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## **Charting new directions – restructured Curriculum Council**

The newly restructured IUSM Curriculum Council Steering Committee has begun to chart a path for its new work. At a recent meeting the committee identified a range of key issues for committee action and identified four priorities: promoting relational trust throughout IUSM, initiating a strategic planning process for education and developing an education mission for the School, facilitating curricular change in light of external changes in medical education assessment, and working to fully realize the competency curriculum.

The committee wants to work in partnership with the IUSM community and invites responses and ideas from all members of IUSM.

Please contact Medical Education and Curricular Affairs, <mailto:meca@iupui.edu>, to share thoughts or suggestions with the IUSM Curriculum Council Steering Committee.

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## **OMLS sponsors ninth annual Calnali mission trip**

During the March 2008 spring break, students and health professionals from the IU schools of medicine and dentistry will travel to Mexico for the Calnali Health Education Outreach program. Each year since 1999, this interdisciplinary group has traveled to this small village in the mountains of central Mexico a few hours north of Mexico City . Juana Watson, an IUPUI graduate, helped establish the link with this town where she was born.

In prior years, the program has focused on basic medical care and health education. In addition, an established curriculum, an affiliation agreement between Indiana University and the town of Calnali , and a formal partnership between IU and the Universidad Autonoma de Hidalgo (a state university in Mexico ) have been developed.

IUSM participants are sponsored by the Office of Medical Service-Learning (OMSL). This year, participants will develop and deliver presentations for the community based on topics that were identified by last year's asset-based community assessment. Topics of interest include alcoholism, domestic violence, and diabetes.

Interested in finding out more about the program in Calnali or want to become involved or make a donation? Email Bryrony Dougherty Schaab, one of the medical student project coordinators, at <mailto:brydough@iupui.edu> for more information.

The OMSL promotes a lifelong commitment to community service through innovative service-learning experiences. Visit <http://www.medicine.iu.edu/oms> for more information.

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## **Women's role at IUSM focus of display**

March is Women's History Month and in observance of the occasion, the IUSM Women's Advisory Council is inviting the IUSM and campus community to view a project honoring the historical contributions of female faculty and students at IUSM.

"The History of Women at the IUSM" was unveiled Friday, Feb 29, and will remain on display through the end of March in the atrium of VanNuys Medical Sciences Building . The project also includes web display at <http://www.medicine.iu.edu/historyofwomen>.

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## **Faculty development abstracts sought**

The deadline for submitting abstracts for the Robert Wood Johnson Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program is **Wednesday, March 19** .

The Harold Amos Medical Faculty Development Program, which recently relocated to IUSM, was established to increase the number of faculty from historically disadvantaged backgrounds who can achieve senior rank in academic medicine and who will encourage and foster the development of succeeding classes of such physicians.

Four-year postdoctoral research awards are offered to physicians from historically disadvantaged backgrounds who are committed to developing careers in academic medicine and to serving as role models for students and faculty of similar background. The program defines the term “historically disadvantaged” to mean the challenges facing individuals because of their race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status or similar factors.

For more information, see <http://www.rwjf.org/applications/solicited/cfp.jsp?ID=19842>

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### **Town hall meeting for IUSCC – March 3**

The inaugural town hall meeting for the IU Simon Cancer Center facility will be Monday, March 3, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium. All employees who will deliver patient care or provide supportive services in the new building should plan to attend one of the day's presentations -- 7 to 8 a.m., noon to 1 p.m., or 5 to 6 p.m.

All IU/Clarian employees interested in learning more about the new facility are also invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served prior to each session.

The meeting will serve as the fundamental orientation for the new IU Simon Cancer Center. Specific information will include an overview of services to be provided in the building, a timeline and delineation of responsibilities for activating services, the anticipated workflow changes within each clinical area, and the delivery of support services within the new facility.

The forum also will provide an opportunity for identifying issues and exchanging ideas. Sign-in sheets will be provided to monitor participation.

Future Town Hall Meetings for providing updates on the progress of activating the new IU Simon Cancer Center are scheduled for Thursday, June 5, and Monday, Aug. 4, at the same times -- 7 a.m., noon, and 5 p.m.

Please direct any comments or questions to Jeff Heffelfinger at <mailto:jheffelf@clarian.org> or 278-6916.

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### **Craig to present Medical Humanities program**

David Craig, PhD, associate professor of religious studies at IUPUI, will present “Religious Values in the Health Marketplace: Stories from Catholic and Jewish Hospitals” from noon to 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 4. His Medical Humanities presentation will be in room 301 of the IUSM Lilly Medical Sciences Library.

