A message from Sam Odle regarding the infant deaths at Methodist Hospital

The following email message was distributed to all Clarian Health Partners employees:

As most of you are aware, we continue to investigate the recent incident that occurred in the Methodist NICU, in an effort to improve patient safety and quality. This is part of an ongoing investigation that will benefit not only our hospitals and our patients, but could also help to prevent errors at other hospitals.

As the media continues to cover these events, I want to update you on the process. We are currently engaged in the investigation with JCAHO, the Indiana State Department of Health, and recently, the Prosecutor’s Office. We are working with these different organizations to conduct a comprehensive investigation, which will allow us to gather and share the necessary information to ensure that our investigation meets the highest of standards.

We continue to move forward in an open and honest fashion, which will produce the best results in terms of patient care and safety. We continue to extend our thoughts and prayers to the families affected; and we want to thank each of you for your support of Clarian and for your support of your
colleagues.

Sam Odle
President and CEO
Methodist Hospital and Indiana University Hospital

We also are sharing this backgrounder from Clarian to clarify the details regarding the tragic error that occurred at Methodist Hospital this past weekend. All news media inquiries should be forwarded to the Clarian communications office for consideration.

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President Herbert to deliver "State of the University" address Sept. 26

Indiana University President Adam W. Herbert will deliver his third annual "State of the University" address at 2:30 p.m Sept. 26 at the University Conference Center Auditorium on the campus of IUPUI.

The president's address will be telecast live to the IU campuses. Remote sites will be live from one-half hour before the address at the following campus locations around the state:

IUB: Radio-TV Services 180
IUPU-Columbus: Main 164
IU East: Whitewater 119
IPFW: Library 344
IUPUI: School of Nursing 314
IU Kokomo: Main 111
IU Northwest: Hawthorn 105
IU South Bend: Northside 038
IU Southeast: Hillside 102

The address also will be aired live on Bloomington TV channel WTIU2 (the PEG channel) and will be re-broadcast at 11:30 p.m., Sept. 26, on WTIU.

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Hainline named Director of the Clinical Division in the Department of Medical and Molecular Genetics

Bryan E. Hainline, M.D., Ph.D. has been named as Director of the Clinical Division for the Department of Medical and Molecular Genetics. Dr. Hainline is currently a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Metabolism Division but has a long-standing affiliation with Medical Genetics. The former Division Director, David Weaver, M.D., is now Professor Emeritus but continues his clinical activities within the IUSM.

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IUCC beam topping ceremony Sept 22

IU School of Medicine and Clarian will celebrate when the last steel beam is placed on top of the IU Cancer Center expansion on Friday, Sept. 29 at 3:30 p.m. At 3 p.m. there will be a briefing in the Indiana Cancer Pavilion atrium for news media. All who would like to "sign" the beam are invited to do it virtually at http://cancer.iu.edu/. The virtual messages will be downloaded and placed on the last beam
before it is placed on the new building.

Those who would like to sign the beam directly can do so -- the beam will be displayed on Barnhill Drive near the Cancer Pavilion until 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 29.

In recognition of the beam-topping ceremony, frozen yogurt and a variety of sundae toppings will be served in the atrium. Employees and physicians, patients and families, are invited to “top off” their sundaes during these times: 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The beam topping ceremony is an important custom in the steel construction industry, signifying that the structure has reached its height. A summer 2008 completion is planned for the new building.

Applications sought for O'Brien Research Core Center proposal

The Division of Nephrology is preparing an application to the NIDDK for funding of a George M. O'Brien Research Core Center (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DK-06-010.html). The division is soliciting applications from investigators interested in conducting studies of renal physiology or pathophysiology that capitalize on the advanced capabilities of the Indiana Center for Biological Microscopy in intravital and 3-dimensional microscopy as part of the Pilot and Feasibility Program. This program provides support (up to $50,000 per year) for up to 2 years.

NIDDK intends the pilot and feasibility studies to: “(1) provide initial support for new investigators; (2) allow exploration of possible innovative new leads or new directions for established investigators, and (3) stimulate investigators from other areas to lend their expertise to research in this area.”

