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Top News

- **First steel beams set for new Evansville regional campus**

Despite the bitter cold temperatures, construction crews braved the elements on Dec. 19 to set the first steel beams in concrete for the new home of the Indiana University School of Medicine-Evansville regional campus. Nearly fourteen months after the initial groundbreaking, the placement of the iconic beams signals a milestone for a major revitalization effort in downtown Evansville.

The City of Evansville is a major partner in the project. With the start of construction comes a \$6 million contract through the Evansville Redevelopment Commission for phase two of the new district's streetscape project. The new campus has already succeeded in aiding new growth to downtown, including two hotels and a variety of restaurants and shops.

The new IU School of Medicine-Evansville campus is part of a larger 145,000 square foot Academic Health Science Education & Research center being developed by IU that will host health professions programs from the University of Southern Indiana, the University of Evansville and the IU School of Dentistry.

The collaborative campus will include a simulation center, as well as offices for administration of a regional residency program sponsored by the IU School of Medicine in collaboration with four regional hospitals: Deaconess and St. Mary's hospitals in Evansville, Good Samaritan Hospital in Vincennes and Memorial Hospital and Health Care Center in Jasper. Space is also designated for a satellite research center as part of the Indiana Clinical and Translational Science Institute.

The campus' anticipated opening is summer 2018. A [live stream construction camera](#) is provided by Trinity United Methodist.

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- **Road to Accreditation: Key dates**

As the April site visit by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) approaches, the IU School of Medicine community should take note of these important [Road to Accreditation](#) dates:

Leadership training for Mock Site Visit 3: Jan. 8-9

Data Collection Instrument (DCI) sent to mock 3 evaluators: Jan. 15

DCI sent to LCME: Jan. 30

Mock Site Visit 3: Feb. 5-9

Update to LCME: Feb. 23

Update to LCME: March 24

LCME survey visit: April 23-27

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- **Hasan appointed director of mental health services**

Indiana University School of Medicine has appointed Samia Hasan, MD, the school's designated psychiatrist, to be the school's director of mental health services.

Dr. Hasan, assistant professor of clinical psychiatry, will be responsible for ensuring the quality and availability of mental health services at each of the school's nine campuses. As the school's designated psychiatrist, Dr. Hasan is available to consult with medical students and residents at no charge.

Learners may contact Dr. Hasan directly by email at hasans@iu.edu or phone at (317) 274-1068. Confidential information should not be included in email, but can be left on voicemail.

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- **Recently approved education policies now available online**

Faculty, staff and learners can access recently approved policies related to medical education in the student handbook, housed on the IU School of Medicine [website](#). The Curriculum Council Steering Committee (CCSC) played a key role in updating various policies with input from learners, faculty and staff. As policies are approved by the CCSC, they are being tagged for indexing and organized in preparation for housing on MedNet.

Ultimately, all school policies will be housed on MedNet within a portal that will serve as the single source of verified official information on policies. This portal will additionally link from medicine.iu.edu and other locations, offering multiple ways to access the policies.

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- **MSE staff sings in support of students and survey**

IU School of Medicine's Medical Student Education staff members recently raised their talented and collective voices in support of MS2 students. Emulating the 1980s Band Aid effort, the group wrote and delivered the song over the holiday, encouraging participation in the Y2Q survey.

While the survey deadline has passed, the spirit of their [message](#) lives on.

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Faculty and Staff News

- **Wooden named James E. Bennett Professor of Plastic Surgery**

William A. Wooden, MD, has been named the second holder of the James E. Bennett Professorship in Plastic Surgery effective Jan. 1. The previous holder was Dr. John J. Coleman II. In addition to his new title as James E.

Bennett Professor of Plastic Surgery, Dr. Wooden will retain his current title of professor of surgery.

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Student News

- **Get your tickets for next Friday's Second Year Show**

The IU School of Medicine Second Year Show, "Jason Finds His Funny Bone," will be held at 7:30 pm, Friday, Jan. 13, at the Madame Walker Theater Center in downtown Indianapolis. Tickets can be purchased in advance at this [link](#) or at the door for \$10 for students and \$15 for all others.

The IU School of Medicine Second Year Show (2YS) is an annual, student-run production aimed at unifying students from all nine IU School of Medicine campuses for a night of fun. This year's show, will parody a year in the life at IU School of Medicine from orientation to spring finals. Look for an appearance from a mystery school personality playing the infamous masked murderer, Jason Voorhies, in an environment like never before.

Donations are also accepted at this [link](#) for those unable to attend. Proceeds support the Class of 2019.