Based on interviews with 100 people in Catholic and Jewish health care, this talk presents stories of consumer-directed care, physician-owned specialty hospitals and other market-driven changes in health care. The challenge for religious providers is to develop structures within the marketplace that inject

their values into the health reform debate.

The series is free of charge and open to the public but seating is limited. To attend, RSVP to Vanessa d'Amico at [vdamico@iupui.edu](mailto:vdamico@iupui.edu), or call 278-1669.

The April 25 seminar will feature Emily Beckman, PhD, adjunct faculty, Medical Humanities Health Studies, discussing "Empathy in Medical Education." Her presentation will be from 1 to 2 p.m. in the IU Center for Bioethics, suite 3100, HITS building.

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## **Mini Medical School – March 4 and 18**

Mini Medical School at IUSM- Indianapolis will be March 4 and 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the IUPUI Campus Center. The two-part program is free but advanced reservations are required. Call 274-7722 or email [iusm@indiana.edu](mailto:iusm@indiana.edu).

The March 4 program will be presented by Darron R. Brown, MD, professor of medicine, microbiology, and immunology and director of the IU Center for Vaccine Research and Development. He will discuss the human papillomavirus. On March 18, Amy Kressel, M.D., will discuss the growing threat of "Superbugs."

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## **Bioethics Journal Club – March 4**

The next meeting of the Bioethics Journal Club will be Tuesday, March 4, from noon to 1 p.m. at the IU Center for Bioethics (3rd Floor, HITS building). Peter Schwartz, MD, PhD, will lead a discussion on the article entitled "Conscientious Autonomy: Displacing Decisions in Health Care" by Rebecca Kukla.

The article is posted in the Resources section of the Bioethics Journal Club Oncourse site. Brown bag lunch, drinks provided. Contact Robin Bandy at [rjakers@iupui.edu](mailto:rjakers@iupui.edu) with any questions.

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## **Lab personnel recruitment seminar**

In the first in a series of brown bag lunch seminars for research faculty, Randy Brutkiewicz, PhD, assistant dean for faculty affairs and professional development and associate professor of microbiology and immunology, will discuss various strategies for recruiting laboratory personnel at various levels – research technicians, graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, research associates and assistant scientists. The discussion will include information on "red flags" and other hiring dos and don'ts.

The first seminar will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, in VanNuys Medical Science Building room B11 from noon – 1:30 p.m. Water and soft drinks will be provided. RSVP to [mailto:sarareed@iupui.edu](mailto:mailto:sarareed@iupui.edu).

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## **IU Research Coordinator Education Program**

The IU Research Coordinator Education Program, which is mandated for all new coordinators at IUSM with less than two years experience coordinating studies at IUPUI/Clarian campuses, will be March 18-20. The final day to register is **Friday, March 14**.

This program is for the education and training of research coordinators and is designed to introduce the research coordinator new to Indiana University to critically important concepts, requirements, and practical aspects of coordinating research studies across all types of clinical research at Indiana University. Besides core curriculum, break out sessions are offered for both clinical and behavioral trials.

While the program targets the new study coordinator, experienced coordinators and young investigators within the IU schools of medicine, dentistry, nursing; Clarian Health; the Roudebush VA Medical Center and Wishard Memorial Hospital often attend and find the content useful and their skills strengthened.

**Cost:** \$340 if registered by March 3. After that date, the cost is \$390. Payment from grant accounts or other IU accounts is acceptable. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.nursing.iupui.edu/continuing> and click on “Programs and conferences”.

For questions regarding program content, contact Marta Sears, RN, administrator, Outpatient Clinical Research Facility, 274-3974. For questions about registration, contact Office of Lifelong Learning, IU School of Nursing, 274-7779.

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## **Promotion and tenure workshops**

Five informational workshops on promotion, tenure and long-term appointment contracts, sponsored by the IUSM Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, are being offered to the IUSM faculty (tenure and non-tenure track) on the following dates:

- Promotion & Tenure: Excellence in Service  
March 17 at 10 – 11:30 a.m. in VanNuys Medical Science Building 186
- Promotion & Tenure: Special session for Women Faculty  
March 24 at noon - 1:30 p.m. in Fesler Hall 319  
(Feel free to bring a brown bag lunch)
- Promotion & Tenure: Excellence In Research  
March 31 at 3-4:30 pm in Fesler Hall 319
- Promotion & Tenure: Excellence In Teaching  
April 11 at noon – 1:30 p.m. in Fesler Hall 319  
(Please feel free to bring a brown bag lunch)
- Promotion & Tenure: Excellence In Service  
April 15 at 3:30-5 p.m. in Fesler Hall 319

Sample dossiers will be available for review, as well as other helpful information.