The division anticipates submitting 2-4 of these studies with the application to NIH. The final application is due in mid-November, but we are now soliciting pre-applications, which should be 1 page in length, in the form of the “Specific Aims” page of an NIH application, but also including key relevant references. These pre-applications must be received by October 13 th via email to chyatte@iupui.edu. Successful applicants will be asked to submit a 5 page application by October 27 th.

For more information, please contact Bruce Molitoris, MD, (bmolitor@iupui.edu).

National Research Council postdoctoral awards deadlines set

The National Research Council of the National Academies sponsors awards for postdoctoral researchers at federal laboratories and affiliated centers. These awards provide generous stipends ($38,000 - $65,000 per year), and the opportunity to do independent research in some of the best-equipped and staffed laboratories in the country.

Detailed program information, including instructions on how to apply online, and a list of participating laboratories, is available on the NRC Research Associateship Programs Web site at:
http://www.national-academies.org/rap

Questions should be directed to the NRC at 202-334-2760 (tel) or rap@nas.edu.

There will be four review cycles annually. **Upcoming deadline dates are Nov. 1, 2006, Feb. 1, 2007, May 1, 2007, and Aug. 1, 2007.**
Biomedical Entrepreneur Network meeting Oct. 3

"Is the pace of innovation fast enough at your company?" will be the topic of the next meeting of the Indiana Biomedical Entrepreneur Network Tuesday, Oct. 3.

What does "innovation" really mean? What can I really do to become "more innovative?" I have an idea but what do I do next? How do I find innovative people? Speaker John Blue, principal at InnovationCreation of Indianapolis, will address such questions, which are being asked every day by business and education leaders due to the pressures from multiple directions to "be more innovative."

Companies and organizations struggle on how to learn about the innovation process and then how to apply it. There is a desire to have instant innovation. The struggle comes from the fact that there is no magic bullet for innovation. However, you can put in place actions, training, and environment to cultivate an innovation mindset and develop your staff to have a prepared state of mind to recognize and act upon new opportunities.

Registration will begin at 5 p.m. and the program will start at 5:30 p.m. at the Riley Outpatient Center Auditorium in Riley Hospital for Children. The program is free, but registration by Friday, Sept. 29, is requested at www.indianabionetwork.org.

The Indiana Biomedical Entrepreneur Network promotes information sharing and networking for biomedical entrepreneurs. Sponsors are the Indiana Health Industry Forum, Indiana University Research and Technology Corp. and Ice Miller.

FEED Series presents "Getting to No:" setting limits with patients

"Getting to "No:" Setting Limits in Professional Practice" will be the topic of the Faculty Enrichment and Education Development (FEED) Series hosted by the IU Department of Medicine. The workshop will be on Oct. 12 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the lower level conference rooms A and B of the Riley Outpatient Center (ROC). Faculty presenting at this FEED workshop will be Mary Ciccarelli, MD, Rich Frankel, MD and Alan Schmetzer, MD.

Participants will learn that limit setting with patients is an important component of professionalism and satisfaction at work. Few formal opportunities to learn about and discuss limit setting currently exist for practicing physicians. The purpose of this session is to review current evidence about the importance of limit setting in medical practice, to identify situations in which limit setting is necessary and appropriate and to practice skills for successfully setting limits with patients, colleagues and team members.

The program begins at 5 p.m. with a buffet dinner followed by the group session beginning at 5:30 p.m. Faculty interested in attending should e-mail Roberta Brown at rabrown2@iupui.edu, or call 630-6906.

FEED is a quarterly series offering key topics in clinical teaching. These workshops are designed to provide an opportunity for the department faculty to improve their teaching skills in a collegial and fun environment and as part of the Department of Medicine's continuing commitment to provide the highest quality learning environment for medical students, residents and fellows.

Biostatistics for Health Care Providers: A short course

The Division of Biostatistics will be offering the short course Biostatistics for Health Care Providers
(formerly known as Biostatistics for Physicians) on Nov. 6, 8 and 10 from noon to 4:00 p.m. The course will cover basic concepts of statistical methods commonly encountered in health care literature. The course will be open to faculty, fellows, and residents, as well as other interested students and staff. Enrollment will be limited to the first 25 registrants. Go to http://www.biostat.iupui.edu/ShortCourse/2006/Fall/index.htm for a detailed brochure and registration form.

