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### **Dec 21 - School of Medicine Director Named Dream Builder Honoree**

William Agbor-Baiyee, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Director, Master of Science in Medical Science Program at the Indiana University School of Medicine, was recently recognized by the Indianapolis Public Schools Crispus Attucks Medical Magnet High School as one of six Dream Builders.

The honorees were recognized during an event in October. Dr. Agbor-Baiyee was honored for his leadership efforts to strengthen the medical school's academic partnership with the medical magnet school. The partnership is largely funded by a five-year Howard Hughes Medical Institute Precollege Science Education Program grant.

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### **Dec 14 - Sevilla Named to Division of Diversity Affairs**

Javier F. Sevilla Martir, M.D., has joined the Division of Diversity Affairs team as an assistant dean for diversity affairs, according to Associate Dean for Diversity Affairs George Rausch, EdD. The Division of Diversity Affairs is a newly created division within the Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development.

Dr. Sevilla brings a wealth of expertise and experience to the team with his background in recruitment and development of underrepresented faculty. Dr. Sevilla is an associate professor of clinical family medicine and director of Hispanic/Latino Health, Global Health and International Medicine in the Department of Family Medicine. He also is the faculty advisor for the Society of Latino medical students.

After joining the IU Department of Family Medicine in 2002, he completed a one-year faculty development fellowship in underserved medicine leadership. He focused on minority health with emphasis on quality of care and health disparities, cultural competence and medical Spanish. Dr. Sevilla earned his medical degree from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras in 1993 and completed his residency training as a family physician at IU in 2002.

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### **Dec 14 - McKeag Leads China Delegation**

Douglas B. McKeag, M.D., M.S., OneAmerica Professor of Preventive Health Medicine and director of the IU Center for Sports Medicine, led a delegation of 28 sports medicine physicians and professionals from 19 states to China Nov. 9-21.

The delegation visited and exchanged lectures in Beijing, Guilin and Shanghai. While in Beijing, the delegation met with the China Sport Science Society, Peking University Hospital, and Beijing Sports University. In Guilin, they met with the Guangxi Provincial University and TCM Hospital, and in Shanghai, the group met with the Research Institute of Shanghai University.

This is the first such sports medicine delegation to visit China since the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

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### **Dec 3 - Report of Responses to the 2003, 2005 and 2007 Indiana Physician Re-licensure Surveys**

The Center for Indiana Health Workforce Studies and Indiana University Bowen Research Center, in collaboration with the Indiana Area Health Education Centers Program recently published its "Report of Responses to the 2003, 2005 and 2007 Indiana Physician Re-licensure Surveys."

The publication provides an in-depth examination of physician workforce in Indiana. The report provides accurate, timely and relevant data to inform Indiana's response to the health care needs of the Hoosiers.

Co-author Terrell W. Zollinger, DrPH, Professor, Indiana University Department of Public Health notes, "This is the best, most comprehensive information we currently have about the physician workforce in our state. We believe the information will be helpful to a wide range of stakeholders, including policy-makers, educators, business and community leaders, and a wide range of advocacy groups."

The publication includes Indiana physician demographic and employment characteristics, practice location, as well as past and projected physician workforce trends.

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### **Nov 9 - IU School of Medicine Receives National Women in Medicine Leadership Award**

INDIANAPOLIS — The Association of American Medical Colleges will present its 2009 Women in Medicine Leadership Development Award to the Indiana University School of Medicine Nov. 10 at the AAMC national meeting in Boston.

The award will be accepted by Mary E. Dankoski, Ph.D., on behalf of the Indiana University School of Medicine's Women's Advisory Council and the Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development. Dr. Dankoski is the assistant dean for faculty affairs and professional development and co-chairs the Women's Advisory Council. The Lester D. Bibler Scholar, Dr. Dankoski is an associate professor of clinical family medicine and interim co-chair of the Department of Family Medicine.

The AAMC leadership award showcases the commitment of the IU medical school leadership to help women realize their potential and improve the environment for women in academic medicine and science.

"Female medical students interested in academic medical careers and those interested in developing the best clinical skills possible have benefited from the commitment of Dr. Dankoski and her colleagues at the School of Medicine," said D. Craig Brater, M.D., dean of the IU School of Medicine. "It is an honor to recognize colleagues of this group who

accepted the challenge to improve career opportunities for women in an historically male dominated career."

"This award is a great honor," said Dr. Dankoski. "The IU School of Medicine recognizes that investing in the advancement of women is imperative in order to recruit, retain and advance the best faculty and student body possible. We aim for a culture where all members of the medical school community can participate fully and achieve maximum success."

The Office of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development and the Women's Advisory Council have instituted several new initiatives to promote leadership opportunities for women, including increased support for professional development and career advancement opportunities; increased recognition of the contributions of women; a women student/faculty mentoring program and advocacy related to institutional policies.

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## **Oct 29 - Allen Named Indianapolis "Top Doctor"**

Deborah I. Allen, M.D., Otis R. Bowen Professor and Director, Bowen Research Center; Project Director, IU Family Medicine at OneAmerica® Tower, has been selected as a "Top Doctor" in the November issue of Indianapolis Monthly magazine.

