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Top News

Get the scoop on InScope

Next Thursday's InScope will be the final issue of 2015. Publication will take a holiday hiatus for two weeks with the first InScope issue of 2016 distributed on Thursday, Jan. 7.

Help us make this publication more valuable to all readers by ensuring it represents all entities of the IU School of Medicine. Submit your news and event information. The deadline for next week's issue is Wednesday, Dec. 16, at noon. Submit news items to scopemed@iu.edu.

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Cox pens U.S. News article with advice for talking to children about terrorism

Elaine Cox, M.D., professor of clinical pediatrics, IU School of Medicine, authored a Nov. 30 article in U.S. News & World Report offering advice for parents when talking to their children about acts of terrorism. "[Coping With Tragedy: Talking About Acts of Terrorism](#)" was published in the wake of the recent terrorist attack in Paris.

"Parenting experts have debated the 'right' approach to helping children cope with world tragedies, such as acts of terrorism," Dr. Cox wrote. "While there are no magic answers, the general tenets of parenting are likely the most appropriate approach. Wired-in time should be limited, making sure that there are not hours of exposure to upsetting video or news stories. This may mean turning off the television--even for the adults in the household."

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Research News

November research grants and awards exceed \$1.4 million

Investigator	Sponsor	Type	Project Title	Begin Date	End Date	Awarded Dollars
Cynthia Diane Brown	Cystic Fibrosis Foundation	Renewal (not prev committed)	Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Care Center - 2015/2016	7/1/15	6/30/16	12,801
Dawn M Neumann	Administration For Community Living	New	Examining determinants of negative attribution bias in people with traumatic brain injury	9/30/15	9/29/16	202,333
Jamie L Renbarger	Riley Children's Foundation	Renewal (not prev committed)	Personalized Medicine and Pharmacogenomics in Treatment of Childhood Cancers research	7/1/15	6/30/16	50,000
Jeanne Walker McAllister	Indiana State Department Of Health	New	Title V: Medical Home and Transition to Adulthood	10/1/15	9/30/17	225,824
Katherine J Kelly	Dialysis Clinic, Inc. (dci)	New	Novel Means of Gene Delivery in Polycystic Kidney Disease	12/1/15	11/30/16	60,000
Keith L March	National Jewish Health	New	Direct and Bone-Marrow Mediated Effects of Adipose Stem Cells in Emphysema	8/14/15	11/30/16	69,203
Margaret Arlene Schwarz	University Of Notre Dame	New	Ceramide-1-Phosphate, Targeting Pancreatic Cancer Stem Cells	7/1/15	6/30/16	20,000
Mark P. Cain	Riley Children's Foundation	New	Pediatric Urology Clinical Research Support	7/1/15	6/30/16	150,000
Michelle R Laughlin	University Of Washington	New	A policy relevant U.S. trauma care system pragmatic trial for PTSD and comorbidity	8/1/15	7/31/16	7,800
Michelle S Howenstine	Indiana University Health	New	?A Prospective, Multicenter, Open-Label Study to Assess Population Pharmacokinetics and Safety of Intravenous Ceftolozane/Tazobactam in Adult Cystic Fibrosis	9/21/15	1/31/17	4,210

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Paul Y. Kwo	Mayo Clinic, Rochester	New	Pilot Study of EGFR Inhibition w/Erlotinib in Cirrhosis to Inhibit Fibrogenesis and Prevent Hepatocellular Carcinoma (MAY2013-02-02).	9/5/14	9/4/17	17,724
Raghu G Mirmira	Riley Children's Foundation	Renewal (not prev committed)	Holiday Funding for Juvenile Diabetes Research at Riley	10/1/15	9/30/16	25,000
Raghuveer Singh Mali	Leukemia And Lymphoma Society	New	Mechanisms by which Acute Myeloid Leukemia alters the bone marrow microenvironment	10/1/15	9/30/16	133,333
Richard N Day	U.s. Department Of Veterans Affairs	New	Regulation of Calcium Homeostasis in the Pancreatic I? Cell	10/1/15	9/30/16	11,017
Sarah Cassidy Nabinger	American Cancer Society, Incorporated	New	Targeting PRL2 phosphatase in acute myeloid leukemia	1/1/16	12/31/17	111,500
Sean J O'Connor	National Institute On Alcohol Abuse And Alcoholism	New	Human Laboratory Paradigms	9/28/15	9/27/16	5,499
Shannon Michelle Hawkins	Baylor College Of Medicine	New	Bone Morphogenic Protein Signaling Pathways in Uterine Biology	9/1/15	6/30/16	13,798
Sunil Badve	University Of Notre Dame	New	Unravel the Role of Metastasis Associated Neural Stem Cells in Brain Metastasis	7/1/15	6/30/16	31,650
Taeok Bae	National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases	New	Development of anti-virulence drugs by targeting the SaeRS two component system of Staphylococcus aureus	12/1/15	11/30/16	207,768
Takashi Hato	Dialysis Clinic, Inc. (dci)	New	Mechanisms of direct renal injury in sepsis.	12/1/15	11/30/16	60,000

