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Soni named IU vice provost for research

P. Sarita Soni, OD, has been named vice provost for research at Indiana University. She will oversee the research office, providing leadership in areas of research development, research administration and at centers and institutes.

Dr. Soni, a professor of optometry and vision science in the School of Optometry, has most recently served the university as associate vice president for research in the Office of Vice President for Research. In this role, she helped administer university-wide internal grant opportunities, allocating approximately \$2 million dollars to faculty over the past two years. This past fall, Soni worked with leaders at Purdue University to establish a new pilot grant program between IU and Purdue called Collaboration in Life Sciences and Informatics Research (CLSIR) to advance life sciences and informatics research and development in Indiana.

For more information about Sarita Soni, see www.opt.indiana.edu/people/faculty/soni.htm.

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Major life sciences announcement planned March 21

Faculty, staff and students are invited to join leadership from IUSM, Regenstrief Institute and BioCrossroads for the announcement of the formation of a new life sciences venture made possible by a significant investment from a local organization. This new entity will help promote the region's reputation as a leader in predicting, preventing and treating disease.

The announcement and news conference will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, March 21, in the Mills Atrium of the Van Nuys Medical Science building. RSVPs should be sent to jroutt@biocrossroads.com.

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Department of Public Health, IUPUI host town hall meeting on health care

Indiana residents are invited to participate in a national conversation on health care during a virtual town hall meeting Wednesday, March 22.

"What is Your Health Worth? A National Conversation on Health Care" is the theme of the discussion of the simultaneous public meetings at the Big Ten Conference schools and 11 other schools of public health around the country.

The meeting is coordinated by the University of Michigan in conjunction with the national Citizens' Health Care Working Group, a 15-member panel formed by Congress to find out what the public thinks about the accessibility, cost and quality of health care. That input will be used for policy recommendations to the federal government.

Locally, residents can participate in the conversation at the University Place Hotel and Conference Center. The IUSM Department of Public Health and IUPUI are hosting the event from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The actual Webcast will be from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. This program will be moderated by Stephen Jay, MD, chairman of the Department of Public Health.

Hoosiers also can participate in the discussion as part of the "virtual" audience by logging on to www.umich.edu/healthmeeting.

For additional information about the March 22 event at IUPUI, see medicine.indiana.edu/news_releases/viewRelease.php4?art=470.

For more information about the Citizens' Health Care Working Group, see www.citizenshealthcare.gov/.

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Phlebotomists, other volunteers needed for second Friends for Life event

Medical and non-medical personnel are needed to volunteer at the second annual Friends for Life research project Saturday, April 22, during the Indianapolis Komen Race for the Cure on the IUPUI campus.

Friends for Life volunteers make possible the collection of blood from women for breast cancer research. Bryan Schneider, MD, is spearheading the study, which is looking for subtle genetic changes that predispose people to breast cancer.

Last year, the 160 volunteers made it possible to collect 855 informed consents, questionnaires and blood samples from women in one day – an incredible success for breast cancer research at IUSM. This year, the goal is to collect blood from 1,500 women, who can be people who donated last year, new contributors, woman with a history of breast cancer or those without a history or high risk for the disease.

Volunteers, who are the ones who make the event possible, will receive a Friends for Life T-shirt and a free breakfast and lunch. Check out the Friends for Life web site for more information and photos of last year's event at medicine.iupui.edu/clinical/friends_for_life.htm. An online registration form for volunteers is available and can be found under the "Volunteer" link. Additional questions can be answered by contacting Suzanne Lemler, research nurse coordinator at 274-7841, or by email at sulemler@iupui.edu.

Hosts of the event include the IU Cancer Center's Breast Care and Research Center, the IU Division of Hematology/Oncology, IU Division of Clinical Pharmacology and the IU General Clinical Research Center.

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Master's degree available through CITE

The Clinical Investigator Training Enhancement Program, a clinical research training program for physicians, nurses, dentists, doctoral and postdoctoral scientists, is accepting applicants. The CITE Program allows participants to integrate formal research training with a fellowship or faculty position in their own department.

The purpose of this program is to prepare health care professionals for a career in clinical research. Approximately six credit hours per semester will be offered along with clinical research in one's own discipline. As part of the CITE Program, participants receive a masters of science degree in clinical research through the IU Graduate School.

More detailed information is available at www.regenstrief.org/training/research/. Questions can be directed to Kurt Kroenke, MD, at kkroenke@regenstrief.org, or to the program manager, Suzanne Galbraith at 630-7870, or sgalbraith@regenstrief.org. The program is partially sponsored by a K-30 grant awarded by the National Institutes of Health.

