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Ten hospital programs ranked by US News

Ten clinical programs at Indiana University, Riley and Methodist hospitals ranked among the top 50 programs in the nation according to *U.S. News & World Report's* "2007 America's Best Hospitals Guide." Clarian's hospitals were the only Indiana hospitals included in the rankings and among only 173 hospitals recognized out of the 5,462 evaluated nationwide.

Programs at Clarian hospitals, a partner of the IU School of Medicine, received rankings in 10 clinical programs out of 16 specialties in the July 16 issue. *U.S. News* has annually ranked America's medical centers for 18 years "to help patients find the best hospital when the need is great." This is Clarian's 10th consecutive appearance in the guide. The complete guide and rankings can be found by visiting

The programs and their rankings are:

- Digestive Disorders 11th
- Urology 16th
- Geriatrics 25th
- Neurology 27th
- Orthopedics 29th
- Ear, Nose and Throat 31st
- Kidney Disease 34th
- Respiratory 36th
- Heart and Heart Surgery 40th
- Endocrinology 41st

Board-certified specialists from across the country rank hospitals based on reputation, a mortality index, advanced technology capabilities, credentialing by professional bodies, and nursing care. Hospitals must also meet one of three requirements for eligibility for ranking: affiliation with a medical school, membership in the Council of Teaching Hospitals or having a minimum of at least six of 13 advanced technologies available.

This year's rankings do not include pediatrics, but *U.S. News* indicates this is only a temporary absence. It will return in the near future with revamped and expanded information.

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\$10 million gift supports joint IUSM and Notre Dame facility

Charles M. "Mike" Harper, retired chair and chief executive officer of ConAgra Foods and of RJR Nabisco, has made a \$10 million gift to the University of Notre Dame to support the construction of Harper Hall, a new building for expanded medical school and cancer research initiatives at the Indiana University School of Medicine-South Bend in partnership with Notre Dame.

The gift will be combined with \$10 million recently appropriated by the state to IU for the project. Harper's gift is in memory of his late wife, Josie.

"My wife Josie and I grew up, dated and then were married in South Bend," he said. "In 1999 she passed away from lung cancer. Our four children and I can think of no better tribute to this wonderful woman than the establishment of a cancer institute in the shadow of the Golden Dome in partnership with the state of Indiana."

Dr. Rudy Navari, assistant dean and director of IUSM-SB and director of Notre Dame's Walther Cancer Research Center, lauded Harper's decision to make a gift that would have such significant impact on his hometown.

Harper Hall will be similar in design and adjacent to Raclin-Carmichael Hall, which houses IUSM-SB and Notre Dame's Keck Center for Transgene Research at the corner of Angela Boulevard and Notre Dame Avenue.

The new facility will include laboratories and offices for IUSM-SB and Notre Dame's cancer research activities under the auspices of a new Mike and Josie Harper Cancer Research Institute. Scientists from Notre Dame and IU will collaborate on research in the area of cancer biology, with an emphasis on

genomics and proteomics.

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Ardayfio hired to oversee multicultural affairs

Krystal Ardayfio has been named director of the newly established Office of Multicultural Affairs at IUSM.

A graduate of Harvard University, Ardayfio previously worked in economic development at Nuestra Comunidad Development Corporation in Boston and as a guest lecturer for the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship. She is the co-founder of the Boston-based Help and Awareness Group, a collection of students, faculty, attorneys and scientists from the Boston academic community who share a concern for global social atrocities and a common goal to bring awareness and support to humanitarian efforts.

The Office of Multicultural Affairs was created to sustain a diverse culture within IUSM in which every student, resident, faculty, staff and alumni can succeed.

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Canal named the Taylor Professor of Surgery

David Canal, MD, has been named the Frederic W. Taylor Professor of Surgery at IUSM.

He is the director of surgical services at Wishard Memorial Hospital and an associate director of general surgery at the IU School of Medicine. An IU School of Medicine graduate, Dr. Canal has been on the faculty since 1988.

The Frederick W. Taylor Professorship was established in 1997 by Anne Ayres Taylor in honor of her late husband who was associated with IUSM for 65 years. During that time, Frederick W. Taylor, MD, served as the chief of surgery at Marion County General Hospital, now Wishard Memorial Hospital.