Dr. Allen was one of 142 physicians, in 47 specialties, who was selected. Local physicians were surveyed by an independent company and all selected Top Doctor physicians were nominated by their peers.

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## **Oct 19 - IU Student Outreach Clinic Continues to Grow**

After a successful grand opening in August, the IU Student Outreach Clinic (IUSOC) continues to grow, providing free medical care to the needy on the east side of Indianapolis. The first and only student-run clinic in the state of Indiana, the IUSOC is proud to collaborate with the IU School of Dentistry, the Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and the IU School of Medicine Department of Public Health to increase access to community health care.

The IUSOC is located at 3102 E. 10th Street, and is open most Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Since the grand opening, the IUSOC has enjoyed extensive participation of all classes of medical students, including the enthusiastic participation of the new first-year medical students, who, along with MS2s, assess and triage patients. These students then accompany the MS3 and MS4 students through the clinical encounter, including the history and physical, as well as the formulation and implementation of a plan of care for each patient.

The IUSOC also now has involvement of pre-medical students. These students manage patient check-in and filling out all requisite paperwork. This is a unique exposure to patient care in the context of a free student-run clinic that will hopefully encourage pre-medical students to continue to pursue a career in medicine.

In addition to weekly volunteers, the School of Medicine student community is supporting the IUSOC through student interest group participation in free health screenings and information sessions. The first will be the IUSM Dermatology Interest Group which will be perform free skin cancer screenings and provide information on skin health at the clinic on Oct. 31.

Additionally, the IUSOC has enjoyed the expertise of an ever-growing number of attending physicians, both from the Department of Internal Medicine and the Department of Family Medicine, who volunteer their Saturdays to staff the clinic. Willing staff volunteers are essential to providing free, quality health care to those in need.

You can visit the website for more information, [www.iu-soc.org](http://www.iu-soc.org).

The IUSOC is sponsored by the IUSM Office of Medical Service-Learning with financial support provided through the office of the associate dean of diversity affairs. The OMSL promotes a lifelong commitment to community service through innovative service-learning experiences. Visit [www.medicine.iu.edu/omsl](http://www.medicine.iu.edu/omsl) for more information.

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## **Oct 9 - Indiana Public Health Foundation Award Winners**

The Indiana Public Health Foundation presented awards to 5 individuals or groups affiliated with IUSM during their annual ceremony Oct. 8.

The Lifetime Award for Distinguished Service in Years of Health Advancement was presented to George T. Lukemeyer, MD, associate dean and professor emeritus at IUSM. Dr. Lukemeyer was honored for his "exemplary leadership in establishing the Artificial Kidney Laboratory" at IUSM, for chairing the academic committee that established the statewide medical education system and for other leadership contributions to the school.

Tony and Mary Hulman Health Achievement Awards were presented to:

- Kenneth Fife, MD, PhD, professor of medicine, for research and treatment of genital herpes, Preventive Medicine and Public Health category
- *Sound Medicine* for addressing public health issues, prevention and education in public radio program broadcasts throughout Indiana and nine other states, Preventive Medicine and Public Health category. Stephen Bogdewic, PhD, has served as a co-host of this radio program since 2002.
- Wishard Health Services, in collaboration with the IU School of Medicine, for a comprehensive clinical programs for older adults, Geriatrics and Gerontology category
- Jeena Volenec, a master of public health student with a concentration in behavioral health science at IUSM, received the Life Sciences and Public Health Scholarship.

## **Oct 7 - Attacking Emerging Health Risks Through Innovative Health Information Technology**

INDIANAPOLIS – Researchers from Indiana University and the Regenstrief Institute, with its world-renowned medical informatics research group and regional health information exchange, have been awarded a \$4.8 million grant by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to create the Indiana Center of Excellence in Public Health Informatics, one of only four such centers in the nation.

The five-year award builds upon the unique capabilities of the Indiana Network for Patient Care to securely exchange health information when and where needed for purposes of health care treatment. INPC, developed by Regenstrief physician-researchers, currently allows medical providers across the state to securely obtain patients' medical histories, providing information critical to patient care. Nowhere else in the nation can this be done.

The new center also brings together the expertise of the Polis Center, a national leader in community-based and public health research and applications using geographic information technologies; the Indiana State Health Department; the Marion County (Ind.) Health Department; the IU School of Medicine's Department of Public Health; the Department of Geography in the School of Liberal Arts at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis; IUPUI's Center for Health Geographics, and a unique data visualization group at IU- Bloomington.

"We are very excited to draw upon the broad expertise of these diverse groups," said Shaun Grannis, M.D., Regenstrief Institute investigator and IU School of Medicine assistant professor of family medicine. "With the addition of their input plus our extensive work in informatics and biosurveillance, we can leverage Regenstrief's strengths in truly novel ways to improve the health of our community and eventually the nation. And by building on existing proven technology already used for clinical health care, we minimize development costs and rapidly implement technology that delivers real-world value to public health." Dr. Grannis is director of the new center.

The new multidisciplinary center is the first to take this comprehensive approach to expand and develop innovative public health information tools to improve patient care.

