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Aug 1 - Willis Sworn in as IAFP President



Deanna R. Willis, M.D., M.B.A., Associate Professor of Family Medicine was sworn in as the Indiana Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP) next president. Dr. Willis became President-Elect at the 2010 Congress of Delegates and was elected by the all-member congress. She was slated by IAFP's nominating committee to serve as president-elect after having served as first vice president. The president-elect automatically moves to the presidency. Dr. Willis' term for presidency are July 23, 2011 through July 28, 2012.

As IAFP's president, Dr. Willis will preside over the Executive Committee, attend the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) Congress of Delegates on behalf of IAFP, represent IAFP at other medical society or government/agency meetings when appropriate.

She has previously served as Chair of the Commission on Health Care Services in recent years and was Alternate Director of the IAFP Central Region prior to serving as an officer.

Jul 22 - Integrating Public Health and Primary Care to Assure Healthy Communities



INDIANAPOLIS -- Regenstrief Institute investigator Shaun Grannis, M.D., M.S., associate professor of family medicine at the Indiana University School of Medicine, who is a national figure in the growing field of public health informatics, has been named to the Institute of Medicine's Committee on Integrating Primary Care and Public Health.

The committee, convened at the request of the U.S. Health Services and Resources Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, will examine ways to better integrate public health and primary care to assure healthy communities. Committee members will address potential actions, needs or barriers regarding science, finance, governance, health information technology, delivery systems and practice and policy.

The committee will produce an evidence-based, integrated model and other recommendations to help achieve successful linkages between public health and primary care.

The health arm of the National Academy of Sciences, the IOM studies the nation's most pressing questions about health and health care, working outside of government to provide unbiased and authoritative counsel to decision makers and the public.

"In today's world, public health faces new difficult challenges in the face of diminishing resources, such as bioterrorism, emerging infections and antibiotic-resistant organisms. Public health informatics is there to guide the way—a systematic application of information, computer science and technology to public health practice, research, and learning," said Dr. Grannis.

Dr. Grannis is the director and principal investigator of the Indiana Center of Excellence in Public Health Informatics. ICEPHI is a collaboration of the Regenstrief Institute, Indiana University, IU School of Medicine, the Indiana State Department of Health, the Marion County (IND.) Health Department and others.

Dr. Grannis holds an undergraduate degree in aerospace engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, received his medical degree from Michigan State University and pursued post-doctoral training in medical informatics and clinical research at the Regenstrief Institute and Indiana University.

He joined the Regenstrief Institute and IU School of Medicine faculties in 2001 and collaborates closely with national and international public health stakeholders to advance technical infrastructure and data-sharing capabilities.

Dr. Grannis oversees the evaluation and operation of the nation's largest automated regional electronic laboratory reporting system that demonstrated substantial increases in the electronic capture rates for diseases of public health significance when compared to traditional, manual, paper-based procedures. He has developed methods to protect the privacy and confidentiality of protected health information used for public health syndromic surveillance.

He is project director for an ongoing initiative integrating data flows from more than 110 Indiana hospitals for use in public health disease surveillance and clinical research.

The Regenstrief Institute and the IU School of Medicine are located on the campus of Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis.

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Apr 8 - Gebke Named Chairman of Indiana University's Family Medicine Department

INDIANAPOLIS -- Kevin B. Gebke, M.D., has been named OneAmerica Professor of Preventive Health Medicine and chair of the Indiana University Department of Family Medicine, pending formal approval by the IU trustees. Dr. Gebke began his new duties April 1. Dr. Gebke is an associate professor of clinical family medicine and director of the Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship and IU Center for Sports Medicine. He joined the Department of Family Medicine in July 2001 as an assistant professor. Since July 2009, he has served as the interim co-chair of the Department of Family Medicine.



Dr. Gebke graduated with a bachelor's degree in biological sciences from Southern Illinois University. He received his medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine and completed his internship and residency at MacNeal Family Practice Residency Program in Berwyn, Ill.