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Marketing technology is topic of next New Economy New Rules briefing

"The do's & dont's of marketing technology" will be the topic of the next New Economy New Rules briefing presented by Techpoint Inc. and Barnes & Thornburg LLP on Oct. 6 from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Whether a start-up company is bringing a new technology to market or a sustained business is rolling out a new product, marketing technology has special challenges.

Participants will hear from expert panelists who will discuss these challenges and the top tips to overcome them. No matter what stage your company may be in, this event will share relevant hints and tips on how to market technology products or services that every company should know.

Speakers will be Tom Hirschauer, president of Publicis-Indianapolis; Bryan Gray, CEO of MediaSauce; and Mark Long, president and CEO of Indiana University Research & Technology Corporation (IURTC) and IU Emerging Technologies Center (IUETC).

There is no charge to attend, but please register at http://www.techpoint.org/eventdetail.aspx?id=603 or by calling 317-231-7356 so the organizers know how many to plan for. If you register and become unable to attend, please email deb.hallberg@btlaw.com.

The program will be held at Barnes & Thornburg, 11 South Meridian St., Indianapolis, and available via teleconference at the firm's offices in South Bend, Fort Wayne, and Elkhart, as well as cooperating facilities in New Albany, Muncie, Terre Haute, West Lafayette, Bloomington, Richmond, Vincennes, Greencastle, Kokomo, Greensburg and Valparaiso.

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Primal Pictures anatomy database added by IUSM Medical Library

The IUSM Medical Library has added the anatomy database, Primal Pictures, as one of its Ovid databases. Primal Pictures on Ovid provides a dynamic interactive multimedia overview of human anatomy from head to toe. It features three-dimensional animations that illustrate function, biomechanics, and surgical procedures. Clinical videos and textual descriptions by leading specialists supplement the animations and models. Interactive learning modules covering basic human anatomy focus on one or more areas of the body, from a generalist’s or specialist’s perspective, so that students, physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals can uncover the information they want quickly and easily. Primal Pictures has created the world’s first complete 3D model of human anatomy.

Images are derived from real medical scan and dissection data interpreted by a team of staff anatomists, and constructed using advanced imaging by an in-house team of graphics specialists.

To view the database, use the Ovid Databases link on the upper left hand corner of the Library web page, at http://library.medicine.iu.edu.
Conversation on strategic partnership with Mexico set for Oct. 13

Due to the interconnected histories, diverse connections, local demographics and the porous nature of political, economic, and cultural borders, the IUPUI Mexico Interest group proposes to build a core strategic partnership between IUPUI and Mexico. Therefore the Mexico Interest group invites members of the community to attend "Campus & Community Conversations: Mexico as a Core Strategic Partner" so that we can together discuss and determine the goals, breadth, and next steps of this proposed partnership.

The IUPUI Mexico Interest Group is a campus-wide body that is responsible for the development of Mexico as a possible strategic partner. This group will coordinate and make decisions collaboratively as it works toward establishing a cumulative and campuswide base of knowledge, experience, and opportunity for teaching, visiting, researching, and collaborating with partners in Mexico.

The conversation program will take place Oct. 13 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the University Library Auditorium, 855 West Michigan St.

For more information, contact Hilary Kahn, 274-3812 or hkahn@iupui.edu. For details of the proposal, see http://www.iupui.edu/~oia/IA/mexicopartner.pdf.

Giving to a great cause – Westside Health Fair

The Indiana University School of Medicine Internal Medicine Student Interest Group (IMSIG) is excited to announce that the eighth annual Westside Community Health Fair will be held on Saturday, Oct. 14, at the Westside Community Health Center, 2732 W. Michigan St., Indianapolis. The health fair is run by medical students and focuses on health screening and patient education. Over the past seven years the health fair has grown to serve several hundred local citizens who have been identified as having significant social or economic disadvantages such as lack of health insurance and transportation, low income, and/or barriers to communication.

