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## **New program opens lines of communication with patients**

Patients want to communicate with their physicians online. Now, IUMG offers Patient Online, a secure, HIPAA-compliant way for patients and physicians to communicate. Patients may request an appointment or a prescription renewal, update their address or insurance information, pay a bill and send messages about non-emergent care.

Piloted by Obstetrics-Gynecology and Primary Care, Patient Online is now available to all departments. Some of comments made by patients when the program was being tested commented:

- “It is much easier than playing phone tag.”
- “This is great!” It saves calling and avoids being on hold which is very frustrating for me since I don’t work near a phone. It is my first choice in doctor office communication.”
- “I love the online system. It helps me communicate when I work late and the office has already closed for the day.”

At this time, Patient Online is not offered to pediatric patients and there are no delegated accounts, but it should be available to them in the near future.

Visit <https://patientonline.iu.edu/> and click “Visit as a Guest” in the lower right corner. This will allow faculty to explore the site without making a request. Physicians interested in learning more or participating in Patient Online should contact Barbara Bills at [bbills@iupui.edu](mailto:bbills@iupui.edu) , 278-8565, or Lisa Cox at [lcx@iupui.edu](mailto:lcx@iupui.edu), 278-9907.

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## **AAMC launches campaign for minority student enrollment**

The Association of American Medical Colleges is intent on encouraging more minority students to choose medicine as a career. The association’s new campaign [AspiringDocs.org](http://AspiringDocs.org) is both a Web site and an outreach effort to provide undergraduate minority students with the support, information, and guidance they need to apply to and enroll in medical school.

The need for a more diverse physician workforce is growing increasingly urgent as the nation’s racial and ethnic diversity increases and a nationwide physician shortage looms. While African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos and Native Americans make up 25 percent of the U.S. population, only 12 percent of students who graduate from the nation’s medical schools are from these groups. In addition, only six percent of all practicing physicians are members of these minority groups.

The nation’s medical schools and teaching hospitals have a decades-long commitment to building diversity in medicine. To complement efforts to increase the pipeline of prospective students, the [AspiringDocs.org](http://AspiringDocs.org) campaign takes a new approach—career marketing—to reach an untapped segment of potential minority student applicants in America’s colleges and universities that was revealed by a new AAMC analysis.

The [AspiringDocs.org](http://AspiringDocs.org) campaign, which is grounded in extensive opinion research with minority students, seeks to encourage well-prepared African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native American college students from all undergraduate majors to pursue medicine as a career.

For more information, see [AspiringDocs.org](http://AspiringDocs.org),

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## **Life Sciences Lunch Series continues Nov. 21**

The next in the Life Sciences Lunch Series, presented by the Indiana Health Industry Forum, Barnes and Thornburg LLP and BioCrossroads, will be from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. ET Tuesday, Nov. 21. The formal presentation begins at noon.

"Innovations and Emerging Technologies in Vision Research" will be the topic presented by Francis Price, Jr., MD, and Marianne Price, PhD, who are married and have shared a vision for their life’s work together for 30 years. Founder of the Cornea Research Foundation of America, Francis Price is both an energetic entrepreneur and a physician committed to improving the treatment and preservation of vision. Marianne Price is director of education and research at the foundation; together with her husband, she has published widely in the field of ophthalmology.

They will describe how technology has rapidly advanced treatment of presbyopia (old eyes), cataracts, glaucoma, corneal strengthening, cell culturing, corneal transplants and artificial iris implants. The Prices also will describe a new corneal transplant procedure that has the potential to save the sight of thousands of people living in the developing world where access to current technology is limited.

Discussion of a recent series of surgeries performed in Nepal and India will be included in their multimedia presentation.

The program will be held at Barnes & Thornburg, 11 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. The series is simulcast at Barnes and Thornburg offices in South Bend, Fort Wayne and Elkhart, and in cooperating facilities in Muncie, Terre Haute, West Lafayette, Evansville, Bloomington and Richmond.

Box lunches are provided or those attending can bring their own lunch. There is no charge to attend, but registration is requested so the sponsors will know how many lunches to order. Register at [www.btlaw.com/Event.asp?Event\\_ID=448](http://www.btlaw.com/Event.asp?Event_ID=448), or by calling 231-7356.