Dr. Gebke also completed a primary care sports medicine fellowship at the IU Department of Family Medicine.

"Dr. Gebke has proven his leadership capabilities serving as co-interim chair of the Department of Family Medicine and director of the sports medicine program," said D. Craig Brater, M.D., dean of the IU School of Medicine and IU vice president for university clinical affairs. "His skill as a clinician and deep commitment to the educational mission of the department will help the IU School of Medicine achieve its goals of producing more physicians to serve in primary care practice, while maintaining the already high quality of care in the department's patient care areas."

Dr. Gebke is the fourth chair of the Department of Family Medicine since its inception in 1971. He succeeds Douglas McKeag, M.D., who served as department chair for 10 years.

Feb 28 - Sevilla Named Dr. Joseph T. Taylor Awards for Excellence in Diversity Recipient



Javier F. Sevilla Martír, M.D., Assistant Dean for Diversity Affairs, Indiana University School of Medicine; Associate Professor of Clinical Family Medicine and Director of International Medicine and Hispanic Health, Department of Family Medicine, was named the 2011 recipient of the Dr. Joseph T. Taylor Excellence in Diversity Award, which was conferred by Chancellor Bantz on Feb 24.

Dr. Sevilla was selected as the IUPUI campus-wide award recipient in recognition of being an exemplary IUPUI individual. Dr. Sevilla's work has directly impacted both the representational diversity of the IU School of Medicine student body and climate for diversity on the IUPUI campus. His partnership with the IU School of Liberal Arts led to the development and implementation of curricular innovation to teach medical Spanish to undergraduate students as well as an integrated curriculum across all four years of the medical school curriculum designed to graduate bilingual and culturally competent physicians. He also initiated a student interest group for Hispanic/Latino medical students called Society of Latinos (SoL). Dr. Sevilla was integral in the creation of the IU Student Outreach Clinic – the first and only student-run medical clinic in the state of Indiana providing free medical care to the underserved.

Dr. Sevilla's work often supports diversity and opportunity on campus while also improving resources for and understanding of the Hispanic/Latino community in the city. After conducting a needs assessment of the Hispanic/Latino community in Indianapolis, for example, Dr. Sevilla partnered with community organizations to improve available services and access to health care. He also collaborated with Clarian Health Partners to develop the Hispanic/Latino Summit that tackles issues such as health care policies affecting the Hispanic/Latino community, health related cultural issues, and language interpretation.

Further information is available at <http://diversity.iupui.edu/awards/>.

Feb 11 - This Week on *Sound Medicine*

It's the height of flu season so this weekend, Saturday, Feb. 12, and Sunday, Feb. 13, Sound Medicine will discuss some of the concerns of parents.

Andrea Sutherland, MD, MPH, will discuss the rise in febrile seizures among the very young who received the flu vaccine Fluzone. Dr. Sutherland spoke with Sound Medicine's Kathy Miller, MD, about the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System operated by the FDA and CDC. Dr. Sutherland is the medical officer and special assistant to the director of the Division of Epidemiology in the Office of Biostatistics and Epidemiology in the FDA's Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research.

Riley Hospital pediatrician Rachel Vreeman, MD, assistant professor of pediatrics, speaks to Sound Medicine co-host David Crabb, MD, about a recurring concern of parents of young children — the common fever — and what advice she gives them.

Did you know that about 3 million Americans stutter? Barry Guitar, a speech pathologist and expert on stuttering from the University of Vermont will speak to Dr. Crabb about the consequences of stuttering people may not realize and other facts about the condition which has gained attention due to the success of the movie *The King's Speech*.

Jeremy Shere, PhD, reports in this week's Sound Medicine Checkup on the benefits of Krav Maga, a hand-to-hand combat training used by the Israeli Defense Forces.

On the other side of physical fitness training, Steve Curtis, PhD, a sports psychologist at IU Health, will discuss his area of expertise – mental strength training. Dr. Curtis is credentialed to work with golfers on the PGA Tour.