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Chalasanani to lead GI division

Naga Chalasanani, MD, has been appointed director of the Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology in the IU Department of Medicine. He currently is an associate professor of medicine in the division.

Dr. Chalasanani is nationally recognized for his research in liver disease. He succeeds Lawrence Lumeng, MD, who has served as the division director for more than 20 years. The Division of Gastroenterology and Hepatology at IUSM is recognized for clinical care and research, ranking eleventh in the nation by *US News and World Report*.

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Lu Named Efroymson Professor of Oncology

Hua Lu, MD, PhD, has been named the first Daniel and Lori Efroymson Professor of Oncology at IUSM. Dr. Lu, who joined the medical school faculty July 1, also was appointed a professor of biochemistry and molecular biology.

Dr. Lu earned his medical degree from Jiangxi Medical College in Nanchang, China. He also holds a master's degree from the Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences in Beijing, China, and a doctorate in biochemistry and molecular biology from Rutgers University in New Jersey. Most recently, he was on the faculty at the Oregon Health and Science University and Princeton University.

The Daniel and Lori Efroymson Professor in Oncology was established in 2003 by the Efroymson Fund of the Central Indiana Community Foundation. An Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center Development Board member since 2000, Lori Efroymson established the professorship in memory of her husband Daniel, and in honor of Patrick Loehrer, MD, his physician at the center. The faculty member holding this title is to conduct basic science research in gastrointestinal cancer.

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Search open for School of Science dean

A nationwide search is underway for the position of dean of the School of Science at IUPUI. Information regarding the position, as well as information about the School of Science, is available at www.science.iupui.edu/deansearch/.

Nominations of potential candidates for this position are sought from IUSM faculty. Send the names and contact information for possible candidates to the chair of the search committee and associate dean of the School of Public and Environmental Affairs Greg Lindsey, PhD, at glindsey@iupui.edu. If possible, include a copy of the curriculum vitae for the proposed candidate.

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Free immunizations and sports physicals offered at health fair

Blackburn Community Health Center will host the second annual free Randall S. Smith Jr. Children's Health Fair from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, July 14.

Health care professionals will be on hand to answer questions and provide free immunizations for all ages and sports physicals for junior high and high school students. Parents are asked to bring their children's immunization records. In addition to free health screenings and information, games, food and music will also be part of the day's activities.

Featured screenings and information booths will include dental services provided by the Marion County Health Department, diabetes and nutrition education from IU Medical Group, and Kid's BMV will be at the health fair to make ID Cards for children. In addition, Indianapolis Public Schools, WIC and Covering Kids and Families will have educational booths on various programs. Bone marrow registration and education will also be offered throughout the day.

The Blackburn Community Health Center, one of eight Wishard community health centers, provides healthcare services including primary care, family planning, social and dental services. For more

information about the health fair, call 931-4303.

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Pescovitz to present ‘Hunters and Gatherers’

Don’t miss “Hunters and Gatherers,” a humorous and inspirational talk by Ora Hirsch Pescovitz, MD, executive associate dean for research affairs at IUSM.

In April, she presented a powerful keynote address for the 10th anniversary celebration of the IUPUI Office for Women. She will share a similar presentation with IUSM faculty, staff and students from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Monday, July 16, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium.

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IUSM faculty to speak at Life Sciences Lunch Series

IU School of Medicine cancer researchers will be featured at the Life Science Lunch Series program at Barnes & Thornburg, 11 South Meridian St., Indianapolis, on July 17.

The speakers will be Rudolph M. Navari, MD, PhD, assistant dean and director of IUSM - South Bend and director of the Notre Dame Cancer Center; Mark R. Kelley, PhD, associate director for basic research at the IU Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center, and Marietta Harrison, PhD, associate director of the Purdue University Cancer Center.

The program will begin with lunch from 11:30 to noon. Box lunches will be provided at Barnes & Thornburg offices, or attendees can bring their own. The presentations are from noon to 1 p.m.

The program is free but registration is requested so that the correct number of lunches can be ordered. To register, and to submit questions in advance, go to http://www.btlaw.com/Event.asp?Event_ID=627 or call 317-231-7356.

The lunch series is sponsored by the Indiana Health Industry Forum and Barnes & Thornburg LLP.

