, as his associate dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Brenner said his office changed graduate education on the IUPUI campus. The office team has created numerous new graduate programs, including graduate certificates, masters and PhD programs.

In partnership with Nancy Chism, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs, the office developed a viable Preparing Future Faculty program (PFF). Involving master degree students in the PFF program has the potential of being a new national model, he noted.

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## Wishard Telethon a success

The fourth annual Wishard Telethon raised \$1,801,231 to assist Indiana's largest public hospital.

The telethon was broadcast Aug. 8 on WTHR Channel 13 and the final tally incorporated funds raised by the telethon and the Wishard Memorial Foundation throughout the year.

As it does each year through this televised fundraising event, Wishard Health Services appealed 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.

Year-round fundraising efforts include special events such as school fundraisers and Midtown Community Mental Health Center art shows, program-specific initiatives including those for Women's and Children's Services and Senior Care at Wishard; several golf outings, St. Margaret's Hospital Guild contributions, corporate and foundation gifts as well as individual donations.

Contributions may be made to Wishard Health Services anytime by calling the Wishard Telethon office at 630-6502, or by visiting [www.Wishard.edu](http://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.
- Macintosh PCs 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](mailto:finaff@iupui.edu) with problems or questions about accessing the survey.

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## Expanded services available for adults with genetic disorders

Adeel Zaidi, MD, clinical professor of medical and molecular genetics, has joined the IUSM faculty to expand clinical services for adult patients with genetic diseases. This program is in addition to the cancer genetics clinic overseen by Gail Vance, MD.

Dr. Zaidi recently completed a residency in medical genetics at IUSM, and previously completed an internship and residency in internal medicine at IUSM.

The adult medical genetics clinic, located in IU Hospital, provides risk assessment, diagnostic testing, genetic counseling and follow-up for a wide variety of diseases such as Marfan syndrome, hereditary hemorrhagic telangiectasia, familial cardiomyopathy and inherited thrombophilia.

Family members of affected individuals who seek risk assessment and testing or others in need of the services can schedule an appointment by calling 274-8660 or (800) 486-6124. Questions regarding the clinic and the services provided should be directed to Jessica Claybrook, MS, at 278-8847.

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## Novartis exec to discuss favorable research sites

"Good Clinical Research Sites and Why We Go Back – A Sponsor's Perspective" will be the topic of Scot Harper, vice president of U.S. Clinical Research Operations, Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp., from noon to 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 25, in the Wishard Memorial Hospital Tudor Auditorium

The program for clinical researchers and staff is hosted by the IU Clinical Trials Program. Lunch will be served for the first 50 in attendance. Contact Michelle Murray at 278-2868, or [mimurray@iupui.edu](mailto:mimurray@iupui.edu) to register.

CEU credit is available for members of the Society of Clinical Research Associates and the Association of Clinical Research Professionals. The session will be repeated at 6 p.m. in room 101, Indiana Cancer Pavilion, as a local ACRP chapter meeting for those unable to attend the noon session.

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## GI cancer seminar offered Sept. 16

"Gastrointestinal Oncology: The IU Multidisciplinary Approach" will be Friday, Sept. 16, at the Indiana History Center. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., and the program will be from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Open to medical oncologists, surgeons, gastroenterologists, interventional radiologists, radiation oncologists and nurses, the program, presented by IUSM faculty, will focus on state of the art multidisciplinary management of patients with esophageal, colorectal, pancreatic, and biliary tract malignancy.

For information or to register, contact the IUSM Division of Continuing Medical Education at 274-8353, or <http://cme.medicine.iu.edu>.

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## Help available for researchers needing online research

Faculty in need of extensive online searches for research projects may be interested in students enrolled in classes in the School of Library and Information Science.

Mary Alice Ball, PhD, an assistant professor in the School, is teaching two courses with about 40 students in all, that require experience in conducting complex online information searches or literature reviews. She is seeking "clients" for the students to work with throughout the semester. The students will tailor their final products to meet the client's needs.

