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New center to focus on HIV/AIDS research

Indiana University has added a weapon to its arsenal to combat the virus that causes AIDS. The Indiana University Center for AIDS Research will support multi-disciplinary research in the prevention, detection and treatment of HIV transmission and AIDS.

Currently, investigators at IU have nearly \$9 million in National Institutes of Health grants for HIV/AIDS research.

By coordinating the efforts of researchers in medicine and the social sciences and providing administrative support, CFAR will increase opportunities to obtain grant money, said the center's founding director, Kenneth H. Fife, MD, PhD, professor of medicine in the Section of Infectious Diseases at the Indiana University School of Medicine.

"Indiana University has more than 60 faculty members who have an active research interest in HIV and AIDS," said Dr. Fife. "CFAR will provide the infrastructure necessary to stimulate scientific collaboration and encourage communication among our researchers and those at other institutions dedicated to finding answers to how the virus is transmitted, how it mutates and how it best can be treated."

For more information on CFAR, see the [IUSM news release](#).

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Gold Humanism Honor Society ceremony

Forty senior medical students and three faculty members were inducted Wednesday, Nov. 30, as charter members of the IUSM Gold Humanism Honor Society.

A grant from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation established the chapter at IUSM. The Gold Foundation encourages the

creation of chapters in medical schools around the country to honor senior medical students, residents, role-model physician-teachers and others who demonstrate excellence in clinical care, leadership, compassion and dedication to service.

IUSM Dean Craig Brater, MD, was the keynote speaker, presenting "Musings on Humanism at IUSM" at the induction ceremony and dinner at the Omni Severin Hotel.

Allison Sole, program officer and coordinator of the National Gold Humanism Honor Society, presented the students with certificates and gold GHHS lapel pins.

Several award recipients were recognized during the evening by Stephen Leapman, MD, executive associate dean for educational affairs. The Gerald Bepko Award for Professionalism and the Gerald Bepko Award for Community Service, each for \$500, were presented, respectively, to Jamie Spurrier and Shannon Gearhart.

Robert Pascuzzi, MD and Karen Roos, MD, presented the Janice M. Pascuzzi Scholarships for Excellence in Compassionate Care to Michelle Crone, Christina Derstine, Phillip Lammers, Nkieruka Nwoko and Jamie Spurrier. The \$1,000 scholarships were established by Valerie Jackson, MD, chair of the Department of Radiology; Robert Pascuzzi, MD, chair of the Department of Neurology, and Karen Roos MD, the John and Nancy Nelson Professor of Neurology, in honor of Drs. Jackson and Pascuzzi's mother and Dr. Roos' mother-in-law.

The final event of the evening was a formal pinning ceremony and the recitation of the GHHS oath.

Faculty members inducted into the society were Javier Sevilla, MD, James Williams, PhD, and Ann Zerr, MD.

Charter members of the society from the IUSM Class of 2006 are:

- Emily M. Abernathy
- Sarah E. Batterton
- Rodney W. Benner
- Molly A. Bozic
- Colleen C. Brown
- Jamie R. Brummett
- Charles R. Butcher
- Laurie A. Chalifoux
- Brett T. Comer
- Michelle A. Crone
- Nicholas J. Datzman
- Christina T. Derstine
- Jennifer A. Dixon
- Shannon L. Gearhart
- Suzanne P. Goodrich
- Jeremy L. Herrmann
- Rebecca A. Hoban
- Tara N. Hrobowski
- Ann-Marie M. Hyatt
- Daniel L. Kim
- Philip E. Lammers
- Robyn L. Lord-Fean
- Heather D. McKeag
- Emily E. Merchant
- Bradley S. Morin
- Nicholas T. Nelson
- Matthew H. Nett
- Nkeiruka C. Nwoko
- Katherine M. Pedersen
- Farah L. Rivera
- Miral R. Sadaria
- Rita A. Schmid
- James L. Smith
- Michael C. Snyder
- Jamie L. Spurrier
- Jessica J. Stewart
- Jamie R. Ulbrich
- Jason M. Voorhies
- Kristin S. Werne
- Emily A. Willen

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Pediatric Neuropsychology Program expanded

The Pediatric Neuropsychology Program in the IU Department of Neurology offers a new resource to physicians and concerned parents in Indiana with comprehensive neuropsychological assessment services.