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Summer Seminars for undergraduates interested in medicine

Two seminars featuring speakers knowledgeable about navigating the path to become a physician will be held later this month. The sessions 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.

Thursday, July 19 -- Careers in Primary and Specialty Care
Physician panel

Thursday, July 26 -- Financing Medical School

Jose Espada, director of student financial services

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

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Celebrate Fairbanks Hall and sign the beam

Progress on the new Fairbanks Hall, Indiana University/Clarian Education and Resource Center will be celebrated with a beam signing and placement ceremony Tuesday, July 24. Ground was broken for the \$44 million construction project on July 14, 2006; the building is expected to open next summer. Medical and nursing students, staff and faculty from the IU schools of medicine and nursing, and Clarian Health employees are invited to attend.

The beam will be available for signatures until 12:30 p.m. when a 30-minute program will feature D. Craig Brater, M.D., dean and Walter J. Daly Professor of the IU School of Medicine; Marion Broome, Ph.D., dean of the IU School of Nursing; Daniel F. Evans, president and CEO of Clarian Health; and Betsy Bikoff, vice president and chief grant making officer at the Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation.

The 182,000-square-foot, six-story building at 333 W. 11th Street will house educational and administrative offices for the IU School of Medicine, the IU School of Nursing, and Clarian Health. It also will house a 30,000 square-foot, high fidelity simulation center to train future doctors and nurses.

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Minority recruitment symposium – July 24

“Why IUPUI Is Good For Minorities – Why Minorities Are Good For IUPUI,” a campus recruitment symposium sponsored by the IUSM Bridges to the Doctorate Program will be from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 24, in Van Nuys Medical Science Building, room 326. A reception will follow.

Speakers will include:

Hal Broxmeyer, Chairman, Microbiology and Immunology—Moderator
Uday Sukhatme, Executive Vice Chancellor, IUPUI—Why choose IUPUI
Stephen Leapman, IUSM Executive Associate Dean for Educational Affairs —
Why choose the School of Medicine
Joseph Cameron, Faculty, Jackson State University—Why IUPUI has been good for JSU students
Wilbert Derbigny, Faculty—Why I chose a PhD in Science
Tabitha Hardy, Graduate Student—Why I chose Science
Javier Rivera-Guzman, Graduate Student—Why I chose Science
Sherry Queener, IUPUI Graduate Office— Why IUPUI Graduate School
Simon Rhodes, SOM Graduate Office—Why SOM Graduate Office

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Physicians invited to Quality Health First programs

The Indiana Health Information Exchange is hosting monthly meetings for physicians in the Indianapolis area who are interested in learning more about the organization's Quality Health First program. Quality Health First is a community program, launching later this year, which will provide information and reports to area physicians to assist with health and chronic disease management.

Specifically, the reports will include reminders, alerts and follow-up treatment information to ensure that certain diseases like breast cancer, colon cancer, diabetes, high cholesterol, are being screened and managed as effectively as possible. It will also assemble information that will help reward physicians for improving the quality of care they provide their patients.

Physicians interested in attending a session to learn more should call 644-1744 or 644-1745. They are held on the second Thursday of each month from 8-9:30 a.m. at the Indiana Health Information Exchange office, 846 N. Senate Ave., Suite 300. Individual meetings can also be arranged. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, Aug. 9. For more information, see <http://www.qualityhealthfirst.com/>.

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Annual Syndromic Surveillance Conference comes in Indy in October

Shaun Grannis, MD, assistant professor of family medicine, in combination with the Regenstrief Institute will be hosting the 6th Annual Syndromic Surveillance Conference at the Westin Indianapolis Hotel on Oct. 11-12, 2007.

The annual conference of the International Society for Disease Surveillance will build on prior conference themes by exploring innovative and non-traditional approaches to using syndromic surveillance data (e.g non-infectious, environmental, chronic disease, health promotion).

The conference will feature plenary sessions and concurrent interactive tracks on five topics including novel applications, automated data acquisition and processing, analytical methods, public health practice and evaluation and performance.

For more information and to register go to <http://www.syndromic.org/>.

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IU info for the Indiana State Fair

For the second consecutive year, Indiana University will have a major presence at the 2007 Indiana State Fair. IU's involvement with the fair will be a monumental undertaking with responsibilities from Aug. 8 -19. This effort will require the help of approximately 600 IU employees, alumni, students, retirees and others to make sure IU's presence at the fair is a success.