Areas of initial work by the center include:

- Identifying infants who lack newborn screening by improving electronic exchange of newborn screening results
- Improving exchange of immunization data between physicians and public health agencies to prevent both under- and over- immunization
- Expanding ability to identify cases and events of potential interest to public health officials and to ensure instant delivery of public health alerts to physicians and other health-care providers.

Much of this work will utilize DOCS4DOCS®, a clinical messaging service developed by Regenstrief's health-care information technology professionals and operated by the Indiana Health Information Exchange, one of the nation's most respected health information exchange organizations. Currently DOCS4DOCS delivers more than five million messages with information, such as laboratory or other test results, critical to patient care.

"The two-way communication model we have developed to send critical data such as lab test results to public health officials and to convey public health alerts to doctors in a fashion that is seamlessly integrated into their work flow will increasingly be the model for bi-directional public health data exchange," said Dr. Grannis.

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The other Centers of Excellence in Public Health Informatics established by the CDC are located at the University of Utah, the University of Pittsburgh, and Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

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## **Oct 2 - Congratulations to IU Methodist Family Medicine Resident Khan**

Congratulations to Muneeza Khan, M.B.B.S., Co-Chief Resident of the IU Methodist Family Medicine Residency. Dr. Khan scored an 98, on the two-digit scale, on Step 3 of the United States Medical Licensing Exam (USMLE) taken this fall.

The USMLE assesses a physician's ability to apply knowledge, concepts, and principles, and to demonstrate fundamental patient-centered skills, that are important in health and disease and that constitute the basis of safe and effective patient care.

In the United States and its territories, the individual medical licensing authorities ("state medical boards") of the various jurisdictions grant a license to practice medicine. Each medical licensing authority sets its own rules and regulations and requires passing an examination that demonstrates qualification for licensure. Results of the USMLE are reported to these authorities for use in granting the initial license to practice medicine.

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## **Oct 2 - Congratulations to IU Methodist Family Medicine Resident Milner**

Congratulations to Dinorah Milner, M.D. Dr. Milner, a second year resident at IU Methodist Family Medicine Residency, was elected as Vice President of the Indiana University School of Medicine's House Staff Forum.

The House Staff Forum was established in 1998 to provide the house staff with assurance of an educational environment in which they may raise and resolve issues without fear of intimidation or retaliation. The forum provides the house staff with an organizational system to communicate and exchange information on their working environment and their educational programs.

A house staff representative is elected from each parent program annually. Any resident in the parent program or a fellow in an appropriate subspecialty program may be elected to represent the parent program. The representative must be willing to attend and participate in meetings, provide information, and disseminate information to the other house staff. The House Staff Forum meets quarterly and on an as-needed basis. Officers for the forum are chosen by the program representatives.

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## **Sep 25 - This Week on *Sound Medicine***

Tune in at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 27, or 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 29, to Sound Medicine, the award-winning weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis.

This week, Aaron Carroll, MD, MS, associate professor of pediatrics and director for the Center of Health Policy and Professionalism Research at IUSM, will provide an update on the progress toward health care reform legislation.

Malaz Boustani, MD, associate professor of medicine and research scientist at the Center for Healthy Aging at IUSM, will explain how some over-the-counter drugs can cause "fuzzy thinking" and even delirium in some hospitalized older adults.

Alison Gopnik, PhD, professor of psychology and philosophy at the University of California at Berkeley, will discuss her new book, *The Philosophical Baby*, which looks at what's going on inside a baby's head. In this week's Sound Medicine "Checkup,"

Jeremy Shere, PhD, will explore watching sleep apnea in action. Archived editions of Sound Medicine as well as other helpful information can be found at [www.soundmedicine.iu.edu](http://www.soundmedicine.iu.edu).

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## Sep 11 - This Week on *Sound Medicine*

INDIANAPOLIS — This weekend, Sept. 12 and 13, Sound Medicine host Barbara Lewis and her guests will discuss preventative care, the flu and a student-run medical clinic.

Ron Ackermann, M.D., M.P.H., assistant professor of medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine, will discuss the economics of providing preventive care. Ackermann's research has focused on how prevention in the area of diabetes might save money in the long run.

Anthony Fauci, M.D., director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, will explain how the new swine flu trials are working in pediatric populations. Daniel Jernigan, M.D., M.P.H., deputy director of the influenza division at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, will explain why this year's flu season has been so much longer.

Sound Medicine reporter Sandy Roob will visit a new medical student-run health clinic in Indianapolis.

Antonina Bambina, Ph.D, director of the Honors Program and sociology professor at the University of Southern Indiana and author of, *Online Social Support*, will discuss how internet social networking sites can help seniors feel less socially isolated.

In this week's Sound Medicine "Checkup," Jeremy Shere, Ph.D., will explore omega-3 fatty acids and what makes them good for us.