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Compensation policy on electronic devices changes

The university has instituted a new policy ([I - 480](#)) removing the university from mobile device management. This policy dictates that the university will no longer directly pay for cell phones, PDAs or other mobile electronic devices. Pagers are exempt and IUSM continues to pay directly for authorized pagers.

IUSM employees required to use cellular devices for business purposes will obtain personal cellular access plans and will be provided additional pay by the university. This must be for a business purpose that cannot be accommodated with a landline phone, pager or other less expensive communication device.

For details regarding this policy, see technology.iusm.iu.edu/support/cellulardevicepolicy.asp.

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Help UITs improve its services

Each year, the Center for Survey Research at Indiana University randomly surveys part of the IU community on behalf of UITs to assess the level of user satisfaction with UITs computing facilities and services: support for instruction, research, and administration; and satisfaction with telephone services.

The 2006 User Survey is conducted online. If you were chosen to participate in this web survey, you received an invitation that included instructions for accessing the survey. If you have completed the survey, thank you. If you haven't yet completed the survey, please take a few moments to do so. The survey concludes on **Friday, March 17**.

The survey provides critical information that helps evaluate performance, identify opportunities for improvement and generate ideas for new services. Your input directly impacts the campus IT environment.

Previous UITSS Survey findings are available at www.indiana.edu/~uitssur/.

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Medical Libraries celebrate St. Patrick's Day with prizes

Feeling lucky? Try your hand at the IUSM Libraries Luck O' The Irish Prize Drawing. It will take place on the first floor of the Medical Library Friday, March 17, at 11:30 a.m. Winners will be notified by email.

All IUPUI faculty, staff and students are eligible for the drawing. To enter, email rlm111@iupui.edu with "Drawing" in the subject line, or drop your business card or a completed entry form into the drawing jar at the circulation desk of the Medical Library. Limit is one entry per person, please.

Prizes will be awarded on a first-come, first-choice basis, and winners must show identification along with a printout of their email notification before receiving a prize.

Prizes will be available for winners to pick up at the Medical Library from noon to 5 p.m. Friday March 17, and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, March 20.

Several prizes will be awarded including:

- \$50 Gift Certificate - Addie's 45 Minute Cleaners, 960 Indiana Ave., 631-6965
- Free 30-Day Trial Membership (\$100 value) - Kelley/Meyers Karate & Self Defense, 940 Indiana Ave., 266-9276
- Gift Certificate - Canterbury Hotel, 123 S. Illinois St., 634-3000
- Gift Certificates for Ladies Haircuts - Ray's Campus Salon, University Place Conference Hotel, Food Court, 274-8518
- Gift Certificate for Dinner for Two - Chancellor's, University Place Conference Hotel, 231-5221
- Gift Certificate for Dinner for Two - The Den, University Place Conference Hotel

Gift Certificate – CitYoga, 936 Indiana Ave., 423-1730

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Medical Library special hours

The IUSM Medical Library will be open for extended hours this spring semester. Effective through May 20, the library will be open for extended hours with limited services staffed by medical student workers.

The library will provide limited services Sunday through Friday from 9 p.m. to midnight. IUSM users must have their ID card and buzz for entry.

Saturday hours are 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. for IUSM faculty, staff and students. Users must have their ID card and buzz for entry, except during the normal public hours from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Library faculty will be available for assistance during Saturday public hours.

Questions or comments can be addressed by Elaine Skopelja at 274-8358, or eskopelj@iupui.edu.

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LAMP meeting to light the way for new faculty

The next Leadership in Academic Medicine workshop will be from 1 to 4:30 p.m. Friday, March 17, in the Riley

Outpatient Center, conference rooms A&B. Lunch is included.

In the recent New Faculty "Re-Orientation" Program participants were introduced to the Leadership in Academic Medicine Program (LAMP). LAMP is a series of workshops designed to help faculty who are in the first three years of their appointment establish career success and personal satisfaction as members of the IUSM community.

The skills and understanding developed in this program are intended to provide faculty with tools that will enable them to accomplish their primary career goals and aspirations.

The focus of the session on March 17 will be "The Picture of Success." The question that will drive this session is: "What does it take to succeed in academic medicine?" Dossiers of successful faculty will be reviewed and participants will begin to construct their personal statement – the cornerstone of the dossier. Additional "success factors" that are vital to an academic career also will be included in this session.

To participate in the March 17 session, RSVP to Kelli Diener at kas1@iupui.edu.

Mark your calendar for future LAMP sessions from 1 to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, April 21; Friday, May 12; and Friday June 2.

LAMP faculty are Steve Bogdewic, PhD, Lia Logio, MD, and Rich Frankel, PhD.