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- **Spring semester office hours for Dr. Allen**

Have a question or comment for Dr. Allen? Bradley Allen, MD, PhD, senior associate dean, Medical Student Education, has set his spring semester office hour schedule. Visit the Medical Science Building, MS 166, to share your views with Dr. Allen on the following days and times:

Friday, Jan. 13; noon – 1 pm

Wednesday, Jan. 25; noon – 1 pm

Wednesday, Feb. 15; noon – 1 pm

Wednesday, March 1; noon – 1 pm

Wednesday, March 8; noon – 1 pm

Friday, March 24; noon – 1 pm

Wednesday, April 5; 12:45 – 1:30 pm

Friday, April 14; noon – 1 pm

Friday, May 5; noon – 1 pm

Monday, May 15; noon – 1pm

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Opportunities

- **Final days to apply for Indiana CTSI postdoctoral training and young investigator awards**

The application deadline for the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) postdoctoral training awards in translational research is 5 pm, Friday, Jan. 13. These awards provide promising postdoctoral fellows the opportunity to be mentored in research-intensive, multi-disciplinary settings to prepare for careers in translational research. Eligibility requirements and information about the application process are available at indianactsi.org.

Junior investigator faculty interested in further developing their careers in clinical-translational research are encouraged to apply by Tuesday, Jan. 17, for the Indiana CTSI young investigator awards. Awards include the opportunity to be mentored in research-intensive multi-disciplinary settings. Eligibility requirements and application details are available at indianactsi.org.

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- **Register for March 3 RESPECT Center palliative care conference**

Registration is now open for the 2017 RESPECT Center conference, Let's Talk Palliative Care: Challenges, Controversies, and the Cutting Edge, on Friday, March 3, at The Ritz Charles in Carmel, Indiana.

[Online registration](#) for the all-day conference featuring keynote speaker Angelo Volandes, MD, Harvard Medical School, is available until Friday, Feb. 24. Poster abstracts may be submitted until Friday, Jan. 20. For more information, visit the [RESPECT Center website](#) or contact Laura Holtz, RESPECT Center project manager, at (317) 274-9114 or holtzl@iupui.edu.

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- **Research fellowship available to pursue MS degree**

The Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) seeks applicants for a special research fellowship in translational research. This fellowship program will be awarded through a competitive process. Indiana CTSI will provide an annual stipend and one year of health insurance coverage for as many as two IU School of Medicine medical students interested in taking a year off from medical school to pursue a Master of Science degree in translational science.

For more information, eligibility requirements and application details, visit indianactsi.org. The application deadline is March 7.

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- **Apply for young investigator awards promoting veteran-related research**

The mission of the Indiana Institute for Medical Research (IIMR) is to promote and enhance research efforts that will ultimately result in improved quality of life for veterans and the greater population. In support of this mission, IIMR encourages investigators to develop their research careers by working with the institute, the Veterans Administration and veterans to answer important questions. The annual Young Investigator Award Program provides a competitive experience for investigators to explore the possibilities of veteran-related research.

The IIMR currently seeks submissions for clinical, basic science and translational research. Two meritorious awards are expected to be funded. Project budgets should be limited to those funds necessary to carry out the research project and should be limited to \$25,000. For more information, visit indianactsi.org. Letters of intent are due Jan. 18, and applications must be submitted by Feb. 8.

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Partner News

- **Zarzaur to serve as medical director of Eskenazi Health trauma center**

Eskenazi Health has appointed Ben L. Zarzaur Jr., MD, MPH, as medical director of its Smith Level I Shock Trauma Center. Dr. Zarzaur is also an associate professor, director of the Center for Outcomes Research in Surgery and vice-chair for Clinical Research in the Department of Surgery at Indiana University School of Medicine.

“Dr. Zarzaur is a highly credentialed leader in his field and poised to make a tremendous contribution here at Eskenazi Health,” said Dr. Lisa E. Harris, chief executive officer at Eskenazi Health. “We’re all very pleased to welcome him to our team.”

Dr. Zarzaur is a 1996 graduate of the University of Alabama School of Medicine in Birmingham and received his baccalaureate degree from Spring Hill College in Mobile, Alabama. He completed both his internship in 1997 and residency in general surgery in 2003 at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center.

For more, visit eskenazihealth.edu.

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- **IU Health names chief philanthropy officer**

Crystal Hinson Miller will join IU Health as the system's chief philanthropy officer on Jan. 23.

Miller comes to IU Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she served as associate dean for advancement at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health and executive director for the UNC-Chapel Hill Public Health Foundation, Inc.

She will report to Kevin Armstrong, IU Health senior vice president and chief mission and values officer.

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- **Patients to share feedback as IU Health Insiders**

IU Health Insiders--an exclusive, online patient community designed to gather feedback--is being piloted in January. Up to 5,000 patients from across the state, representing every IU Health region, will be asked to share their opinions and offer input on decision-making processes.

The goal of the online program is to discover and embrace the voice of the customer and cultivate a culture that consistently engages patients to keep them at the center of all IU Health does.

Insiders will be surveyed by email and/or be directed to the online community to access studies, updates, reports and polls. Insiders are expected to help improve communication between patients and the organization, and to create or improve health, wellness and prevention programs.

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