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Check out Sound Medicine on the following Indiana public radio stations: WBSB (Anderson), WFIU (Bloomington, Columbus, Kokomo, Terre Haute), WNDY (Crawfordsville), WVPE (Elkhart/South Bend), WNIN (Evansville), WBOI (Fort Wayne), WBNI (Fort Wayne), WFCI (Franklin), WBSH (Hagerstown/New Castle), WFYI (Indianapolis), WBSW (Marion), WBST (Muncie), WBSJ (Portland), and WLPR, (Lake County). The show also airs on these out-of state public radio stations: KRCC (Colorado Springs, CO), KEDM (Monroe, LA), WCNY (Syracuse, NY), WYSO (Yellow Springs, OH), KWGS (Tulsa, OK), KSKA (Anchorage, Seward, Prudhoe Bay, Gridwood, and Unalaska, AK), KMHA (Four Bears, ND), and KLMS (Carlsbad, NM).

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## Aug 19 - Grannis Graduates from the 2008-09 NIPDD I: Fundamentals Fellowship

Sharron Grannis, M.D., is one of 42 physicians nationwide who graduated from the 2008-2009 National Institute for Program Director Development (NIPDD) I: Fundamentals Fellowship. The fellowship is sponsored by the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors (AFMRD).

Dr. Grannis has attended three, four-day instructional and networking sessions and has completed to longitudinal projects. These projects included a scholarly investigation as well as a finance inquiry, both of which were residency-specific and under the advisorship of an experienced program director.

The NIPDD I: Fundamentals Fellowship provides family physician educators the opportunity to enhance and develop leadership skills in order to become better prepared as effective directors of residency programs. Former residency directors, as well as individuals from medical or professional organizations, lead enrichment courses about organizational leadership, management skills, accreditation procedures, finance and budgeting, faculty development, medical staff issues, and resident development. The program is designed for those individuals with fewer than four years of program director experience, directors of developing programs, or physicians planning to assume the role of program director.

The AFMRD, located in Leawood, Kansas, is a national association which promotes excellence in family medicine graduate education. The organization represents family medicine residency directors, develops resident education, provides networking opportunities, and enhances administrative operation of family medicine residencies.

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## Jul 17 - *U.S. News* Releases 'Best Hospitals' Guide

*U.S. News & World Report* released its 2009 "America's Best Hospitals" guide, which ranks nine clinical programs at the IU School of Medicine and Clarian Health among the top 50 national programs.

Clarian's Methodist Hospital and Indiana University Hospital are the only Indiana hospitals included in the rankings, and are among only 174 hospitals recognized out of the 4,861 evaluated nationwide in even one of the 16 specialties that were evaluated. Riley Hospital for Children was recognized in an earlier U.S. News ranking.

The guide also includes an Honor Roll of hospitals that earned high scores in at least six specialties. You can learn more about the Honor Roll and the hospitals included on this year's Honor Roll.

The complete guide and hospitals rankings are available online at [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com).

Below are the rankings this year.

Digestive Disorders -- 13th  
Urology -- 16th  
Orthopedics -- 24th  
Neurology & Neurosurgery -- 26th  
Respiratory -- 26th  
Ear, Nose & Throat -- 26th  
Geriatrics -- 27th  
Cancer -- 32nd  
Kidney -- 38th

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## **Jul 1 - McKeag Retires as Chair; Co-Interim Chairs Named**

Douglas B. McKeag, MD, MS, retired from position of Chair of the department on June 30, 2009. While Dr. McKeag is no longer the Chair, he will remain as faculty and continue to see both family and sports medicine patients. Dr. McKeag joined the department in 1999. During his ten years as Chair, there has been much growth within the department. Dr. McKeag and the Department of Family Medicine have recently published a special report spanning 2003-2008.

Kevin Gebke, MD, and Mary Dankoski, PhD, will serve as interim co-chairs in the Department of Family Medicine while a search is conducted for a successor to Dr. McKeag.

Dr. Dankoski is an assistant dean for faculty affairs and professional development, the Lester D. Bibler Scholar and associate professor of clinical family medicine. She also served as the assistant chair for academic affairs in the department.

Dr. Gebke is an associate clinical professor of family medicine and director of fellowship operations, of the IU Center for Sports Medicine.

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## **Jun 12 - Nalin to Serve as Interim EAD for Educational Affairs**

Peter Nalin, MD, associate professor of clinical family medicine, has been named interim executive associate dean for educational affairs while a search is conducted for a successor to Stephen Leapman, MD, who is retiring at the end of June.

Dr. Nalin currently serves as associate dean for graduate medical education at IUSM. He also directed the Family Practice Residency at IU. Previously, he was a founding faculty member of the Lafayette (NY) Family Medicine Residency Program and served as its director for more than four years. In 1998, he completed the fellowship of the National Institute for Program Director Development.

Since 2000, Dr. Nalin has earned recognition as a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. He was elected to the board of directors of the Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors in 2002. In 2005, he earned the bronze level Program Director Recognition Award from AFMRD.

In 2001, Dr. Leapman became the school's first executive associate dean for educational affairs, making him responsible for the creation, coordination and implementation of all major education programs. A surgeon by training, Dr. Leapman is the Delores and John Read Professor of Medical Education and as chair of the school's admission committee, he also holds the Frank C. and Ruby L. Moore and George T. Lukemeyer Professorship. He joined the IUSM faculty in 1977.