Contact Sarah Reed at <mailto:sarareed@iupui.edu> to make reservations. Please indicate the date you wish to attend. Seating is limited to 25.

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## **National Healthcare Decisions Day – March 19**

The Web conference, “ National Healthcare Decisions Day 2008: The Law, the Talk and the Care,” will be from 2 to 3 p.m. ET Wednesday, March 19, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium. This live webinar will focus on strategies by which lawyers, physicians, social workers, nurses, and other professionals can assist clients/patients and their families in facilitating conversations relating to advance planning.

Speakers include Ira Byock, MD, director of Cancer Survivorship and Palliative Care at Norris Cotton Cancer Center, Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center; William Colby, Esq., senior fellow , law and patient rights, The Center for Practical Bioethics; Elizabeth Clark, PhD, executive director, National Association of Social Workers, and Nathan Kottkamp, Esq., moderator and chair of National Healthcare Decisions Day.

Clarian's Department of Values, Ethics and Social Responsibility is sponsoring local participation in this event. Questions can be answered by Lucia Wocial, at 962-2161, or [lwocial@clarian.org](mailto:lwocial@clarian.org). CME is available.

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## **All School Grand Rounds**

George Annas, JD, MPH, will present an All Medical School Grand Rounds at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday, March 19, in the Riley Outpatient Center auditorium.

Annas is the Edward R. Utley Professor and chair of the Department of Human Law, Bioethics, and Human Rights of Boston University School of Public Health and professor in the Boston University School of Medicine and School of Law . He is the author or editor of 16 books on health law and bioethics. Since 1991 he has written a regular feature on “Legal Issues in Medicine” for the New England Journal of Medicine, now under the title “Health Law, Ethics, and Human Rights.” Annas will present “Best in the World: Reforming (and Reframing) Health Care in America.”

This event is jointly sponsored by the IU schools of medicine and of law (Indianapolis).

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## **Perspectives on internationalizing the curriculum**

A symposium on internationalizing the curriculum at IUPUI and how that will affect faculty will be from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20, at the IUPUI Campus Center . For additional information or to register, see [ctl.iupui.edu](http://ctl.iupui.edu), or call 274-1300.

The event is cosponsored by the IUPUI Center for Teaching and Learning and the Office of International Affairs.

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## Courage To Lead program

The Dean's Office for Medical Education and Curricular Affairs invites faculty, administrators and trainees to submit their application for the IUSM Courage to Lead program. This program is a series of seasonal formation retreats for faculty and administrative leaders at IU School of Medicine and IU School of Nursing.

The goal of the retreats is to offer an opportunity to those interested in helping to transform the culture of the medical and nursing schools by creating safe and trustworthy spaces for learning and reflection. The retreats also are for those who wish to bring greater depth to the work they are already doing. The retreats will provide time and support to reflect on the connection between the world of inner experience and the outer world of service as it relates to leadership. Built into the retreats are opportunities to discuss principles and practices that underlie courage and an exploration of how participants might use them to further relationship-centered work at IUSM and IUSN.

This program is comprised of a series of four retreats. Each begins with dinner and evening session on day 1, and a full day on day 2. Participant should plan to attend all four retreats.

Dates and times are as follows:

- Monday, March 31 (6- 9:30 p.m.) and Tuesday, April 1 (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
- Monday, June 16 (6 – 9:30 p.m.) and Tuesday, June 17 (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
- Monday, Oct. 13 (6 – 9:30 p.m.) and Tuesday, Oct. 14 (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)
- Monday, Feb. 9, 2009 (6 – 9:30 p.m.) and Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2009 (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.)

The program is limited to 20 participants. Additional information and the application form are available at [meca.iusm.iu.edu/CTL.html](http://meca.iusm.iu.edu/CTL.html). The deadline for applications is **Saturday, March 15**.

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## Public health degree information

The IUSM Department of Public Health is hosting an overview for faculty, staff and students interested in learning more about the MPH Program, the graduate certificate in public health, and the Mid-America Public Health Training Center.