Dr. Ball is accepting potential clients on a first come, first served basis. Students will be paired with clients based on a common research interest.

Contact her at [mball2@iupui.edu](mailto:mball2@iupui.edu) for additional information.

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## Biomedical research grants available

The application deadline for an IUSM biomedical research grant is **Friday, Sept. 1**.

The objective of the Biomedical Research Committee is to foster scholarly and creative research by worthy investigators so that they can compete successfully for extramural research support.

In general, two categories of research projects will benefit from this program:

- Research projects of investigators new to the school who do not yet have extramural funding and who need support to acquire the preliminary data necessary to compete for extramural funding
- Research projects of established investigators who are between funding periods from extramural sources.

Applications for both categories are considered small grants and should have a maximum requested amount of \$40,000 and be limited to one-year duration.

For additional information, including guidelines and forms, see [adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/brg.htm](http://adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/brg.htm). Applications must be submitted by the deadline to the executive associate dean for research affairs, Clinical Building, room 365.

Note that the same proposal may not be submitted as both a Biomedical Research Grant and a Showalter Trust application. If eligible for both programs, the investigator is encouraged to submit to the Showalter Trust. (For information on the Showalter Trust program, which has an annual deadline in early January, see <http://adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/srf.htm>.)

In addition, a special deadline has been established for this year only for the Research Enhancement Grant program for faculty at the regional centers for medical education. This deadline is **Friday, Sept. 1**. Information, including

guidelines and forms, can be found at <http://adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/rep.htm>. Applications must be submitted by the deadline to the executive associate dean for research affairs, room 365, Clinical Building.

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## Research Support Funds Grants available

The second round of funding for Research Support Funds Grants is now available. More information can be found at [www.iupui.edu/%7Eeresgrad/spon/rsfg/rsfg\\_guidelines05-06.htm](http://www.iupui.edu/%7Eeresgrad/spon/rsfg/rsfg_guidelines05-06.htm).

This program requires schools and colleges to review and rank these proposals. The internal deadline for IUSM grants to be received in the Dean's Office, room 365, Clinical Building, is **Monday, Oct. 3**. The dean's office will attach its review and ranking and deliver proposals to the campus Sponsored Programs Development Office.

Questions about the program can be addressed to Etta Ward, director, Sponsored Program Development, UL 1140, or by calling or emailing 278-8427 or [emward@iupui.edu](mailto:emward@iupui.edu). Questions about IUSM processing of these proposals will be answered by Sarah Wasserman, associate director for research administration, at CL365, or by calling or emailing her at 278-5894 or [swasserm@iupui.edu](mailto:swasserm@iupui.edu).

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## International fellowship program seeks applicants

The Fogarty International Center/Ellison Overseas Fellowship Program, a clinical research training experience for graduate level U.S. students in the health professions, is now accepting applications.

The program offers a one-year clinical research training experience to qualified students. The program offers highly motivated individuals an opportunity to experience mentored research training at top-ranked NIH funded research centers in a diverse group of countries, including Bangladesh, Botswana, Brazil, China, Haiti, India, Kenya, Mali, Peru, Russia, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda, and Zambia.

The program is sponsored by the NIH's Fogarty International Center in partnership with The Ellison Medical Foundation, the NIH National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, the NIH National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and the NIH National Institute on Drug Abuse. The Association of American Medical Colleges and the Association of Schools of Public Health are managing the program, which is beginning its third year.

For additional information, contact Yolanda Thomas, AAMC Division of Biomedical and Health Sciences Research, at [ythomas@aamc.org](mailto:ythomas@aamc.org), or 202-828-0481 or visit [www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/overseasfellowship/](http://www.aamc.org/students/medstudents/overseasfellowship/).