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Mindfulness-based stress reduction improves chemo brain

Participation in a mindfulness-based stress reduction program yields robust and sustained improvement in cancer-related cognitive impairment, a prevalent and potentially debilitating condition that affects attention, memory and executive function in survivors, according to a new study from the Regenstrief Institute and IU School of Medicine.

Although cancer-related cognitive impairment, sometimes referred to as chemo brain or post-cancer cognitive fuzziness, is common among survivors -- disrupting social relationships, work ability, self-confidence, and quality of life -- clinicians have few treatment options to offer. Cognitive deficits have been seen to persist for more than a decade following cancer treatment for many survivors.

"Randomized Controlled Pilot Trial of Mindfulness-based Stress Reduction for Breast and Colorectal Cancer Survivors: Effects on Cancer-related Cognitive Impairment," [published online in advance of print](#) in the Journal of Cancer Survivorship, is the first randomized clinical trial to evaluate the effects of mindfulness-based stress reduction, known as MBSR, on fatigued breast and colorectal cancer survivors, the majority of whom had been treated with chemotherapy.

For more on the study, visit the [IUSM Newsroom](#).

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Faculty and Staff News

Kochhar named IUSM director for education research and data analysis

Komal Kochhar, M.D., M.H.A., has been named director of educational research and data analysis in the Dean's Office for Educational Affairs effective Jan. 1.

Reporting to Peter Nalin, M.D., executive associate dean for educational affairs, Dr. Kochhar will oversee educational research and data analysis projects to support strategic school decisions and advance the overall and regional expansion of graduate medical education in Indiana.

Dr. Kochhar has worked at the IU School of Medicine since 2000 and is currently a research analyst at the Bowen Research Center. She received her medical degree at the Maulana Azad Medical College in New Delhi, India, and a master's in health administration from the IU School of Medicine. Dr. Kochhar is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Public Health Association, and has mentored Ph.D. students and residents at the IU School of Medicine and IUPUI.

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West to retire from Riley at IU Health

Karen West, M.D., professor emeritus of surgery at IU School of Medicine and the first female surgeon at Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health is retiring after 31 years of practice at the hospital. Dr. West, a

graduate of IU School of Medicine, specializes in various areas of pediatric surgery, including neonatal surgery, head and neck surgery, gastrointestinal surgery, and trauma.

Read the [Riley Connections](#) blog for more about Dr. West's career and retirement plans.

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Deadline for Trustees Teaching Award nominations is Jan. 29

Each year the Indiana University Board of Trustees recognizes faculty excellence in teaching through a program known as the Trustees Teaching Awards. Excellence in teaching is the primary factor for selection. To nominate an IUSM colleague for this award, complete the [application](#) by Friday, Jan. 29.

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Student News

Medical Student Council 2016 executive board takes office on Jan. 1

Congratulations to the 2016 Medical Student Council executive board members. Recently elected to serve through the next calendar year, these board members take office Jan. 1:

President: Chris Hyppolite, MS3

Executive Vice President: Clifford Arnold, MS3

Vice President of Membership: Matt Segar, MS2

Regional Center Liaison: Kenaz Bakdesh, MS3

Treasurer: Chelsie Brady, MS3

Secretary: Emily Wichern, MS1

Medical Student Service Group Senior Co-Chair: Joe Ladowski (This position is elected through MSSG.)

The Medical Student Council would like to thank all students who ran for council positions this year. Students are encouraged to continue looking for ways to get involved with IUSM.

