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## **Carmel resident to lead Medical Alumni Council**

David Patterson, MD, has begun a two-year term as president of the IUSM Medical Alumni Council. He succeeds Richard Hallett II, MD, who has been president since June 2005.

Dr. Patterson graduated from the IU medical school in 1990. He specializes in the treatment of allergies and immunology and practices at the Academy Allergy, Asthma and Sinus in Fishers. He is a volunteer clinical assistant professor of medicine with the IU Department of Medicine.

The Medical Alumni Council is the governing alumni board for the IU School of Medicine Alumni Association, which represents more than 15,000 graduates and residents from the IU School of Medicine and its eight regional campuses. More information about the association can be found at [alumni.iupui.edu/medicine](http://alumni.iupui.edu/medicine) or by contacting the Alumni Relations Office at 274-8828.

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## **Graduate fellowships to support translational research**

Five fellowships are available for the 2007-2008 academic year to support Ph.D. students in the basic biomedical sciences who are working in translational research. Students interested in applying should contact their graduate program director or the Graduate Division in MS 207 for application materials.

## Summer Seminars for undergraduates interested in medicine

Four seminars featuring speakers knowledgeable about navigating the path to become a physician will be offered again this summer. These seminars and panel discussions are intended for college students who are working on the IUSM campuses and are interested in a career in medicine.

All seminars will be held in Riley Hospital Outpatient Center, Ruth Lilly Learning Center Conference Rooms A and B. The series is free and participants are welcome to bring their lunch. Each session begins at noon and ends by 1 p.m.

**Session 1: Undergraduate Preparation for Medical School**

Robert Stump Jr., director of admissions  
Thursday, July 5

**Session 2: Life as a Medical Student**

Medical student panel  
Thursday, July 12

**Session 3: Careers in Primary and Specialty Care**

Physician panel  
Thursday, July 19

**Session 4: Financing Medical School**

Jose Espada, director of student financial services  
Thursday, July 26

The series is sponsored by the School of Medicine admissions office. For more information call 274-3772.

## Second round of Signature Center grants announced

Uday Sukhatme, executive vice chancellor and dean of the faculties at IUPUI, has announced a request for submissions for a second round of funding for Signature Centers, due by Friday, Oct. 5.

The Signature Center Initiative was begun last year in an effort to create strong research units that are uniquely identifiable with IUPUI. Signature Centers are an integral part of the Academic Plan for IUPUI, because they will lead the way in world-class research and creative activities that will substantially enhance IUPUI's reputation. A call for proposals in the fall of 2006 resulted in a total of 19 project proposals selected for support. Summaries of these Signature Center projects can be viewed at [www.iupui.edu/news/releases/070118\\_signature\\_centers.htm](http://www.iupui.edu/news/releases/070118_signature_centers.htm).

It is expected that approximately seven projects will be supported in this round. The proposed projects may be entirely new, but proposals which were not funded in the first round may also be resubmitted, after suitable revisions have been made to update the proposals and address reviewer comments. The main characteristics expected of successful Signature Center proposals are:

- A signature center is a research unit distinctly identifiable with IUPUI. In addition to representing

an area of research strength, the center will usually build on some ongoing activities and have many of the following attributes.

- Signature Centers will often be interdisciplinary in character. They should have the capacity to attract significant external funding as appropriate to the disciplines involved, including federal grants and foundation support. The centers need to bring academic distinction to the campus. After initial campus-based seed funding, they should become largely self-sufficient in a 3 to 5 year time frame.
- The work of the center should be unique and distinctive, something which makes it stand out. It should not focus on an area commonly studied at many other universities, although collaborations with other institutions may be desirable.
- The center should engage in work which takes advantage of the urban location in Indianapolis and establish partnerships with local community and cultural organizations.

Proposals must be no more than four pages in length; any proposal exceeding the page limit will not be considered. Proposals should contain the following sections:

- Cover page [not included in the page limit]: Name of proposed Signature Center and main faculty participants with their department affiliations and contact information
- Proposed research or creative activities
- Background material and existing strengths in proposed area
- Uniqueness and interdisciplinary nature of the center
- Planned scholarly activities [conferences, workshops, exhibits, journal articles]
- Engagement of the local community [if applicable]
- Current and anticipated sources and amount of funding
- Three-year budget estimate
- Appendices [not included in the page limit]: One page CV for each of the principal investigators and all main faculty participants, and letters of collaboration and support, if applicable. No additional attachments are permitted.