The program will be from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 15, in room 200 of the Science/Tech Park, 714 N. Senate. Free parking is available in the two lots north of the building. Enter the building on the canal level.

For more information and to RSVP: Leah Jansen, [lwissel@iupui.edu](mailto:lwissel@iupui.edu) or 278-0765.

Can't attend the information session in person? Log on to: [breeze.iu.edu/mph/](http://breeze.iu.edu/mph/) to attend the session from your personal computer.



## Save the date for two-day Symposia on Mild Cognitive Impairment

The Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center is hosting the Symposia on Mild Cognitive Impairment Friday, April 18, and Saturday, April 19, at the Indiana Historical Society.

Day one of the two-day symposia will be “Mild Cognitive Impairment: An Evolving Concept in Research and Clinical Practice,” a scientific program highlighting current concepts in the diagnosis, genetics, imaging and therapy associated with mild cognitive impairment. Day two's session is entitled “Mild Cognitive Impairment: Impact on the Patient and Family.” It is the second annual Martin Family Alzheimer Disease Symposium and is designed to inform participants about the Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center and research in the area of MCI, as well as current best practice approaches to diagnosis, management and intervention.

CME credits are available. The courses are free but registration is required. See [cme.medicine.iu.edu](http://cme.medicine.iu.edu) or call 274-8353 for additional information.

## Neuroimaging symposium set for April 25

Paul Thompson, PhD, professor of neurology and biomedical engineering at the David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA, will be the keynote speaker at the second annual Indiana Neuroimaging Symposium on April 25, at the University Place Conference Center .

Details including the program schedule, call for abstracts and on-line registration can be found at <http://www.indiana.edu/~ins/>. For more information, contact Vivian Arnold, IU Center for Neuroimaging, at 274-0726 or [viarnold@iupui.edu](mailto:viarnold@iupui.edu). The deadline for abstracts is **Friday, March 14** , and the deadline for registration is **Friday, March 28** .

## Mark your calendar: Annual Education Retreat

The focus of the 2008 IUSM Annual Education Retreat will be faculty development for basic scientists in medical education. The retreat will begin the evening of May 15 and continue May 16 with a full-day from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the IUSM- Indianapolis campus.

After 20 years of working with clinician teachers, Kelley Skeff MD, PhD, and Georgette Stratos, PhD, from the Stanford Faculty Development Center , have created a faculty development course to meet the needs of and address the challenges faced by basic science faculty teaching in medical schools whether in a large lecture-hall classroom, a laboratory or a small group setting. The course, “ Faculty Development for Basic Scientists in Medical Education ,” has been widely piloted both nationally and internationally and has been extremely well-received by basic science educators in these diverse settings.

The program promotes active learning and includes small group discussion, videotape review of teaching vignettes, practical exercises and optional reading. The sessions serve as a forum for discussion



of teaching and the exchange of ideas and strategies regarding the teaching of the basic sciences within medical schools. Several of the seven modules (including learning climate, control of session, communication of goals, understanding and retention, evaluation, feedback and self-directed learning) will be covered during this year's Annual Education Retreat. Modules not covered at the retreat will be made available as separate faculty development sessions during the year.

Teaching is a core mission of the IUSM and, as such, effort to enhance the quality of teaching is an important responsibility of our trainees. Incorporating competencies into basic science courses can be challenging—the SFDC course can help with this. With a new USMLE exam that combines the basic and clinical sciences in one gateway exam as a replacement of the existing USMLE Step 1 (basic science emphasis) and Step 2 (clinical emphasis), IUSM and the nation are already turning attention to how better integrate the teaching of basic and clinical science throughout the four year curriculum—the SFDC course can also help with this. This course provides an opportunity for collegial exchange of ideas about teaching medical students and to practice new skills in a fun, engaging forum.

RSVP to Kathy Bowman ([katbowma@iupui.edu](mailto:katbowma@iupui.edu)) in the Dean's Office for Medical Education and Curricular Affairs by **Monday, March 31**, so arrangements to invite facilitators and other details can be finalized. Additional information is available on the MECA website at [meca.iusm.iu.edu/2008Retreat.html](http://meca.iusm.iu.edu/2008Retreat.html).

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### ***Stroke* newsletter online**

The latest issue, Winter 2007-2008, of the newsletter *Stroke*, published by the IUSM Stroke Program, can be found at [neurology.medicine.iu.edu/documents/neurology/stroke\\_newsletter/winter2007.08.pdf](http://neurology.medicine.iu.edu/documents/neurology/stroke_newsletter/winter2007.08.pdf).