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## Minority barriers to health care topic of Women's Health Noon Lecture

Javier Sevilla-Martir, MD, assistant professor of family medicine and director of International Medicine and Hispanic Health at IUSM, will be the speaker at the Tuesday, Aug. 23, Women's Health Noon Lecture.

The noon to 1 p.m. lecture will be in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium. Lunch is provided.

Dr. Sevilla-Martir's topic will be "Barriers to Health Care Faced by the Hispanic Community."

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## Author donates book on history of statewide system

IUSM students and faculty will have the opportunity to discover the history surrounding the creation of our regional campus system, thanks to Beurt SerVaas, Med.Sc.D., IUSM Class of 1970. As a gift to the School, Dr. SerVaas has provided copies of his book, *The Serendipitous Creation of the Indiana Statewide System of Medical Education*.

Writing the book was a "labor of love" for Dr. SerVaas, who wants all IUSM students and faculty to understand that the creation of Indiana's statewide system was at the time very controversial and came about only because of a confluence of unexpected and fortuitous circumstances. The system, established by the Indiana legislature in 1971, has become a model for other medical schools in the United States and internationally.

The books arrived in early August, in time for inclusion with orientation materials for this fall's entering class of medical students. The remainder of Indianapolis medical students will receive a copy in their student mailboxes, and the book will be available in the Office of Graduate Studies for graduate students. Center directors will receive copies for their students and faculty; copies for Indianapolis faculty will be distributed through the departmental offices.

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## University Place Food Court hours

Roly Poly will be a new addition to the food outlets in the University Place Food Court for the Fall 2005 Semester. It will join Subway, University Place Gyros & Yogurt, and Luca's Pizza.

All the food outlets are open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and until at least 3 p.m. Fridays. Gyros & Yogurt is open until 5 p.m. Fridays. Subway also is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and Luca's serves from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

See [www.universityplace.iupui.edu](http://www.universityplace.iupui.edu) for additional information on University Place Conference Center and Hotel.

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## Scope to be published on Fridays, copy deadline changes

Beginning Sept. 2, *Scope* will be emailed to faculty, staff, residents and students on Friday afternoons. By distributing the IUSM official newsletter at the end of the week, readers will have more time to absorb the content and plan for the week ahead.

With the change in publication, the deadline for *Scope* copy will be modified. Copy must be received by 8:30 a.m. Thursday for inclusion in the following day's issue.

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

- e-mail the information to [mhardin@iupui.edu](mailto:mhardin@iupui.edu)
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- Dr. as a preface before names (designate MD or PhD)

If you have questions about a submission, call 274-7722.

If you would like to receive *Scope*, send your name, department and email address to [mhardin@iupui.edu](mailto:mhardin@iupui.edu).

## Honors

**Malaz Boustani**, MD, MPH, is one of 11 recipients nationwide of the 2005-2008 Paul B. Beeson Career Development Awards in Aging Research. As a Beeson Faculty Scholar in Aging Research, he will continue his research in dementia screening and treatment, aging baby boomers, assisted living facilities and other areas of concern to geriatricians and internists with older adult patients. The award also will fund his study "Enhancing Care for Hospitalized Older Adults with Cognitive Impairment." Dr. Boustani is the second IU and Regenstrief Institute researcher to receive this honor. **Christopher Callahan**, MD, director of the IU Center for Aging Research, was similarly honored in 1996.

**Mahim Jain**, MS 2, is the recipient of an Howard Hughes Medical Institute Continuing Fellowship for Medical Studies. The award includes a stipend for 12-month tenure and a cost-of-education allowance. The scholarship is awarded to students in the HHMI NIH Research Scholars Program or the HHMI Medical Fellows Program based on the research conducted over the past year. Mahim's award was based on a recommendation from this principal investigator at the NIH, essays on his research experience this past year and his potential for being a future scientific leader. Mahim will be in England completing a doctorate and has deferred the scholarship until 2008 when he returns to IUSM for his third year of medical school.