If you would like to participate (for a 2-3 hour shift or for a full day) as an IU representative Aug. 8-19:

1. Read the [HR Policy Statement regarding the Indiana State Fair](#).
2. Check with your immediate supervisor to see if you can receive work day credit and travel time allowance for this assignment (as specified in the policy statement).

3. Complete the on-line volunteer registration form at <file:///C:/Documents%20and%20Settings/gfitzger/Desktop/Scope%20Drafts/www.indiana.edu/~fair> (click on "Volunteer").

A detailed schedule of what can be expected of IU's presence on the fairgrounds [can be found here](#). This effort affords IU the unique opportunity to showcase its overall and diverse contributions to the state of Indiana.

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Bioinformatics for Physicians: A Short Course

The Center for Computational Biology and Bioinformatics will offer Bioinformatics for Physicians: A Short Course, covering the basic concepts of bioinformatics commonly encountered in health-care literature. The course, open to faculty, fellows and residents, students and staff, will be from 1 to 5 p.m. Aug. 20, 22 and 24. Enrollment will be limited to the first 60 people who register.

See compbio.iupui.edu/bioPhys/ for a brochure and online registration.

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Biotechnology Training Program enrolling for fall

The IUSM Biotechnology Training Program is enrolling for fall classes. Students participating in the program receive a graduate certificate in biotechnology as a result of the 1 ½-year part-time program.

Students with baccalaureate degrees in science receive hands-on training in multiple areas including but not limited to molecular biology, protein expression and purification, proteomics and genomics, cell culture, microscopy, and flow cytometry. The problem-based learning approach trains the students in analyzing and solving scientific problems and to be independent scientist.

The 17 credits received for the graduate certificate can be transferred towards a 3-year, 30-credit, masters in biotechnology program. For more information, see medicine.iu.edu/biotechtraining or email biotech@iupui.edu.

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Message from Medicare for medical staff

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 discharge information to them as soon as it appears the patient might go home.

For more information, see www.cms.hhs.gov/BNI and click on “Hospital Discharge Appeal Notices.

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IUMG Primary Care office grows at IUH

The IU Medical Group Primary Care office at IU Hospital Outpatient Center has expanded primary care services with the addition of four faculty physicians. IU faculty and staff now have improved access to primary care physicians at this campus office.

Greg Kiray, MD, internal medicine, has moved his practice from Broad Ripple. Drs. Brian Leon and Manish Chheda, both internal medicine specialists, are relocating from the Wishard office. Kathryn Robertson, MD, also in internal medicine, is new to the practice. These physicians join Drs. Steve Neumann, internal medicine; Deanna Willis, family medicine; and Anthony Akosa, family medicine. The practice is open to new patients.

Currently located on the second floor of the adult outpatient center (UH 2007), plans are underway to move to a larger suite on the third floor early next year. Additional physicians will join the office at that time. IU faculty and staff with Anthem, Cigna or M Plan - IUMG network can see these physicians as part of their plan. Most all other commercial insurance plans are accepted as well. IU Medical Group is the clinical practice of the IUSM faculty physicians.

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Call for nominations – Rawls Provider Award

A Rawls Healthcare Provider Award will be presented at the 2007 George H. Rawls, MD Scholarship dinner Oct. 23. The award will go to a deserving minority provider who has demonstrated a passion for health care in the underserved community and a commitment to patients in Indiana.

Nominations are being sought and should be postmarked or emailed no later than **Sunday, July 22**. they should be sent to Christine Johnston, Wishard Foundation, 1001 W. 10 th St., Indianapolis 46202, or Christine.johnston@wishardfoundation.org. She also can be contacted at 630-6451 with questions or for a copy of the nomination form.

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Irwin Award deadline July 23

The 2007 Glenn W. Irwin, Jr., M.D. Experience Excellence Recognition Award will be presented to

IUPUI employees who go "above and beyond the call of duty."

Nominations are open to any full-time IUPUI faculty or staff member who has worked for the university a minimum of 12 months. The awards will be presented at the IUPUI Chancellor's Employee Recognition Convocation Sept. 11.