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### **IUSM Faculty Teaching Awards call for nominees**

For the 16th consecutive year, IUSM will recognize outstanding teaching by faculty with the IUSM Faculty Teaching Awards. Two awards of \$1,000 each will be presented at the Spring Faculty Meeting.

The award is given in recognition of demonstrated excellence in teaching (approximately five years of service). All full-time and part-time faculty and librarians at IUSM within the statewide system for medical education are eligible.

Individuals may make nominations directly to the IUSM Faculty Teaching Awards Committee via e-mail at <mailto:meca@iupui.edu> or through departmental chairpersons or directors. Nomination of previous recipients of the university-wide Teaching Awards or Campus Awards is discouraged. Serious consideration will be given to faculty who teach in the traditional lecture setting and to faculty who excel as leaders of small groups.

The deadline for dossier submissions is Friday, April 4, to allow the Committee on Faculty Teaching Awards time to consider nominees and make final selections.

Dossiers should be sent to Alison Loftus, Dean's Office for Medical Education and Curricular Affairs, EF 200, 714 N. Senate Avenue, Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46202. Additional information and submission criteria can be found at [meca.iusm.iu.edu/Resources/FTAC2007.htm](http://meca.iusm.iu.edu/Resources/FTAC2007.htm).

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## Nominations sought for alumni awards

The IUSM Alumni Association is seeking nominations for its annual distinguished awards: Distinguished Alumni Award, the Glen W. Irwin Distinguished Faculty Award and the Early Career Achievement Award. Recipients of the awards will be honored at the 61 st Annual Strawberry Shortcake Awards Luncheon during reunion weekend, May 17.

Nominations can be made online at <http://www.alumni.iupui.edu/medicine/awards.htm> and or by emailing Jayme Little, director of Alumni Programs, at [jlittle@iupui.edu](mailto:jlittle@iupui.edu) for a nomination form. The deadline for submitting nominations has been extended to **Friday, March 14**.

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## Renaissance woman in medicine award

The Foundation for the History of Women in Medicine is currently accepting nominations for the 2008 Alma Dea Morani, M.D. Renaissance Woman Award.

This award will honor an outstanding woman physician or scientist in North America who has advanced the practice and understanding of medicine and made significant contributions outside of medicine, for example, in the humanities, arts or social sciences, whose determination and spirit have carried her beyond traditional pathways in medicine and science; and who challenges the status quo with a passion for learning. Deadline for submission of nominations is **Tuesday, April 15**.

More information including guidelines, nomination forms and past recipient information can be found at <http://www.fhwim.org/> or by calling 484-945-2106.

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## AAMC seeks nominations for Nickens Awards

The AAMC is soliciting nominations for the annual Herbert W. Nickens Award, as well as nominations for the Nickens faculty fellowship and medical student scholarships. Nominations for all three awards are due **Friday, May 2**.

For more information, contact Juan Amador, AAMC Division of Diversity Policy and Programs, 202.862.6149, [NickensAwards@aamc.org](mailto:NickensAwards@aamc.org) or go to <http://www.aamc.org/about/awards>.

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## This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 2, to *Sound Medicine*, the award-winning weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb

Lewis.

This week, Kathy Miller, MD, IU Simon Cancer Center breast cancer specialist, will discuss the significance of last week's FDA approval of the cancer drug Avastin for treatment of metastatic breast cancer. Avastin previously was FDA-approved for the treatment of colorectal and lung cancer but has met opposition for approval for breast cancer treatment.

IUSM Executive Associate Dean of Research Affairs Ora Pescovitz, MD, will speak with David Stocum, PhD, director of the Center for Regenerative Biology at IUPUI about his work with salamanders and their ability to regenerate limbs. Dr. Slocum's research seeks insights into human limb re-growth.

Steve Bodgewic, PhD, associate chair of family medicine at IUSM, will talk with Christoph Westphal, MD, PhD, CEO of Sirtris Pharmaceuticals, about one of the company's drugs that counters the effects of aging. In trials, the drug has been shown to reduce the symptoms of several age-related diseases including diabetes.

*Sound Ethics* with Eric M. Meslin, Ph.D., director of the IU Center for Bioethics, and Andrew Vickers, Ph.D., a biostatistician at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, will discuss Vickers' *New York Times* essay questioning the refusal of some researchers to share their raw data, even after the results have been published. As a biostatistician, Dr. Vickers relies on such data to help design studies and interpret results.

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 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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