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Mark your calendar for FEED workshops

The IUSM Department of Medicine Faculty Enrichment and Educational Development (FEED) workshop series has presentations planned for April, August and October:

- Wednesday, April 12
"The Art of the Oral Presentation"
- Wednesday, Aug. 23
"Patient Centered/Learner Centered Teaching"
- Thursday, Oct. 12
"Setting Limits with Patients"

All workshops will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Riley Outpatient Center lower level auditorium. For additional information contact Roberta Brown at 630-6906, or rabrown2@iupui.edu.

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PowerPoint and PubMed classes

PowerPoint: Beyond the Basics classes will be offered:

- Wednesday, March 22, from 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, April 19, from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
- Wednesday, May 17, from 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

The classes will be held in the Van Nuys Medical Sciences Building, room B16.

To register, contact Doug Bartlow at jbartlo@iupui.edu.

Basics of PubMed classes will be offered:

- Wednesday, April 12, from 2p.m. - 3:30p.m.

- Wednesday, May 10, from 2p.m. - 3:30p.m.

Classes will be held in the IUSM Medical Library in rooms 318 - 319. To register, contact Kellie Kaneshiro at kkaneshi@iupui.edu (please put PubMed in the subject line).

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International research ethics topic of seminar

The third in a series of seminars hosted by the Office of International Affairs and the Center on Bioethics will be Wednesday, March 29, with Kathleen Hall, PhD, discussing an IUSM clinical trial in Nigeria, and Mary-Beth Riner, DNS, RN, will discuss a project in Mexico.

The presentation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. in room 2115E of University Library.

Other speakers and topics in the series will be:

- Friday, April 21
Ulla Connor (ICIC), "International communication"
- Friday, May 5
Michael Clayman (Eli Lilly), "Research ethics and the pharmaceutical industry"

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Mandated research coordinators program – March 29-31

An educational program for research coordinators will be offered by the IU Clinical Trials Program, the Outpatient Clinical Research Facility and the School of Nursing March 29-31.

This program is mandated for all new coordinators at IUSM with less than 2 years experience coordinating studies on the IUPUI/Clarian campuses. While the program targets the new study coordinator, experienced coordinators and young investigators at IUSM, Clarian Health, the Schools of dentistry and nursing, Roudebush VA and Wishard hospitals often attend and find the content useful and their skills strengthened.

The program is designed to provide specific guidance about how to conduct and coordinate clinical drug studies at IU. The cost of the program is \$320 if registered by Friday, March 17. After that date the cost is \$370. Payments from grant accounts or other IU accounts are acceptable.

The program will be in the Ruth Lilly Learning Center, conference rooms A and B, on the lower level of Riley Outpatient Center. For complete information and a registration form, see <http://nursing.iupui.edu/lifelonglearning/>.

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AAMC task force to examine influence on education

Responding to recent calls for academic medicine to take the lead in eliminating conflicts of interest between physicians and the pharmaceutical and medical device industries, the Associate for American Medical Colleges will form a high-level task force to provide guidance on managing such conflicts.

The task force will be asked to examine the interactions that drug and device makers have with the educational mission of medical schools and teaching hospitals. The group also will recommend safeguards to ensure that industry marketing efforts do not undermine the objectivity of educational programs or otherwise bias the evidence-based decision making of physicians. This effort has been endorsed by members of the AAMC Executive Council.

For more information, see www.aamc.org/newsroom/pressrel/2006/060221.htm.

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Donate old cell phones through the AMA

From Monday, March 13, through Monday, March 20, the Medical Student Section of the American Medical Association (AMA-MSS) will collect used cell phones for donation to the Free 911 Cell Phone Program.

Both working and non-working cell phones can be dropped off in the marked boxes in the Ruth Lilly Medical Library across from the circulation desk and in the Van Nuys Medical Science building basement by the medical student lockers. Please include chargers and batteries if available.

Cell phones also can be mailed at any time directly to: Free911CellPhones.com, 8605 Allisonville Rd, #284, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

911-capable cell phones are re-programmed and distributed to individuals with life-threatening medical conditions and to victims of domestic violence who can not afford an emergency phone. Non-working cell phones are dismantled and recycled.

For additional information, contact Alicia McCarthy at ammccart@iupui.edu or visit www.ismanet.org/news/cellphone.html.

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IUSM student cycling for a cure

IUSM senior Annie Baird will cycle 100 miles on June 4 in the Lake Tahoe Century ride. She is riding in honor of nine year-old Missy Gray, a local child battling lymphoma. Annie has committed to raise funds for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society mission to advance hematologic research and improve quality of life for patients and families. To learn more about this event, or to donate, see www.active.com/donate/tntin/ABaird.