The deadline for submitting nominations is 5 p.m. **Monday, July 23**. The nomination guidelines and other information can be found at

www.hra.iupui.edu/IrwinAward.asp. Supporting documentation and any questions regarding the process should be directed to [mailto:hrratng@iupui.edu?subject=2006 Irwin Award Nomination](mailto:hrratng@iupui.edu?subject=2006%20Irwin%20Award%20Nomination).

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Circle the City race Aug. 4

Circle the City, a competitive 10 K and 5K run/walk in the heart of Downtown Indianapolis will be Saturday, Aug. 4. The event, sponsored by IU Medical Group, is a benefit for the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Annual Fund.

Family friendly activities and the start of the race will take place on Monument Circle. Live music by ISO musicians will be offered to participants along the race course.

More than 100 volunteers are need to support the event. To volunteer, call 262-1886. For more information, see <http://www.indianapolissymphony.org/>.

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Scope on summer break

Scope is on summer break for the remainder of July. Publication will resume by Aug. 10.

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Internal Grants and Awards - June 2007

PI	Title	Department	Research Title	Amount
Hua-Chen Chang	Res. Asst. Professor	Pediatrics	Enhancement of Immunotherapy for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma Patients	\$3,700
David L. Daleke	Assoc. Professor	Medical Sciences Bloomington	Expression and Purification of Human CDC50 Proteins	\$10,000
Anthony Firulli	Assoc. Professor	Pediatrics	Examining the Functional Role of Hand-Factor	\$9,600

			Phosphorylation In Vivo	
Robyn Fuchs	Asst. Professor	Anatomy & Cell Biology	The Role of Periostin in Bone Formation	\$10,000
Vincent H. Gattone, II	Professor	Anatomy & Cell Biology	Renal Environmental Influences on Renal Cyst Development	\$8,000
Stephen D. Hall	Professor	Clinical Pharmacology	Development of Minimally Invasive Phenotyping of Cytochrome P450s Using Sub-Pharmacological Drug Dosing	\$10,000
Maureen A. Harrington	Professor	Biochemistry & Molecular Biology	Identification of SIMPL Dependent Genes	\$10,000
Brian Paul Herring	Professor	Cellular & Integrative Physiology	Transcriptional Regulation in GI Smooth Muscle	\$40,000
Michael Rubart-von der Lohe	Asst. Professor	Pediatrics	Generation of Transgenic mice Expressing a GAP43-DsRed Fusion Protein	\$9,600
Oussama (Samy) Meroueh	Asst. Professor	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	Inhibition of the Staphylococcus aureus Sortase A Transpeptidase as a Strategy for the Development of Antimicrobial Agents	\$40,000
Grant Nicol	Professor	Pharmacology and Toxicology	Does the Altered Expression of Ion Channels Give Rise to the Enhanced Excitability of neurons isolated from Nf1 ^{+/-} mice?	\$8,100
Bart A. Pederson	Asst. Professor	South Bend Center for Medical Education	Is Brain Glycogen Neuroprotective During Hypoglycemia?	\$40,000
Simon Rhodes	Professor	Cellular and integrative Physiology	Regulatory Elements of the Human LHX3 Gene	\$8,000
Alexander G. Robling	Asst. Professor	Anatomy & Cell Biology	A Mouse Model for Inducible Overexpression of Sost in Osteocytes	\$6,400
Michelle Yip-	Asst.	Surgery	Characterization of	\$10,000

Schneider	Professor		HAD rats as a potential rodent model of alcohol/alcoholism-induced hepatocellular cancer	
William J. Sullivan	Asst. Professor	Pharmacology and Toxicology	Pilot High-Throughput Screening for Inhibitors of Toxoplasma APEs	\$9,500
Clark D. Wells	Asst. Professor	Biochemistry	Transcriptional and Post-Transcriptional Control of the Cdc42 RhoGAP Rich1 in Breast Tumor Cells	\$40,000
Karmen K. Yoder	Asst. Research Professor	Radiology	Functional Assessment of the Extrastriatal Dopamine System in Chronic Alcoholism: A Pilot PIT Study	\$40,000

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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](http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar).

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Scope submission guidelines

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The deadline for submission is 8:30 a.m. on Thursdays. *Scope* is published electronically and sent to faculty, staff, students, and residents.

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- 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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