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Feb 4 - This Week on *Sound Medicine*

This weekend, Saturday, Feb. 5, and Sunday, Feb. 6, Sound Medicine faculty host Kathy Miller, MD, will chat with Alzheimer's disease researcher Randall Bateman, MD, who offers a new idea about the cause of disease.

A Washington University School of Medicine neurologist, Dr. Bateman will discuss his view on the common belief that the brain's over-production of the beta amyloid protein causes Alzheimer's disease. His research shows that the problem may actually lie with the brain's improper "drainage" of the protein.

It is a little known fact that individual insurance policies often do not cover pregnancy. Kaiser Health News columnist Michelle Andrews will explain the problem to Sound Medicine's Steve Bogdewic, PhD.

Nowadays, with health care organizations looking at pay-for-performance models for physicians, the accuracy of patients' evaluations of their doctors is critical. Harvard researcher Clemens Hong, MD, MPH, will discuss his study showing that a patient's socioeconomic class markedly influences how he or she rates a physician's effectiveness.

Also this week, Indiana University bioethicist Eric Meslin, PhD, hosts another installment of "Sound Ethics." Dr. Meslin will meet with DePauw University historian John Dittmer, PhD, to discuss his book, *The Good Doctors: The Medical Committee for Human Rights and the Struggle for Social Justice in Health Care*. Dr. Dittmer's book retells the struggle of African American doctors seeking equal treatment in the 1960s.

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Jan 28 - This Week on *Sound Medicine*

This weekend, Saturday, Jan. 29, and Sunday, Jan. 30, IU faculty host David Crabb, MD, of the award-winning Sound Medicine radio show will chat with an expert pediatrician about the connection, or lack of it, between childhood vaccinations and autism.

Recently, the original study claiming that vaccines cause autism has been debunked, and the British doctor who published the findings has been charged with falsifying data. But is the controversy over? This week, IU pediatrician Rachel Vreeman, MD, will discuss the issue with Sound Medicine's David Crabb, MD. Dr. Vreeman is assistant professor of pediatrics at IUSM.

In the year since the massive earthquake in Haiti, that country has experienced several public health crises, including a cholera outbreak and a rise in tuberculosis. Sound Medicine's Kathy Miller, MD, will speak with Kevin Schwartzman, MD, from McGill University about the public health surveillance efforts underway in Haiti. Dr. Schwartzman is a clinical researcher at the Respiratory Epidemiology and Clinical Research Unit at McGill University School of Medicine.

You've heard of abandoned cars. But abandoned prescriptions? Purdue pharmacy professor Mick Murray, PharmD, MPH, explains this growing problem to Sound Medicine's Steve Bogdewic. Dr. Murray is also a researcher at the Regenstrief Institute in Indianapolis.

In a chat with host Barbara Lewis, leading cancer researcher Arnold Levine, PhD, will discuss causes of and cures for cancer, including his discovery of a cell protein that inhibits tumor growth. Levine leads the Simons Center for Systems Biology at the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, New Jersey.

Sound Medicine's David Crabb, MD, will talk with author Siddhartha Mukherjee, MD, about his book *Emperor of All Maladies*. The book takes a sweeping look at the history of cancer, starting with the ancient Egyptians. Dr. Mukherjee is assistant professor and oncologist at Columbia University in New York.

Also, in this week's Checkup: Eric Metcalf wants to know why yawning is contagious.

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Jan 28 - Kelton Named Program Director

Gaylen M. Kelton, MD, has been appointed clinical professor and founding program director of the new IU Master of Physician Assistant Studies Program in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at IUPUI, effective Jan. 1.

Prior to his appointment, Dr. Kelton served as a faculty member in the IUSM Department of Family Medicine for 14 years. During his tenure in the Department of Family Medicine, he also served as the assistant chair of the department.