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Fitness walks begin March 21

The IUPUI Intramural and Recreational Sports Department sponsors fitness walks on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from noon to 12:50 p.m., beginning Tuesday, March 21, through Thursday, May 4. Pedometers will be issued to measure step count, distance and time. Fitness walking and good nutrition helps increase energy, decrease stress and manage weight.

The walks are open to all IUPUI students, faculty and staff. Reserve a spot by calling 274-2824. See www.iupui.edu/~iupuirec/fitwell/fit.htm for more information.

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Emergency plans for severe weather online

The season for severe thunderstorms and tornadoes has arrived. Building evacuation plans and other useful information can be found on the IUPUI emergency weather site at www.ehs.iupui.edu/ehs/emrg_tornado_thstorms.asp.

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Discount coupons available for Aesop's Tables

March's IUPUI Goes to Town Ethnic Dining Partner is Aesop's Tables. Traditional Mediterranean and Greek dishes are served at Aesop's, located at 600 Massachusetts Ave. Coupons, which are available in the Campus & Community Life office in the University College lower level, are good for 25 percent off any dinner entree during the month of March.

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IUSM candidate for the Kiss-a-Pig competition seeks votes

Endocrinologist Melissa Cavaghan, MD, assistant professor of medicine, will represent Indiana University in the 2006 Kiss-A-Pig contest. The quirky competition raises money for the American Diabetes Association.

The winner is "rewarded" with an opportunity to, as the contest name suggests, kiss a pig during a half-time show of an Indiana Pacers game. This year, it will be the Sunday, March 19, Pacers vs. Boston Celtics game at Conseco Fieldhouse.

At \$1 a vote, voting will continue through noon, Friday, March 17. To cast your vote, contact Ginger Such, program director for the IU Diabetes Center, at vsuch@clarian.org, or 274-3507. Tax-deductible donations made to the American Diabetes Association may also exceed the \$1 minimum.

IU's representative in the 2005 competition was Juan Sanchez, MD, who didn't get to publicly kiss the pig, but did raise \$1,431.60 for diabetes research. A total of \$77,943.78 was raised by the competition in 2005.

The contest's name stems from the fact that man's first source of insulin was purified from pig pancreases.

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IUSM has plenty of Health Care Heroes

IUSM was well represented in the 2006 Indiana Business Journal's Health Care Heroes Awards.

In the volunteer category, **Michael Smith** was one of three finalists. Smith is the familiar face at the reception desks at the medical center hospitals and the Indiana Cancer Pavilion. At last count, Mike has volunteered more than 24,000 hours since he began helping IU patients and families 20 years ago. Alice Langford, who is an activist for HIV/AIDS patients took home the top honor in the category. The third finalist was Sue Ann Bube, with the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation.

Only two finalists were recognized in the Advancements in Health Care category with **Michael Kraus**, MD, associate professor of medicine and medical director of IU's Continuous Ambulatory Peritoneal Dialysis and Acute Dialysis Units, winning for his role in developing the NxStage System One Hemodialysis device, which is a portable daily dialysis device for home use.

The other finalist was **J. Marc Overhage**, MD, PhD, president and CEO of the Indiana Network for Patient Care, associate professor of medicine and research scientist at the Regenstrief Institute for Healthcare. Dr. Overhage was honored for his role in developing a community-wide electronic medical records system to improve patient care.

Two IUSM physicians and Rama Jager, MD, PhD, founder of the Colon and Rectal Care Center, were awarded finalist honors in the Physician category. **Roberta Hibbard**, MD, professor of pediatrics and director of child protection programs at Riley Hospital, was nominated for her years of dedication to child abuse victims through her work in the courtrooms, government meetings, the State House and the clinic. Winning the category was **Rafat Abonour**, MD, associate professor of medicine and the associate dean for clinical research, who was honored for his outreach to his myeloma patients and for his Miles for Myeloma run in October to raise funds for research.

Finalists in the Non-Physicians category were Pat Ebright, DNS, RN, IU School of Nursing; Ramona Paulsrud, St. Vincent Women's Hospital; and Jan Gaddis, RN, Holy Cross Catholic Church parish nurse, who took home the top honor.

The Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County was the Health Care Heroes award recipient in the Community Achievement in Health Care category in recognition for guiding the financial turn-around of Wishard Health Services. Other finalists were the Diabetes Youth Foundation of Indiana and St. Vincent New Hope/Crooked Creek Northwest community Development Corporation.