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## **Adult learning disabilities topic of CoE lecture**

William Kronenberger, PhD, associate professor and director of the Section of Psychology at IUSM, will discuss learning disabilities and related challenges for adults at the Tuesday, Nov. 28, Women's Health Noon Lecture. The series is presented by the IU National Center of Excellence in Women's Health and is from noon to 1 p.m.

The lecture will be in the IU Cancer Research Institute auditorium and lunch is provided. The lecture also can be viewed by webcast at [video.indiana.edu:8080/ramgen/encoder/womens\\_health.rm](http://video.indiana.edu:8080/ramgen/encoder/womens_health.rm).

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## **ANGEL demonstrations offered**

The IUSM Medical Library will sponsor a learning/information session on ANGEL (A New Global Environment for Learning) course management system from noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, in the Medical Library Towers.

ANGEL team members will answer questions, provide help and offer training to faculty, staff and students interested in using ANGEL as a support tool. ANGEL's newest product "e-Portfolio" is a program that enables students to integrate classroom, curricular, life, and work experiences and create a web presence with this easy-to-use tool will also be demonstrated. No reservations are required for this walk-in event.

For more information, contact Kellie Kaneshiro at 274-1612, or [kkaneshi@iupui.edu](mailto:kkaneshi@iupui.edu).

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## **Islam topic of Fairbanks Ethics Lecture Nov. 29**

"Teachings of Islam in Health Care Ethics" will be discussed by Shahid Athar, MD, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 29, in Petticrew Auditorium at Methodist Hospital. His presentation is one of the Fairbanks Ethics Lecture Series.

The final presentation in the fall series will be an ethics town hall meeting with Paul Helft, MD, and the Charles Warren Fairbanks Center for Medical Ethics faculty affiliates. It will be from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, in Petticrew Auditorium.

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## **Fall Faculty Meeting – Nov. 30**

IUSM Dean Craig Brater, MD, will present “Planning the Future: Life Sciences and the Clinical Enterprise” at the Fall Faculty Meeting from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 30, in the Emerson Hall auditorium.

Also on the agenda is a discussion of the pandemic influenza preparedness plan. Discussion will include:

- “Overview of the Plan” – Michael Olinger, MD;
- “Patient Care Teams” – David Crabb, MD;
- “Educational Response” – Stephen Wintermeyer, MD, MPH;
- “Ethical Response” – Eric Meslin, PhD.

Faculty President Simon Atkinson, PhD, will preside.

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## **Caulfield to speak at Center for Bioethics event**

Timothy Caulfield, LL.M., will present “Legal and Ethical Challenges in Predictive Health Research: A View from Canada” from 2 to 3 p.m. Monday, Dec. 18, in the Riley Outpatient Center classrooms A and B. His presentation is supported by grant funding to the IU Center for Bioethics from the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation.

Dr. Caulfield also will be available at a reception from 3 to 3:30 p.m. in the same area of the ROC.

Caulfield is a Canada research chair in Health Law and Policy and a professor in the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry at the University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada. He has been research director of the Health Law Institute since 1993 and is currently the principal investigator on several large interdisciplinary projects exploring the legal and ethical issues associated with emerging biotechnology research.

Large scale human genetic research initiatives hold great promise as a tool for exploring the complex role of genes and the environment in human health. Nations throughout the world, including the UK, Iceland, Estonia and Canada, have invested public funds to develop large biobank initiatives. However, these projects carry great profound legal and ethical challenges particularly in the context of consent and confidentiality. His presentation will address many of these issues.

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## **Medical Library posts holiday hours**

The IUSM Medical Library will close at 9 p.m. instead of midnight on Wednesday, Nov. 22. The Medical Library will be closed on Thanksgiving and the day after Thanksgiving.

Regular library hours will resume on Saturday, Nov. 25. (Saturday hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.)

If you have any questions, please contact Elaine Skopelja at [eskopelj@iupui.edu](mailto:eskopelj@iupui.edu).

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## Relationship-Centered Care newsletter online

The summer/fall issue of the IUSM Relationship-Centered Care Initiative Newsletter is available online at [meded.iusm.iu.edu/Resources/RCCI%20Newsletters.htm](http://meded.iusm.iu.edu/Resources/RCCI%20Newsletters.htm). Feature stories include the Riley Hospital Center of Hope Team and veteran nurse Paula Reiss and a three-year progress report on RCCI.