As director of IU Travel Medicine, Dr. Kelton provides pre- and post-travel consultation and country-specific advice to patients and has been involved in global health throughout his career. In 2010, he travelled to care for patients in earthquake-ravaged Haiti, and China, where he has delivered lectures in universities and consulted in teaching hospitals. He is involved with planning and implementing primary care education, research and service, and establishing a medical center in Honduras.

Dr. Kelton holds a Certificate in Travel Health and Medicine from University College London and a Certificate in Travel Health from the International Society of Travel Medicine. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians, a diplomate of the American Board of Family Medicine and a recipient of the American Medical Association's Physician Recognition Award.

Jan 28 - IU Health Celebrates New Name

Indiana University Health, formerly known as Clarian Health, held a special ceremony to celebrate the official adoption of its new name Monday, Jan. 25, in Fairbanks Hall.

Physicians, faculty, staff, patients and representatives from IU Health and its hospitals across the state turned out to celebrate the milestone. The name IU Health affirms the health system's unique partnership with IUSM and a shared vision to provide one standard of preeminent, patient-centered care to the people of Indiana and beyond.

"As one of the nation's leading medical schools, it is our mission to advance health in Indiana and beyond by promoting innovation and excellence in education, research and patient care. We partner with Indiana University Health in that mission," said D. Craig Brater, dean of IUSM and vice president for university clinical affairs at IU. "Together, we are training the physicians of tomorrow and making a commitment to the education and training of the doctors our state needs today and in the future."

Additional ceremony participants included IU President Michael McRobbie, PhD; Daniel Evans Jr., JD, president and CEO of IU Health; Jeff and Tammy Bulmahn, a patient who received treatment for a serious brain tumor at IU Health and his wife; and the Rev. Hames Bushfield, director of connectational ministries, Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. Official remarks were followed by a commemorative pinning and flag raising ceremony. Participants were also given the opportunity to view the Lifeline emergency helicopter and the People Mover, both sporting the new IU Health logo and colors.

For more information, see the [IU Health Newsroom](#).

Jan 17 - Indiana Joins Prestigious Schweitzer Fellows Program As 13th Chapter

INDIANAPOLIS -- The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship is coming to Indiana.

The [Indiana Schweitzer Fellows Program](#) will be formally announced Jan. 21 at an event from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the University Place Conference Center and Hotel. Speakers will include Lachlan Forrow, M.D., president of The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship.

The Schweitzer Fellows Program is dedicated to reducing disparities in health and health care by developing "leaders in service" – individuals who are dedicated to addressing the health needs of underserved communities and who inspire others through example. The Indiana program will initially involve a collaboration of academic health and wellness related programs. Partners will include the Butler University College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, the University of Indianapolis Krannert School of Physical Therapy, and the Indiana University Schools of Dentistry, Law, Medicine and Nursing.

"There are Albert Schweitzer Fellowship chapters primarily on each coast at major academic medical centers. We are the thirteenth chapter," said Douglas B. McKeag, M.D., program director for Indiana. "We were asked to be involved due to the focus on health science here." The fellowships will provide professional students an opportunity to develop and implement a yearlong, 200-hour service project to alleviate health disparities. The medical service-learning approach encourages developing relationships with community service organizations.

"The Schweitzer Fellowship serves as a catalyst for positive collaboration between academic institutions and community groups and leaders," said Dr. McKeag, who is the former chair of the IU School of Medicine Department of Family Medicine, the OneAmerica Foundation Professor Emeritus of Preventive Health Medicine and a professor of family medicine at IU.

In addition to providing a \$3,000 annual stipend for each Fellow, the program offers mentoring, monthly meetings and leadership development trainings, and a lifelong fellowship with service-oriented colleagues. Online applications from potential Fellows will be due March 1. The board of directors will select 15 Fellows that will be announced in April, and the first year-long round of funding for the new Fellows will begin May 1. Additional partners of the program include Clarian Health and Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Foundation. As more supporters come on board, the program can expand so that more individual lives in medically underserved areas are touched by the Schweitzer Fellows.