Stephen Pongonis, PsyD, a fellowship-trained pediatric neuropsychologist, has been hired to extend the services of the program directed by Deborah Sokol, MD, PhD. Using an interdisciplinary team of pediatric neurologists and pediatric neuropsychologists, the specialists evaluate brain-behavior relationships in children and adolescents, ages 2-18, with learning disabilities, brain injury, and chronic medical conditions.

The team specialists are available for consultation, referral, independent medical evaluations and to provide continuing medical education seminars. Dr. Pongonis can be reached at spongoni@iupui.edu and Dr. Sokol can be emailed at dkokol@iupui.edu. Appointments and referrals can be made by calling 317- 278-2219.

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New web site for the Diversity Council

The IUSM Diversity Council has launched a new web site at medicine.iu.edu/diversity/.

Diversity Council members are active in many projects on campus and in the community. Faculty, students, residents and staff are all welcome. Stop by the site to learn more.

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Geriatric medicine has new web site

The Indiana University Geriatric Medicine Program has launched a new web site at www.indiana.edu/~iugeri.

The Hartford Center of Excellence in Geriatric Medicine at the IU School of Medicine site lists information on faculty and staff, the fellowship program, a calendar of events and other useful information.

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Holiday hours for the IUSM Medical Library

The IUSM Medical Library will observe special hours during the holiday season. The schedule is:

Dec. 24 - closed per regular Saturday schedule

Dec. 25 - closed for the holiday

Dec. 26 - closed for the holiday

Dec. 27-30 - open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dec. 31 - closed per regular Saturday schedule

Jan. 1 - closed for the holiday

Jan. 2 - closed for the holiday

Jan. 3-6 - open 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Combined Seminar Series for December

The IU Cancer Center Combined Seminar Series will be from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 7. The presentation by Jack Yalowich, PhD, associate professor of pharmacology, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, will be in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium. His topic will be "Mechanisms and Prevention of Etoposide-Induced Acute Myelogenous Leukemia."

No presentation is scheduled for Dec. 21.

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NIH Director's Pioneer Award Program

The National Institutes of Health has expanded the 2006 NIH Director's Pioneer Award program. The award, a key component of the NIH Roadmap for Medical Research, supports exceptionally creative scientists who take innovative approaches to major challenges in biomedical research.

The program is open to scientists at all career levels. The scientists may currently be engaged in any field of research provided they are interested in exploring biomedically relevant topics and willing to commit at least 51 percent of their research effort to the Pioneer Award project. Women, members of groups that are underrepresented in biomedical research, and individuals in the early to middle stages of their careers are especially encouraged to apply. Awardees must be U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals, or permanent residents.

In September 2006, NIH expects to make five to 10 new Pioneer Awards of up to \$2.5 million in direct costs over a five-year period.

The streamlined, electronic application process includes a three- to five-page essay, a biographical sketch, identification of the applicant's most significant publication or achievement, and three letters of reference. Applications may be submitted between Jan. 15 and Feb. 27.

See grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-06-005.html for application instructions. For more information, visit the Pioneer Award web site at nihroadmap.nih.gov/pioneer, or e-mail questions to pioneer@nih.gov.

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VA research grant applications wanted

The VA Medical Research Service at the Roudebush VA Medical Center seeks applications for small research grants up to \$25,000 directed at the study of discrete projects intended to produce preliminary data in support of a future application for a VA Career Development Award, Merit Review Entry Program or Merit Review Grant.

The deadline for submission is **Wednesday, Dec. 21**.

Eligible applicants should be clinician investigators with an academic rank not exceeding assistant professor. Full details regarding the eligibility criteria as well as submission instructions may be found at <http://adminfinance.iusm.iu.edu/operations/VA%20YIA.htm>.

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Safety Store offers products to keep families safe year round

The holidays are here and, along with gifts and good cheer, safety should be at the top of everyone's list. Riley Hospital's Safety Store has the products needed to help keep families safe this holiday season and throughout the year.

Visit the Safety Store, located in the Riley Outpatient Center through the Over the Rainbow Gift Shop, to purchase low-cost safety products such as smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors, cabinet locks, winter sport helmets, fire extinguishers and baby safety gates. Trained Safety Store educators are ready to answer questions about products or general child safety.