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Honors

Hal Broxmeyer, PhD, chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, was awarded one of three Joseph T. Taylor Awards for Excellence in Diversity at a February presentation on the IUPUI campus. Dr. Broxmeyer is the director of the Bridges to the Doctorate program, funded by a NIH grant. He has led the connection between the IUSM and Jackson State University, sponsoring summer research opportunities for undergraduate and master-level students in the hope that such close work with medical research will encourage students from underrepresented populations to pursue careers in academic medicine and perhaps enroll in graduate and professional programs at IUPUI. To date, the program has attracted three doctoral students and promises to create an increase in IUPUI enrollments from Jackson State students.

Liang Cheng, MD, associate professor of pathology and of urology, and director of the Molecular Pathology Laboratory, is the recipient of the 2006 Arthur Purdy Stout Prize awarded by the Society of Surgical Pathologists. The prize, in the amount of \$2,000, is awarded annually to a surgical pathologist under the age of 45. It recognizes significant career achievements in surgical pathology by young specialists whose research publications have had a major impact on diagnostic pathology. Dr. Liang also is 2004 recipient of the Koss Medal Award for Eminent Services in the Advancement of Urologic Pathology.

IU Family Practice Residency third-year resident, **Dilum Illamperuma**, MD and first-year resident, **Azita Chehresa**, MD, PhD, won awards at the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) statewide Annual Resident's Day and Research Forum on March 2. Dr. Illamperuma's presentation, "Familial Pheochromocytoma and VHL Syndrome: A Retrospective Case Review" won second place in the case presentation category. Dr. Chehresa's, "Living and Dying with Chronic Pain, Drug Abuse, Depression, and Strokes" won second place in the poster presentation category.

Daniel Meldrum, MD, assistant professor of surgery and of cellular and integrative physiology, has been appointed to the American Heart Association's Radiology, Imaging and Surgery Peer Review Study Group. Dr. Meldrum is one of 20 members of this group, which is responsible for reviewing and scoring all established investigator awards, scientist development grants, grants-in-aid, and pre and post-doctoral fellowship awards assigned to this review group at the national level.

Amy Marie Olin, MS III, has been named the first recipient of the Jeffrey C. Darnell Medical Student Geriatrics Achievement Award. The award was created by Dr. Darnell's geriatrics colleagues to honor his dedication and 31 years of service to his patients and to IU Geriatrics. In addition to an engraved crystal award, Ms. Olin received a one-year membership to the American Geriatrics Society and an all expense-paid trip to the AGS

national meeting in May. A Darnell Award perpetual plaque will hang in the Van Nuys Medical Science Building to commemorate the honored students.

Jennifer Phan, MS I, was honored by the International Society of Infant Studies for the 2006 Outstanding Undergraduate Submission. Her research, "Infant Dialect Discrimination," was completed at the Infant Language Lab at Riley Hospital for Children. She will receive a \$200 cash prize, a commemorative plaque and recognition by the society. In addition, she has been granted \$800 in travel support to attend the International Conference on Infant Studies in Kyoto, Japan, by the National Institute of Health.

Two IUSM students received honors at the 37th annual Midwest Student Biomedical Research Forum held Feb. 17-18 in Omaha, Neb. The first place award was given to **Matthew Zipse**, MS II, for his oral presentation, "SERCA Inhibition by Cyclopiazonic Acid Prevents Calcium Dysregulation in Organ Cultured Coronary Smooth Muscle." A third place award was given to **Monica Khurana**, MS II, for her oral presentation, "Fluid Shear Stress Rescues Osteoblasts from Tumor Necrosis Factor Alpha Induced Apoptosis via Focal Adhesions."

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This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, March 12, 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-host of this week's program is Stephen Bogdewic, PhD.

This week's program will cover topics ranging from the length of time patients wait in an emergency room to how man's best friend is making us healthier.

Howard Frumkin, MD, DrPH, director of the Centers for Disease Control National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, will discuss the CDC's new effort to help communities look at issues such as air quality and pollutants in order to plan and build neighborhoods that promote the health of its citizens.

Independent producer Shia Levitt reports on a new program implemented in San Francisco that offers methamphetamine addicts monetary incentives to stay clean.

Kerstin Lindblad-Toh, PhD, leads the Canine Genome Sequencing program at the Broad Institute, a research collaboration of MIT, Harvard, and the Whitehead Institute. She will discuss how the genes of purebred dogs are now helping scientists solve the genetic mysteries of many human diseases.

According to health care researchers, waits in the doctor's office and in emergency rooms are getting longer than ever. Family physician Mark Murray, MD, will talk about what is being done to address this problem. Dr. Murray is the principle owner of California-based Mark Murray and Associates that works with doctors and hospitals to improve their quality of care, including reducing patient waiting times.

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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