Jan 14 - This Week on *Sound Medicine*

This weekend, Saturday, Jan. 15, and Sunday, Jan. 16, the hosts of the award-winning Sound Medicine radio show will talk with experts about the perils of exercising while sick and of surfing the web for medical advice.

Exercise may help prevent catching a cold, but if you're already sick, working out may do more harm than good. Sound Medicine's Steve Bogdewic, PhD, will meet with sports medicine expert David Nieman, DrPH, to find why it's a bad idea to exercise when you've got a cold. Dr. Nieman is a fellow at the American College of Sports Medicine.

In the latest Sound Medicine "doc chat" session, host Barbara Lewis will talk with IU oncologist and Sound Medicine essayist Larry Cripe, MD, about a recent Dartmouth study of terminally ill cancer patients. The study found that information about end-of-life care is lacking for these patients. Dr. Cripe is medical director of the palliative care unit at IU Hospital in Indianapolis.

On the Internet, it's easy to look up and diagnose your symptoms, right? "Wrong," says Ruben Hernandez, M.D., a primary care physician at Wishard Health Services in Indianapolis. Dr. Hernandez will explain to Sound Medicine's Dr. Bogdewic why self-diagnosis online is a lousy idea.

One of the most important discoveries in the 20th century was the discovery of medical insulin, which utterly transformed and saved the lives of diabetes patients. Writer Arthur Ainsberg is co-author of *Breakthrough*, a book that traces the dramatic history of insulin's development in 1921. Ainsberg will tell the remarkable story to Sound Medicine's Kathy Miller, MD.

In this week's Sound Medicine Checkup, Jeremy Shere will get travel advice from Harvard tropical disease expert Edward Ryan, MD. Ryan will explain the importance of researching health risks before traveling, especially to underdeveloped countries.

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Jan 14 - Presentation on public health informatics

The Indiana Center of Excellence in Public Health Informatics will offer a lunch-time lecture session from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, in the Health Information and Translational Sciences (HITS) Building, Legacy Boardroom.

Jeff Friedlin, DO, visiting assistant professor of family medicine, will present "Challenges to Improving Automated Notifiable Condition Detection."

Everyone interested in public health informatics is welcome to attend. Lunch is included.

Jan 7 - This Week on *Sound Medicine*

This weekend, Saturday, Jan. 8, and Sunday, Jan. 9, Sound Medicine, the award-winning radio show, delves into the recently revised recommendations for calcium and vitamin D intake.

Many Americans take calcium and vitamin D supplements, but official recommendations about dosages have changed recently. Sound Medicine's Steve Bogdewic, PhD, chats with Mayo Clinic endocrinologist Sundeep Khosla, MD, about how much calcium and vitamin D people really need. Dr. Kohsla is president of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research.

Melanoma researcher Shernan Holtan, MD, also of the Mayo Clinic, is exploring an odd similarity between cancer cells and cells in women during a healthy pregnancy. In both instances, immune cells are turned off. Dr. Holtan will chat with Sound Medicine Host Barbara Lewis about her search for a way to regulate immune modulation in cancer cells.

Shingles pain is intense. Even when an episode is supposedly "over" and the blisters have healed, the pain might linger for weeks or months. Jennifer Meador-Stone, MD, an acupuncturist whose practice includes working with shingles patients, will discuss how acupuncture relieves shingles pain. Dr. Meador-Stone is a volunteer clinical lecturer in medicine at IUSM.

Also this week, as part of his "Patient Listening" series, Rich Frankel, PhD, will explore the healing power of music. Dr. Frankel meets with music therapist Eva Rudisile and musician Tull Glazener in the Sound Medicine studio. Together they discuss the positive and healthful effects music has on our lives.

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He is highly involved with planning and implementing primary care education, research, and service and establishing a medical center in Honduras. Being a faculty advisor to the medical student-led alternative spring break trip to Honduras has prepared him for further involvement of IU students and residents during international rotations.

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