Give the gift of a safe home with Safety Store gift certificates, now available for purchase. Gift certificates make great stocking stuffers!

The Safety Store is open to all Riley families, guests, Indiana families, and IUPUI and Clarian employees. The Safety Store accepts the following forms of payment: cash, check, Visa, MasterCard, JAGTAG and Clarian payroll deduction.

Operated by Riley Hospital's Community Education and Child Advocacy Department in partnership with the Cheer Guild, the Safety Store is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and closed holidays.

For more information, call 317-274-6565 or visit www.rileyhospital.org/kids1st.

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Gift-giving with IUSM appeal

Looking for that perfect something for that perfect someone? See www.alumni.iupui.edu/medicine/merch/ for a selection of IUSM gear including fleece wear, T-shirts, hats and other items of interest.

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Technology Tip: Protecting Email

Several new laws and regulations, including HIPAA, require extra care to protect electronic communications containing protected health information (PHI) and other confidential material.

Messages sent between two IU email addresses have some protection because the email is not sent into the Internet. However, information sent outside the IU email system traverses the Internet and is not protected. This includes email forwarded to personal accounts like Hotmail or to other work accounts like a Clarian email address.

IU continues to explore various affordable technologies to build additional layers of protection for email messages and IT specialists expect to have additional recommendations by the end of the year. Best practice would be, if at all possible, to avoid using the IU email system to communicate PHI. ISTM and the Office of Compliance Services can assist with other possible alternatives.

The IU Medical Group recently has purchased the Patient Online module from IDX which will allow for protected communications between caregivers and patients. This is a product tied to the IDX system and will not be integrated with IU's email system. The system will be implemented in 2006. For additional information, contact Barbara Bills at 278-3500.

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Honors

Nancy Kristine Lund-Boyle was elected earlier this month to the Honor Society of Nursing, Sigma Theta Tau International, as a nurse leader through Alpha Chapter at Indiana University in Indianapolis. Lund-Boyle served as nurse leader from 1988 to 2000 for the Indiana University Hospital /Riley Hospital for Children Liver Transplant Program. From 2000-2004 she managed the Johns Hopkins Hospital Solid Organ Transplant Programs in Baltimore, Md. In 2004, she returned to Indiana to manage the nursing aspects of the IU Department of Otolaryngology, which includes the Clarian Cochlear Implant Program.

Daniel Meldrum, MD, assistant professor of surgery, has been appointed to the NIH National Heart Lung and Blood Institute's Special Working Group on Future Directions in the Treatment of Right Heart Failure. Twelve faculty from the US and Canada were chosen for the working group, which has been asked to help define the NHLBI's priorities for future right heart research.

Rock Tiffault, MD, assistant professor of clinical family medicine, has been promoted to assistant residency director of the IU Family Practice Residency program. Dr. Tiffault joined the residency faculty in August 2004 following

completion of residency training at IU. During his final year of residency, he served as chief resident and was honored with the Resident Patient Care, Resident Physician of the Year, and STFM Resident Teacher awards.

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This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 4, 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. Co-hosts of this week's program are David Crabb, MD, Ora Pescovitz, MD, and Steve Bogdewic, PhD.

Guests will include David Dunn, MD, who will discuss FDA concerns about some ADHD medications, including Strattera, which may cause suicidal thoughts in children and adolescents. Dr. Dunn is the training program director of child and adolescent psychiatry at IUSM and he directs the Riley Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Clinic.

Ann Lagges, PhD, will discuss the physical and emotional challenges surrounding childhood obesity. Dr. Lagges is an IUSM clinical psychologist counseling children and their families on the issues relating to childhood obesity.

Medical ethics, politics and the "morning after" pill will be discussed by Eric Meslin, PhD, director of the IU Center for Bioethics, when he makes his monthly appearance on Sound Medicine.

This week, Jeremy Shere defines "jugular." Shere is a regular contributor to Sound Medicine.

Archived editions of Sound Medicine, as well as other helpful health information, can be found at 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. To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Iona Sewell at imsewell@iupui.edu.

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Scope submission guidelines

Scope wants your news items.

The deadline for submission is 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays. *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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