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MS3 students: Apply for Pisacano Scholars Leadership Program

The Pisacano Scholars Leadership Program is designed to provide educational programs, leadership training, and funding to reimburse a portion of medical school-related debt. Scholarships are awarded to outstanding medical students for a four-year period. Students who have made a commitment to the field of family medicine and who will begin their fourth year in medical school in the fall of 2016 may apply. The Pisacano Leadership Foundation will award scholarships with a maximum value of \$28,000 each for the

2016-2017 academic year.

The PLF seeks to advance family medicine by providing well-educated, community-minded leaders in primary care. Aiding students who demonstrate the highest levels of commitment to family medicine, scholarship, leadership, character, interpersonal skills, and community service, the foundation promotes the development of the future leaders in the specialty.

The application is now available at pisacano.org and must be submitted no later than March 1. For more information, contact Jane Ireland at jireland@theabfm.org or 888-995-5700, ext. 1249.

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Opportunities

Indiana CTSI Young Investigator Award applications due Jan. 18

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute Young Investigator Awards in Clinical-Translational Research are designed to provide promising junior investigator faculty with the opportunity to be mentored in research-intensive multidisciplinary settings toward the goal of developing careers in clinical-translational research.

Benefits include partial salary support, as well as tuition and fees for required and elective coursework, pilot research monies, and travel funds to attend the national CTSI young investigator meeting.

Submit applications by Jan. 18. For more about the awards and the application process, visit the [Indiana CTSI](#) website. Contact Donna Burgett at dfburget@regenstrief.org with questions.

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Apply by Feb. 1 for postdoctoral training awards in translational reserach

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) seeks applicants for postdoctoral training awards in translational research. Translation may involve applying discoveries made during research (in the lab, through animal studies, etc.) to the development of clinical trials and studies in humans, or carrying out research aimed at enhancing the adoption of best practices, or both.

Funding is for two years (with the second year of funding contingent upon review and demonstration of satisfactory progress). Benefits include salary support as well as health insurance. Trainees will be required to attend a National CTSA meeting and present at several Indiana CTSI gatherings during the academic year.

Applications must be submitted by Feb. 1, 2016, and awards will start on April 1, 2016. Interested candidates needing help identifying an appropriate co-mentor should contact the Indiana CTSI at their institution.

For information on eligibility and submission details, visit indianactsi.org.

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Register for March 4 RESPECT palliative care conference

Registrations are now being accepted for the Friday, March 4, conference, "Let's Talk Palliative Care: Continuity Across Settings" sponsored by the RESPECT Center. The conference brings together clinicians and researchers interested in evidence-based palliative and end-of-life care to help enhance clinical practice and foster new partnerships for translational research.

The conference will be held at the Ritz Charles in Carmel. For more information or to register, visit the [RESPECT Center website](#).

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Partner News

Agho stepping down as School of Health and Rehab Sciences dean

Austin Agho, dean of the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, has announced he is stepping down May 31 to assume the role of provost and vice president of academic affairs at Old Dominion University.

Agho became dean of the school in 2008. Under his leadership, three new degree programs were established: Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences, Master of Science in Health Sciences, and Master of Physician Assistant Studies; three undergraduate and two graduate certificate programs were created; U.S. News & World Report ranked the occupational therapy and physical therapy programs among the best in the country; minority student enrollment nearly tripled; and total student enrollment increased more than 200 percent. Additionally, Agho led efforts to establish the school's Distinguished Alumni Award and its Interdisciplinary Research and Continuing Education Conference.

"Austin has done a terrific job leading the school, including raising its academic profile, gaining national recognition, and both increasing and diversifying its student enrollment," Chancellor Nasser H. Paydar said.

Details on the search process for a new dean will be announced in the coming weeks after Paydar consults with various stakeholders.

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Around Campus

Indy - Blackford Street set for partial closing tomorrow

IUPUI Parking and Transportation Services anticipates that Blackford Street will be closed Friday, Dec. 11, between Michigan and North streets.

Due to the closure, Blackford Street access to North Street Garage, Blackford Street Garage, and lots 71 and 69 will be available via Indiana Avenue. Access to Gateway Garage or lot 92 will be available via California Street from Michigan Street, or from Blackford Street via Indiana Avenue.

Visitors using Gateway Garage should use California Street from Michigan Street. If weather interferes with the project on Dec. 11, it is expected that the work will be completed Saturday, Dec. 12.

Visit permits@iupui.edu or call 317-274-4232 with questions.

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