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## HHMI to support patient-oriented investigators

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute has announced a new national competition for appointment of outstanding physician-scientists as HHMI investigators. Approximately 15 new researchers will be selected by fall 2007. The submission deadline is Thursday, **Jan. 18, 2007**.

The new competition seeks to identify researchers whose scientific work is guided by their interaction with patients. These physician-scientists spend their professional lives crossing the boundaries between bench and bedside, convinced that their best science is conducted in the presence of patient contact. In a previous competition in 2002, the Institute selected 12 new HHMI investigators from 138 nominees.

Applicants for this POR competition must meet the following requirements: an MD or MD/PhD or the equivalent; a medical license to practice in the US; on tenure track or tenured at one of the 121 host institutions; 4-16 years experience as an independent investigator; be engaged in the conduct of patient-oriented research; be PI on an R01 or project leader in a P01. This competition is unique for HHMI in that prior institutional approval will not be required.

APOR members are specifically encouraged to apply. Full information is at <http://www.hhmi.org/>.

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## Scope deadline moved for the holiday

Thursday, Nov. 23, is a campus holiday so the deadline for *Scope* will be moved to 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22. *Scope* will be distributed on Monday, Nov. 27.

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## Honors

At the centennial meeting of the International Academy of Pathology, in Montreal, Canada, **John Eble**, MD, Nordschow Professor of Laboratory Medicine and chairman of the Department of Pathology and

Laboratory Medicine, accepted the Gold Medal of the International Academy of Pathology on behalf of the journal *Modern Pathology*, which Dr. Eble has edited since 2000. The citation stated that the medal was “awarded for outstanding contributions to international pathology education and research.” In the 100-year history of the academy, the Gold Medal had been awarded only 21 times. *Modern Pathology* is an official journal of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology. The journal is in its 19 th year of publication and Dr. Eble is its fourth editor.

**Michael Ney**, vice chair for academic support in the Department of Surgery, recently has been appointed or recognized by several campus or local organizations. The School of Public and Environmental Affairs appointed him to their IUPUI Alumni Board. He earned his MHA from SPEA in 1990. Also, he was elected to the Board of Directors of the Warren Township Development Corporation and received his basic certification in the Military Emergency Management Specialist Program sponsored by FEMA.

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### IUSM Grants and Awards - September 2006

PI	Agency	Type	Project Title	Begin	End	Total (\$)
MATTHEW ALLEN	NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS FOUNDATION	New Research	Bisphosphonates and Jaw Osteonecrosis	9/1/06	8/31/07	50,000
MAGDALENA CZADER	CLARIAN HEALTH PARTNERS, INC.	New Research	Protein expression profiling in acute lymphoblastic leukemia	3/1/06	2/28/08	80,000
PAUL RICHARD DEXTER	AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH & QUALITY	New Research	Testing Techniques to Radically Reduce Antibiotic Resistant Bacteria (Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus aureus, or MRSA)	9/20/06	3/30/08	239,651
JOSEPH DIMICCO	AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	New Research	Hypothalamic Mechanisms: Role in Cardiac Sympathetic Activity in Heart Failure	7/1/06	6/30/07	26,000
HOWARD EDENBERG	NIH-NIAAA	New Research	INDIANA GENE ARRAY CORE	9/30/06	8/31/07	174,069
KENNETH HOWARD FIFE	UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON	Continuing/Competing Research	Partners in Prevention Study	5/1/06	4/30/07	457,938
TATIANA FOROUD	FAMILIES OF SPINAL MUSCULAR ATROPHY	New Research	International Spinal Muscular Atrophy Patient Registry	1/1/06	12/31/06	69,571
			Treatment of			