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## **Jun 12 - Garg Appointed to Indiana University School of Medicine Admissions Committee**

Meena Garg, M.D., M.P.H., Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine and Co-Assistant Director of Clerkship, was appointed to the Indiana University School of Medicine Admissions Committee.

Other new faculty members or medical students recently named to the IUSM admissions committee for the 2009-10 academic year are James Connolly, MD, Trent Morgan, MSIV, Raymund Ramirez, MSIV, Pat Bankston, PhD, and Daniel Wurtz, MD.

James Brokaw, PhD, and Karen West, MD, have been named co-chairs of the committee. Since June 2008, the admissions committee reviewed nearly 3,600 applications and interviewed almost 1,000 prospective students.

IUSM will matriculate a class of 322 students, making this class the largest class to enter the school ever.

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## **Jun 12 - Renshaw Appointed as DFM Clerkship Director**

Effective July 1, 2009, Scott E. Renshaw, M.D., FAAFP, will become the new Clerkship Director for the IU Department of Family Medicine.

In his capacity as Assistant Clerkship Director over the past several years, Dr. Renshaw has provided outstanding service and assistance to Dr. Turner. And with Dr. Turner's departure at the end of June, Scott has agreed to take on the additional responsibilities.

Dr. Renshaw joined the Department in August, 2003 after graduating from the IU Family Medicine Residency Program earlier in the year. He also completed an Underserved Fellowship with the Department in 2004. Dr. Renshaw has also taught Service Learning, a course highly regarded by pre-med students.

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## **May 15 - Renshaw Honored at SOM Senior Banquet**

Scott E. Renshaw, M.D., FAAFP, Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine and Clerkship Director, Department of Family Medicine was one of the Indiana University School of

Medicine faculty honored at the 2009 Senior Banquet.

Dr. Renshaw was recognized by the graduating class of 2009 for his work with teaching students and received the Clinical Science Faculty Award in Family Medicine.

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## **May 5 - Unique Electronic Strategy Alerts Physicians to Latest Clinical Information on H1N1 Flu**

INDIANAPOLIS – History was made at 2:30 p.m. (EDT) on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 when more than 3,000 physicians in Indianapolis were sent a broadcast alert on swine flu (H1N1 virus) from the Marion County Health Department. The message was of critical importance to patient care; history was made in the way it was transmitted and received.

The April 29 swine flu public health message was the first to abandon a traditional, less efficient paper approach to alerting physicians about public health crises in favor of an electronic strategy to quickly and efficiently broadcast public health information critical to patient care.

The electronic alert technology was developed by researchers from the Regenstrief Institute, Inc. in collaboration with Marion County Health Department. For the first time, an electronic public health alert was received by doctors in the same way that they receive laboratory data, radiology reports, hospital discharge summaries and other clinical information in the most health-care wired city in the nation.

"By working with our public health partners to seamlessly deliver public health alerts in precisely the same manner that physicians receive time-sensitive clinical information for patient care, we ensure that physicians have the right information at the time they need to see it," said Shaun Grannis, M.D., Regenstrief Institute investigator and Indiana University School of Medicine assistant professor of family medicine.

Regenstrief researchers developed DOCS4DOCS®, a clinical messaging service that delivers more than 2.8 million messages per month containing information critical to patient care throughout central Indiana. A new web application that interfaces with the DOCS4DOCS service, operated by the Indiana Health Information Exchange (IHIE), was used to deliver the swine flu alert.

"Through the work of Regenstrief and IHIE, Indiana has the most sophisticated health IT network in the country allowing us to stay on top of critical events, such as flu outbreaks, bioterrorism and natural disasters to make sure that resources and early warnings are in place to make Indiana's residents safe. We are working with other states to share and eventually expand our experience," said J. Marc Overhage, M.D., Ph.D. Dr. Overhage is the director of medical informatics at the Regenstrief Institute and Regenstrief Professor of Medical Informatics at the IU School of Medicine. He also is president and chief executive officer of IHIE.

Home of the Regenstrief Medical Records System, one of the world's oldest electronic medical records systems, and the growing Indiana Network for Patient Care, the Regenstrief Institute has been capturing and aggregating health-care data since 1994. Building on the pioneering work of Regenstrief, IHIE provides services that enable the right medical information to get to the right provider at the right time to enhance patient care.

Like most other public health departments across the nation, the Marion County Health Department has traditionally performed the public health alert function using a variety of methods, including news releases targeted to the public and mailing letters to physicians. Postal delivery service can delay notification to primary care physicians by 72 to 96 hours – a critical time in which the opportunity to better serve patients has been lost.

"The ability to efficiently and effectively communicate critical messages to our doctors is critical in this time of emerging communicable disease, like the H1N1 virus. The ability to identify crucial information and disseminate it through a reliable and trusted network is a tremendous resource," said Virginia A. Caine, M.D., director, Marion County Health Department.

In 2007 the U.S. Census Bureau estimated that Marion County had a population of 876,804. Currently 3,105 physicians with Marion County zip codes utilize DOCS4DOCS®.