Proposals from School of Medicine faculty must be submitted before October 5, 2007 both electronically [in one PDF document] and in hard copy to the Dean as well as to Dr. Sukhatme's assistant:

Ms. Sue Herrell  
Office of Academic Affairs  
355 North Lansing Street, AO 126  
Indianapolis, IN 46202-2896  
[317-274-4477; [sherrell@iupui.edu](mailto:sherrell@iupui.edu)]

In the first step, Deans will set up faculty committees within their schools to screen the proposals and rank order all of them based on academic merit and the criteria expected for signature center designation. This rank ordering, along with brief one paragraph descriptions of the strong and weak points of each proposal, should be sent to the Office of Academic Affairs by October 26.

Two faculty committees, the IUPUI Council of Associate Deans for Research and the IUPUI Research Committee, will independently review the proposals from a campus-wide perspective, and recommend potential signature centers for funding. These recommendations will be completed by November 30, 2007. Final funding decisions will be made soon after the beginning of the spring semester in mid-January 2008, after establishing the availability of matching funds from various schools.

The funding level for each approved proposal is expected not to exceed \$100K per year for three years, with the cost to be shared equally between the central administration and decanal units. Thus, for a proposal approved for \$240K over three years, the central administration will provide \$120K and the school will provide \$120K, both amounts being cash contributions to a special account set up for that proposal. In this way, decanal units will double their contribution to support research. The budget

request in the proposals can be very flexible -- it can include personnel hires (staff, faculty, and/or students), equipment, travel, event expenses, books, faculty release time, etc. After the initial period of campus-based funding, centers are expected to become largely self-sufficient in a 3 to 5 year time frame. The contribution from the central administration will begin in Spring 2008. However, in order to give more budget flexibility to the schools, they may choose to begin their contributions either in Spring 2008, or in Fall 2008 at the beginning of the new fiscal year.

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## Message from Medicare

Effective July 1, Medicare patients have the right to question a hospital discharge if they think they are being discharged too soon. They must be provided a copy of the Important Message from Medicare (IM) within two calendar days of admission. This document provides the Medicare patient with the information they need to appeal a discharge.

Additionally, Clarian must provide a follow-up copy of the notice before the day of discharge. This document requires a date and a signature of the patient or their representative. Clarian is required to retain a copy and give a copy to the beneficiary.

Clarian plans to accomplish this in the following way. The first letter will be the responsibility of Patient Access Services and will be provided at the time of registration to all bedded patients. The second letter will be the responsibility of Care Management. Each department is required to obtain the signature of the patient or their representative, date the form, and give the patient the original with the copy being kept in the medical record.

Clarian is asking all physicians to assist Care Management by providing the anticipated discharge date to them as soon as it appears the patient might go home.

For more information, see [www.cms.hhs.gov/BNI](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/BNI) and click on "Hospital Discharge Appeal Notices."

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## Volunteers needed for minority health fair

Volunteers are needed for the 2007 INShape Indiana Black and Minority Health Fair July 19 – 22.

The IU Simon Cancer Center will recruit participants for a breast cancer research study, Mary Ellen's Tissue Bank (Friends for Life), and a prostate cancer research study, PC-GRACE. Both studies seek participants to bank blood that will allow researchers to study differences between individuals with and without either breast or prostate cancer. Cancer prevention education will also occur in the booth.

Volunteers are needed who can:

- answer cancer and health-related questions
- recruit attendees for the research projects
- help with Friends for Life and PC-GRACE consent process

For additional information or to volunteer, contact Michelle Schaur at 278-0953, or [mlucke@iupui.edu](mailto:mlucke@iupui.edu) before **Friday, June 29**. If you are interested in helping with the consent process for either research project, please contact Casey Allen at [calallen@iupui.edu](mailto:calallen@iupui.edu) or 274-0594, for Friends for

Life, or Dr. Noah Hahn at [nhahn@iupui.edu](mailto:nhahn@iupui.edu) or 278-6942 for PC-GRACE .

The Office of Clinical Research also needs volunteers and educational materials or study fliers for distribution at the fair. Volunteer and help educate and increase awareness about clinical research and recruit participants for studies . Themes for specific days are:

- July 19: Seniors and People with Disabilities (Dept. of Neurology)
- July 20: Women's and Men's Health
- July 21: Children and Youth
- July 22: Family

Contact Emily Hardwick at 278-2821 or [ejhardwi@iupui.edu](mailto:ejhardwi@iupui.edu) for additional information or to volunteer.