STACEY HALUM	THE AMERICAN LARYNGOLOGICAL RHINOLOGICAL	New Research	Laryngeal Denervation with Injection of Autologous Myoblasts	8/1/06	7/31/07	40,000
LAURA SUE HANELINE	NIH-NHLBI	New Research	GDM Effect on Maternal and Neonatal Endothelial Progenitors and Vascular Function	9/25/06	8/31/07	189,375
JOHNNY HE	NIH-NIDA	New Research	Use a novel Tat transgenic model to develop neuroAIDS therapeutics	9/30/06	8/31/07	179,652
ANTOINETTE LASKEY	AGENCY FOR HEALTHCARE RESEARCH & QUALITY	New Research	Racial Stereotypes and the Recognition of Child Abuse	9/30/06	9/29/07	124,362
SAMER GAMIL MATTAR	AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR BARIATRIC SURGERY	New Research	Thromboprophylaxis in the morbidly obese weight-based dosng of Fondaparinux	9/1/06	8/31/07	30,000
WILLIAM MCBRIDE	NIH-NIAAA	Continuing/Competing Research	CNS Sites for the Rewarding Actions of Alcohol	9/1/06	8/31/07	329,983
MARC MENDONCA	U.S. ARMY	New Research	Biomedical Strategies for the Prevention, Treatment, Assessment, and Prediction of Health Effects of Ionizing Radiation.	9/11/06	10/10/07	839,000
SANDRA MORZORATI	NIH-NIAAA	Continuing/Competing Research	VTA DA Neuron Electrophysiology in Selected Rat Lines	9/30/06	8/31/07	272,700
HARIKRISHNA NAKSHATRI	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE	New Research	Do microRNAs mediate estrogen-dependent repression of genes?	7/15/06	8/14/07	113,625
ALEXANDRE OBOUKHOV	AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED	New Research	Calcium-Permeable TRCP4 and TRPC5 Channels in Adrenal Chromaffin Cells	7/1/06	6/30/07	65,000
CHRISTIAN MAXIMILLIAN SCHMIDT	NIH-NCI	New Research	A biomarker study of COX-2 inhibitors in IPMN	9/1/06	8/31/07	75,750
			Training in			

STANLEY SPINOLA	NIH-NIAID	Continuing/ Competing Research	Sexually Transmitted Diseases Including HIV	9/1/06	8/31/07	177,419
STEVEN STEINER	NIH-NCRR	New Research	Protein and Energy Use in Pediatric Crohn's Disease	9/28/06	7/30/07	124,362
JOHN TURCHI	FLIGHT ATTENDANT MEDICAL RESEARCH INST	New Research	Analysis of DNA repair capacity to predict and target chemoresistant small cell lung cancer.	7/1/06	6/30/09	325,500
JOHN TURCHI	UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA	Continuing /Competing Research	Test RPA phosphorylation effect on protein/protein interactions	5/1/06	4/30/07	35,032
TOAN ROBERT VU	CLARIAN HEALTH PARTNERS, INC.	New Research	Enhancing the Professional Culture of Clarian Health Care Trainees= Learning Environments	3/1/06	2/28/08	79,839
SARAH ELIZABETH WIEHE	CLARIAN HEALTH PARTNERS, INC.	New Research	Neighborhood Poverty and Risk of Sexually Transmitted Infections	3/1/06	2/28/08	79,999

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## This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19, 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, and Ora Pescovitz, MD.

This week Jay Iams, MD, professor of obstetrics and gynecology at Ohio State University College of Medicine, discusses a recent Institute of Medicine report he co-authored suggesting doctors should think twice before trying the popular infertility treatments which often lead to problematic multiple births.

A Neonatal Intensive Care Unit combines advanced technology and trained health-care professionals for newborn babies who need intensive medical attention. Barbara Lewis talks with a family in Riley Hospital for Children's NICU about their personal experience. Edward Liechty, MD, professor of pediatrics, and Michael Trautman, MD, associate professor of pediatrics, both at IUSM, discuss the broader issues concerning premature births and the challenges facing the infants and their families.

The annual Riley NICU reunion picnic celebrates the numerous lives and successes of the special unit. Barbara Lewis will chat with some families, staff members and former patients attending the reunion.

Richard Linton, PhD, director of the Purdue University Center for Food Safety Engineering, shares his

advice and thoughts on the recent spinach e-coli outbreak which killed one and sickened dozens in 26 states.

Health writer Eric Metcalf provides his commentary on the recent outbreak caused from the affected spinach.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine*, as well as other helpful health information, can be found at [www.soundmedicine.iu.edu/](http://www.soundmedicine.iu.edu/).

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## Continuing Medical Education at your fingertips

Online registration and a list of grand rounds, conferences and courses are available on the Continuing Medical Education website at [cme.medicine.iu.edu](http://cme.medicine.iu.edu).

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## Scientific Calendar online

A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at [the new Scientific Calendar website](#). To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Iona Sewell at [imsewell@iupui.edu](mailto:imsewell@iupui.edu).

To access calendars and information prior to 2003, visit the old site [at www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar](http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar).

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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](mailto: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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