Last year Regenstrief investigators received a \$10 million, 5-year contract from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to enhance the ability of local, state and regional entities to share data and information during potentially catastrophic infectious disease outbreaks and other public health emergencies.

"DOCS4DOCS® is a robust, efficient communication system that can reach virtually all health-care providers in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. On a daily basis it provides essential information that facilitates and enhances clinical practice, and it also provides a superb platform for public health to send critical information to the medical community. It is a prime example of a bidirectional communication system that other communities should seriously consider for implementation," said Charles Magruder, M.D., M.P.H., senior advisor, Health Information Exchange Activities, National Center for Public Health Informatics at the CDC.

Regenstrief plans to offer the new technology to other public health departments.

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Note: The first paragraph of the April 29 alert reads as follows.

The Marion County Health Department is asking that all patients being evaluated for acute respiratory illness with fever should be tested for influenza A virus infection. Specimens testing positive for influenza A virus should be sent to the Indiana State Department of Health laboratory for influenza subtype testing.

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## **Apr 24 - U.S. News & World Report Graduate Rankings Released**

Seven Indiana University graduate schools and programs are ranked among the nation's top 25 by U.S. News and World Report magazine in its latest annual report, "America's Best Graduate Schools." The School of Medicine in Indianapolis improved its ranking in two different areas. It was moved up from 26th to 21st in primary care and moved up one position to 45th in research.

"In these difficult times where fewer and fewer students choose to pursue careers in primary care, we are buoyed by our moving up in the ranks of medical schools," said Dr. D.

Craig Brater, dean of the IU School of Medicine. "This will help meet the primary care needs of Hoosiers in the future; similarly, when research funding has never been more competitive, we are relieved to maintain our rank though we are committed to moving up this ladder also. Our success in research translates directly into jobs and economic development for the state, and we aim to do even more."

The full rankings by U.S. News and World Report were released to the public online at [www.usnews.com](http://www.usnews.com) on Thursday, April 23, and will be available on newsstands and in the "America's Best Graduate Schools" guidebook Monday, April 27. To see the complete Indiana University news release on all its rankings, go to [newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/10670.html?emailID=10670](http://newsinfo.iu.edu/news/page/normal/10670.html?emailID=10670).

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## **Apr 24 - Willis Trustees Teaching Award Recipient**

Deanna Willis, M.D., M.B.A., Assistant Professor of Family Medicine; Director of Affiliate Faculty, Department of Family Medicine; and Medical Director of Quality and Medical Management, IU Medical Group was named Trustee Teaching Award Recipient.

The Trustees Teaching award emphasizes an excellence in teaching can be documented through the use of teaching strategies that are based on sound pedagogical/content knowledge; and engage students through collaborative learning, service learning.

The complete list of 2008 School of Medicine recipients includes: Margaret E. Bauer, Andrew W. Beckman, Derron L. Bishop, H. Glenn Bohlen, Angela T. Carbone, Thomas E. Davis, Joseph A. DiMicco, Robert Emmons Emerson, Waqas Shafqat Ghumman, Richard Brian Gunderman, Kenneth H. Gwartz, Bryan E. Hainline, Nasser H. Hanna, Ahdy W. Helmy, David A. Ingram, John Collins Kincaid, John Michael Kunzer, Diane E. Lorant, Mary Alice Maluccio, James McAteer, Edward E. McKee, Rakesh P. Mehta, Glenn J. Merkel, Alexander D. Mih, David E. Miller, Mara E. Nitu, Jacqueline A. O'Donnell, Beth Ann Pfau, Marian D. Pfefferkorn, Timothy H. Pohlman, Kamnesh R. Pradhan, Rick K. Ralston, Peter J. Roach, Martin C. Ronan, Michael P. Ryan, Jeanne M. Schilder, Gattadahalli S. Seetharamaiah, Mark F. Seifert, Don Jay Selzer, Chandru P. Sundaram, Gabi N. Waite, James J. Walker, Lee Garrett Wilbur, Deanna Ruth Willis, Stephen Edward Wolverton, and Curtis Wright.

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## **Apr 3 - Getting the Word Out When the Need for Speed Is Critical to Public Health**

INDIANAPOLIS — When the need for speed is critical, how can a public health department communicate with doctors and hospitals, sending alerts to help prevent or stop a public health crisis? How can thousands of health-care providers be notified about disease outbreaks, illness from food borne contaminants or even a possible pandemic?

Researchers from the Regenstrief Institute, Inc. in collaboration with the Marion County Health Department (Indianapolis, Ind), have developed and tested a technology that allows public health officials to abandon a traditional, inefficient paper approach to alerting the medical community about public health crises in favor of an electronic strategy to seamlessly and instantly push out information critical to patient care.

Regenstrief is demonstrating its pioneering and potentially life saving technology to health care, government, public health, industry and other health information technology leaders at the Healthcare Information and Management Systems Society's (HIMSS) Conference and Exhibition April 4 – 8 in Chicago.

To enable instant delivery of public health alerts to physicians, Regenstrief health-care information technology professionals have created a web application that interfaces with their DOCS4DOCS® service, operated by the Indiana Health Information Exchange (IHIE).