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## **Clarian, IUSON addressing nursing shortage**

Clarian Health and the IU School of Nursing have established a partnership to create a local solution to a nationwide shortage of nurses. The partnership includes scholarships for students to study in the school's accelerated bachelor of science in nursing program. The collaboration also allows the school to add faculty to its ranks so that more nursing students can participate in the aforementioned program.

Clarian has committed \$1.2 million to the IUSON to provide eight adjunct clinical faculty members as well as up to 60 scholarships per academic year worth \$15,000 each. The scholarships are for students in the second degree accelerated BSN program, a full-time 18-month condensed version of the traditional BSN program at IUPUI. Thirteen scholarships were awarded earlier this spring and up to 20 more will be announced in late June 2007.

The partnership has already resulted in the hiring of six new faculty and two more will be brought on board this month. The faculty will teach four days per week at IUSON and spend one day each week at Clarian as clinical educators.

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## **Free PubMed classes**

The National Library of Medicine National Training Center is offering PubMed hands-on classes at Ruth Lilly Medical Library, room 318, Thursday, June 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The training is free.

Register for the class at NLM Training Registration ([nmlm.gov/ntcc/classes/register.html](http://nmlm.gov/ntcc/classes/register.html)). Contact Peggy Richwine at 274-2292, or [mrichwin@iupui.edu](mailto:mrichwin@iupui.edu) for further information.

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## **Textbook orders needed at Barnes & Noble**

Beginning July 1, Barnes & Noble College Booksellers will be the distributor for IUPUI textbooks. To facilitate the process of switching vendors, the Chancellor's Office has requested that faculty, directors

and department chairs consider it a priority to place textbook orders as soon as possible.

For additional information, contact Marty Van Dyke at 278-9778.

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## Construction zone changes ahead

Driving lanes, sidewalk and other street-related closings are scheduled at and near the intersection of University Boulevard and Michigan Street on the IUPUI campus.

Construction is underway on the southwest corner of the intersection for the IUPUI Campus Center and the IU Simon Cancer Center project is underway on the northwest corner.

Be advised:

- Michigan Street will narrow to two lanes between University Boulevard and Barnhill Drive Monday, June 25, through Thursday, June 28, as Turner Construction work crews install fire main connections for the cancer center.
- Construction crews will close Michigan Street from University Boulevard to Barnhill Drive on Friday, June 29, to allow for construction of a skywalk connecting the cancer center to the Vermont Street Garage. The east-west campus thoroughfare will close after rush hour on June 29 and remained closed until July 1 as workers raise the skywalk into place.

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## This week on Sound Medicine

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, June 17, 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 for this week's program is Kathy Miller, MD. On July 1, *Sound Medicine* will begin airing at 2 p.m. Sundays on WFYI following *Car Talk*.

This week on *Sound Medicine*, National Public Radio reporter Richard Knox examines why many hospitals do not have the capacity for emergency angioplasty and the urgent need to make a change for treating heart attack patients at night and over weekends.

Also, the St. Francis Heart Center in Indianapolis has developed a new program called Emergency Heart Attack Response Team to improve care for patients and help save on health-care costs. Umesh Khot, MD, a cardiologist at Indiana Heart Physicians/St. Francis Heart Center, will explain the new program.

John Halamka, MD, chief information officer at Harvard Medical School, explains why some hospitals ban certain types of patient provided security cameras and whether they could actually improve care by making doctors and nurses feel more accountable.

Overall colon cancer rates have decreased in the U.S. over the past several years, but the rate among minorities has remained steady and actually increased. Durado Brooks, MD, director of prostate and colorectal cancer at the American Cancer Society, works to improve care for medically underserved groups by touring the country to raise awareness of the need for better cancer prevention and early

treatment among minorities. He discusses the reasons for the discrepancy and whether genetics plays a role among African-Americans specifically.

Tara Parker Pope is a science writer for *The Wall Street Journal* and the author of “The Hormone Decision.” She talks with *Sound Medicine* about the importance of writing a book weighing both the risks and benefits of hormones.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine* as well as other helpful information can be found at <http://www.soundmedicine.iu.edu/>.

*Sound Medicine* is underwritten by the Lilly Research Clinic, Clarian Health, and IU Medical Group; Jeremy Shere’s “Check-Up” is underwritten by IUPUI.

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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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