As this is a free event for patients, the medical students are in the process of fundraising. Individuals or organizations interested in making a donation to the health fair should contact Allison Meadows (admeadow@iupui.edu) for more information.

Women’s Health symposium hosted by IUSM CoE

The IU National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health presents its 4th Annual Symposium on Women’s Health Issues for the Primary Care Provider on Friday, Oct. 6, at University Place Hotel and Conference Center.

IU faculty will present lectures on heart disease, perinatal depression, osteoporosis, abnormal uterine bleeding, an update on contraception, the new HPV vaccine, obesity and domestic violence. A total of 6.0 CME credits will be awarded. A continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee of $25 for IUSM and Clarian faculty, staff, nurses and technicians. The symposium is free for IUSM residents-in-training and $50 for physicians outside the IUSM or Clarian systems. Register on-line at cme.medicine.iu.edu. Questions can be directed to Tina Darling at 278-7253, or tdarling@iupui.edu.
LAMP kick-off and new faculty orientation

The 2006-2007 sessions of the IUSM Leadership in Academic Medicine Program (LAMP) are about to begin.

This fellowship program is designed to provide IUSM’s newest faculty members with the necessary tools for career success and help them learn to contribute to a learning environment that brings out the best in all.

Features of the program:

- An overview of the newly revised IUSM standards for excellence (promotion and tenure guidelines) in education, research and service.
- Development of an individual academic development plan.
- Differing views on the culture of IUSM: The Relationship-Centered Care Initiative and the Data Driven Decisions Initiative
- How to find and work with a mentor
- Understanding the research basics at IUSM
- The ABCs of effective teaching
- Leadership competencies: Necessary at every level
- Negotiation and conflict management skills
- Achieving balance in personal and professional life
- Principles of managing professional people

LAMP will begin on Oct. 9. Subsequent sessions will be monthly on Mondays from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the Riley Outpatient Center lower level, Conference Rooms A/B. Mark your calendar for the other LAMP dates: Nov. 6, Dec. 11, Jan 22, Feb. 12, March 12, April 9 and May 14.

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

To be selected as LAMP fellows, faculty must be in the first or second year of their appointment. The program is provided at no cost to departments other than the time required to attend each LAMP session. The names of interested individuals and questions can be sent to Steve Bogdewic at bogdewic@iupui.edu. The deadline is Friday, Sept. 29.

Sabbatical leave notice deadlines are set

The Indiana University administration has asked for the names of tenure track faculty members who intend to apply for sabbatical leave that would occur during any part of the 2007-08 fiscal year. Department chairs or regional center directors should be notified by Sept. 30, 2006, of your intention to submit your application.

A tentative list of those planning to apply for sabbatical leave should be submitted through the departments to the Dean's Office by October 13, 2006.

Applications are to be submitted through the departments to the Dean's Office, Fesler Hall 318, to the attention of Lynn Wakefield, by November 3, 2006. Applications are available at http://www.opd.iupui.edu/resources.asp?unit=APPD&subgroup=Faculty%20Benefits%20and%20Leaves.
This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 24, to Sound Medicine, the weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barbara Lewis. Co-host of this week’s program is Steve Bogdewic, PhD.

Guests include Julie Moretz, director of family services and development at the Medical College of Georgia, who will discuss her part in reforming the local health system to allow for greater partnership between patients, their families, and health care providers.

Also appearing will be James Conway, senior fellow at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement at Harvard School of Public Health, to talk about the "100,000 Lives Campaign." The campaign has saved 122,000 lives in the United States by reducing hospital errors.

Pam Perry, director of public and media relations at the Indiana University School of Medicine, shares her thoughts on family responsibility and medical errors. Perry’s essay challenges the notion that families must "always be vigilant" in watching for medical errors when a loved one is in the hospital.

Tami Merryman, RN, vice president for quality improvement and innovation at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, will discuss the school’s patient safety program called "Condition H," which allows a patient or family member to call a response team to the bedside to address a health or communication problem.

In the Medical Mystery, Jeremy Shere reveals a way to curb the fear of needles.

Archived editions of Sound Medicine, as well as other helpful, health information, can be found at 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.

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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.

To access calendars and information prior to 2003, visit the old site at www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar.

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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)

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