DOCS4DOCS is a clinical messaging service that delivers more than one million messages with information, such as laboratory or other test results, critical to patient care to physicians and other care providers each day throughout central Indiana. The public health department will now be able to create a message and securely send that message via DOCS4DOCS to clinicians when and where they are likely to utilize the information to improve patient care.

Like most other public health departments across the nation, the Marion County Health Department has traditionally performed the public health alert function using a variety of methods, including news releases targeted to the public and posting letters to physicians. Postal delivery service can delay notification to primary care physicians by 72 to 96 hours – a critical time in which the opportunity to better serve patients has been lost.

"One of the best ways to stop disease outbreaks is to rapidly identify and treat the cases," said P. Joseph Gibson, MPH, Ph.D., director of epidemiology, Marion County Health Department. "So when a public health department detects an outbreak, it is often important to rapidly notify all the doctors in the area, so they may increase their index of suspicion for the illness, and do more testing and treatment."

"Maintaining accurate contact information for doctors in a city the size of Indianapolis can be challenging. That's where the well-established DOCS4DOCS alert system will be advantageous. DOCS4DOCS maintains the system, so the health department is relieved of the effort of trying to keep their contact information up to date," said Gibson.

Home of the Regenstrief Medical Records System, one of the world's oldest electronic medical records systems, the Regenstrief Institute has been capturing and aggregating health-care data from throughout Central Indiana since 1994. Today metropolitan Indianapolis is the most health-care wired city in the nation.

"Our public health broadcast messaging initiative leverages Regenstrief's core standards-based health information exchange infrastructure in novel ways to improve the health of our community. By building on existing proven technology already used for clinical health care, we minimize development costs and rapidly implement technology that delivers real-world value to public health," said Shaun Grannis, M.D., Regenstrief Institute research scientist and Indiana University School of Medicine assistant professor of family medicine.

Last year Regenstrief investigators received a \$10 million, 5-year contract from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to accelerate the real-time ability of local, state and regional entities to share data and information to enhance rapid response to and management of potentially catastrophic infectious disease outbreaks and other public health emergencies.

"DOCS4DOCS is a robust, efficient communication system that can reach virtually all health-care providers in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. On a daily basis it provides essential information that facilitates and enhances clinical practice, and it also provides a superb platform for public health to send critical information to the medical community. It is a prime example of a bidirectional communication system that other communities should seriously consider for implementation," said Charles Magruder, M.D., M.P.H., senior advisor, Health Information Exchange Activities, National Center for Public Health Informatics at the CDC.

After further evaluation, Regenstrief plans to offer the new technology to other public health departments.

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### **Mar 10 - Bogdewic an Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society of Indiana Member**

Stephen Bogdewic, Ph.D., Executive Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs & Professional Development, Indiana University School of Medicine; George W. Copeland Professorship and Associate Chair, Department of Family Medicine, was one of two Indiana University School of Medicine faculty inducted as honorary members to the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society (AOA).

The AOA was founded by in 1902 and "Alpha Omega Alpha is organized for educational purposes exclusively and not for profit, and its aims shall be the promotion of scholarship and research in medical schools, the encouragement of a high standard of character and conduct among medical students and graduates, and the recognition of high attainment in medical science, practice, and related fields."

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### **Mar 10 - CTSA-Affiliated Investigators Funded for Clinical Research Network Collaboration**

The National Center for Research Resources — as part of the National Institutes of Health Roadmap Initiative announces the following six recipients of the Clinical Research Network Feasibility Awards (CRNFAs). The CRNFA Program focuses on research in translational science dissemination, cost-benefit/cost-effectiveness analysis and community engagement. CTSA Investigator Award Recipients:

- Yale University will collaborate with the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Research Network (APRNet) to create a larger, interdisciplinary, practice-based research network to conduct clinical research studies within the community and to facilitate the translation of research findings into clinical practice.
- University of California, San Francisco, will join with the Children's Hospital & Research Center Oakland to improve community participation in clinical trials on thalassemia.
- University of Michigan Institute for Clinical Health Research (MICHR) and the Michigan Primary Care Association (MPCA) will collaborate to develop tools to improve chronic disease management.
- Duke University Medical Center and the Duke Translational Medicine Institute, along with the Research Centers in Minority Institutions Translational Research Network (RTRN), will develop standards and interoperable software for clinical data collection and management.
- University of Pittsburgh will collaborate with the National Heart Lung and Blood Institute (NHLBI)-sponsored Resuscitation Outcomes Consortium (ROC) to create a Community Advisory Network that will facilitate conducting emergency care research.
- Indiana University School of Medicine will implement a shared governance approach in a multi-institution collaboration involving the Indiana Family Practice Research Network (INET), Indiana University Primary Care Practice-Based Research Network (ResNet), and Indiana University Pediatric Practice-Based Research Network (PResNet). The goal is to improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of recruitment efforts in community practice settings through an exploration of the feasibility of adapting existing technologies.