**John Kunzer**, MD, chief pediatrics resident, was recently recognized as the first recipient of the Red Shoes Resident of the Year Award. Dr. Kunzer was recognized in a ceremony in the atrium of Riley Hospital by Mark Edwards, MD, who nominated him; Jim Lemons, MD; the Red Shoes Award committee members; Riley staff who have received Red Shoes nominations; families and patients at Riley; and Steve and Barbara Bailie family, who were instrumental in creating the award. The Red Shoes Award Program recognizes outstanding accomplishments and contributions to Family-Centered Care at Riley Hospital. The award was inspired by the book *Hannah's Gift* and created to commemorate Mindie Bailie, RN, a former Riley Hospital patient and NICU nurse.

**Debomoy Lahiri**, PhD, professor of neurobiology and psychiatry, has been awarded the 2005 Zenith Fellows Award by the Alzheimer's Association based on his proposal "Functional Domains of the BACE Promoter: Implication in Alzheimer's Disease." The Zenith Fellows award was initiated in 1991 to provide research support for donors with a substantial personal commitment to the advancement of Alzheimer's disease research.

**Jeffrey Rothenberg**, MD, medical director of the Coleman Center for Women, has been nominated to serve as an examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology. His term begins immediately and is for an undefined length, averaging about 8 years. The American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology is an independent, non-profit organization that certifies obstetricians and gynecologists in the U.S.

IUSM medical imaging technology student **Mary Speidel** received a first-place award for her participation in the 2005 American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) National Scientific Poster Display Competition for showcasing originality and technical excellence in the radiologic sciences. The annual competition was held in Orlando, Fla., where Speidel competed against 15 other students. Speidel also was awarded first place at the Indiana Society of Radiologic Technologists competition for her exhibit, which showed advantages of using diagnostic imaging to detect osteoporosis. Her instructor **Susan Robinson** also won a third place award at the ASRT annual conference for her poster entitled "Stroke in the American Presidency."

**Jennifer Swartz**, design and communications coordinator of Riley Hospital's Community Education and Child Advocacy Department, has received a 2005 EPIC (Excellent Performance in Communications) Award of Merit, presented by the Indiana Association of Business Communicators, in the category of Overall-Special Publications. Swartz received the award for her development and design of Riley Hospital's Community Education and Child Advocacy Department's Community Report, *Grow with Me*, which covered 10 years of advocacy initiatives on behalf of children and families in Indiana and nationwide.

**Mervin Yoder Jr.**, MD, professor of pediatrics, was elected vice-president of the International Society for Experimental Hematology for 2005-2006. He was sworn in Aug. 2 during the 34th annual meeting of the society in

Scotland. Dr. Yoder will be president-elect in 2006-2007 and president of the society in 2007-2008. He will be the fourth current or former IUSM faculty member to be elected president of the society. **Hal Broxmeyer**, PhD, was president in 1991, David Williams, MD, former director of the Wells Center for Pediatric Research, was president in 1999, and Ronald Hoffman, MD, former IUSM faculty member, also served as president.

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## This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 28, 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 David Crabb, MD.

Guests include J.D. Graham, MD, who will discuss concerns heart patients with defibrillators may have after this summer's problem at Guidant Corp. Graham is a cardiologist and medical director for the St. Francis Chest Pain Evaluation Center.

The new statewide health initiative known as INShape will be explained by Indiana State Health Commissioner Judith Monroe, MD. She is the former director of the Primary Care Center and family medicine residency program at St. Vincent Hospitals and Health Services.

Susan Fraley, executive director of Nurses House, a not-for-profit organization providing aid to nurses in need, will talk about the physical, emotional and financial turmoil nurses sometimes experience. Fraley also is the executive director of the Foundation of the New York State Nurses Association.

Anantha Shekhar, MD, PhD, will share insights on how physicians can successfully treat patients who are hypochondriacs. Dr. Shekhar is a professor of psychiatry at IUSM.

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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## Scientific Calendar online

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).

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