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### **Feb 23 - Indiana AHEC Extends Invitation**

The second annual meeting of the Indiana Area Health Education Centers will be Tuesday, March 24, at The Marten House, 1801 W. 86th Street. "Bringing the Pieces Together" will begin with registration and breakfast at 8:30 and the first speaker, Richard Kiovsky, MD, will present at 9:45.

Individuals interested in healthcare across the state of Indiana are invited to attend the meeting where educators, advocates, health professionals, community leaders, students, and many others from across the state will share a day full of dialogue and idea exchange. Learn the latest insights from the Bowen Research Center health workforce studies. Be swept into the hands-on, immersion experiences of Indiana students through their AHEC clinical rotations experiences. Engage with the keynote speaker as he shares tips for building successful partnerships.

For more information and registration (\$25.00), go to [www.ahec.iupui.edu](http://www.ahec.iupui.edu).

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### **Feb 23 - Nalin Appointed to Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Institutional Review Committee**

Peter Nalin, M.D., FAAFP, Associate Professor of Clinical Family Medicine and Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education, has been appointed to the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education Institutional Review Committee, for a six-year term beginning immediately. The purpose of the Institutional Review Committee is to set accreditation standards and provide a peer review of institutions sponsoring graduate medical education programs.

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### **Feb 3 - DFM Faculty are America's Top Docs**

Deborah I. Allen, M.D., Otis R. Bowen Professor and Director, Bowen Research Center, Project Director, IU Family Medicine at OneAmerica® Tower; Gaylen M. Kelton, M.D., Associate Professor of Clinical Family Medicine, Assistant Chair, Department of Family Medicine, and Medical Director IU/Methodist Family Medicine Center; Douglas B. McKeag, M.D., M.S., FASCM, OneAmerica Professor of Preventive Health Medicine, Chair, Department of Family Medicine, and Director IU Center for Sports Medicine; and Scott E. Renshaw, M.D., FAAFP, Assistant Professor of Clinical Family Medicine and Clerkship Director, Department of Family Medicine were each recognized as a "Top Doctor".

America's Top Doctors is published by Castle Connolly Medical Ltd, and is an authoritative consumer guide to the nation's top specialists. The list of physicians is generated based



on nominations by their peers and extensive surveys.

Drs. Allen, Kelton, and McKeag were recognized in the area of Family Medicine.

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### **Feb 3 - Secondhand Smoke Exposure Costs \$390.3 million per Year in Indiana, New Study Shows**

Indianapolis, Indiana -- Secondhand smoke costs Indiana residents \$390.3 million yearly in health care and premature loss of life, according to a new study released today by researchers from the Bowen Research Center of the Indiana University School of Medicine.

The study measured the costs of secondhand smoke-related morbidity and mortality to residents of the State of Indiana, and found that Hoosiers were estimated to pay \$282.5 million in direct health care costs caused by secondhand smoke each year, and to suffer \$107.8 million in premature loss of life costs annually because of secondhand smoke, for a total cost of \$390.3 million yearly. This amount breaks down to a cost of \$62 per Hoosier each year due caused by secondhand smoke.

Lead study author, Terrell Zollinger, DrPH, MSPH, Associate Director of the Bowen Research Center, said, "Research clearly shows that exposure to secondhand smoke not only adversely affects the health and quality of life of nonsmokers, but also costs us a significant amount of money in excessive health care costs and premature deaths."

"Applying the knowledge gained by recent research studies to Indiana and using conservative estimates, we found that the economic impact of secondhand smoke for our state was at least \$390.3 million or approximately \$62 for each Indiana resident in 2007. Who pays these dollars? We all do in increased premiums for health and life insurance, increased taxes to provide care through government programs, and increased costs of goods and services," Zollinger continued.

The high cost of secondhand smoke exposure to Hoosiers also costs Indiana in terms of jobs and economic development, according to former Indiana Commerce Secretary and Indianapolis Business Journal publisher Michael S. "Mickey" Maurer.

"Indiana's economy suffers because of high preventable health care costs like those caused by secondhand smoke exposure. Employers and investors want to locate in a state that is doing what it can to reduce these kinds of preventable costs. Until Indiana acts to eliminate all workplace exposure to secondhand smoke, we could miss out on important job creation and economic development opportunities," Maurer said. "This research has real implications to pocketbooks of every Hoosier."

The U.S. Surgeon General issues a report on the health consequences of secondhand smoke in 2006, following up to the landmark report of 1986, which found secondhand smoke causes heart disease, lung cancer, respiratory illness and many other chronic and acute diseases. Secondhand smoke causes approximately 50,000 deaths each year in the U.S.

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### **Jan 30 - McKeag Guest Faculty at International Team Physician & Physiotherapist Course**

Douglas B. McKeag, MD, MS, FASCM, OneAmerica Professor of Preventive Health Medicine; Chair, Department of Family Medicine; and Director IU Center for Sports Medicine has been invited as one of four international faculty to speak at the International Team Physician & Physiotherapist (ITPC) Course.

Dr. McKeag's lectures include Common Hand and Finger Problems; Sports Medicine Ethics; Swimming Medicine; The Team Clinician; and Wrist Injury in Sports; The February 2009 ITPC course is being hosted by South Africa.

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