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Top News

- **Regional campus tour continues**

To enhance how IU School of Medicine operates as one school, the series of regional campus tours continued this month with visits to IU School of Medicine-Northwest-Gary on Jan. 19 and IU School of Medicine-Bloomington on Jan. 24.

Department chairs, clerkship directors and coordinators, and associate and assistant deans from Medical Student Education are visiting all nine campuses on the Medical Adventures Soaring to new Heights (MASH) bus tour. Dean Jay Hess and other executive and associate deans are also participating in the statewide visits. As part of the daylong gatherings, faculty are discussing best practices, troubleshooting issues and meeting with students to share advice about career choices. Leadership from local health care affiliates that host clerkship rotations also attend.

In addition to Gary and Bloomington, the tour has included Muncie, Fort Wayne and West Lafayette. In February, the tour will travel to IU School of Medicine-Terre Haute on Friday, Feb. 17. The remaining campus visits for this academic year will occur by late March.

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- **Final reaccreditation Mock Site Visit is Feb. 5-9**

As part of final preparations for IU School of Medicine's reaccreditation site visit, Mock Site Visit 3 will be held

Feb. 5-9 for faculty and staff participating in the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME) visit in April. This third mock event will be organized to match the actual site visit itinerary, which includes traveling to three regional campuses. The LCME team assigned to IU School of Medicine will visit the following regional campuses during the April 23-27 site visit:

- Fort Wayne
- Muncie
- West Lafayette

For more information about the school's reaccreditation, visit [Medical School Accreditation](#).

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- **Northwest Indiana health care leaders sign intent letter to create residency program**

Leaders from nine Northwest Indiana health care institutions gathered at Indiana University School of Medicine-Northwest-Gary on Tuesday, Jan. 24, to sign a formal letter of intent leading to the creation of the Northwest Indiana Graduate Medical Education Consortium.

The consortium will plan and implement residency programs in collaboration with IU School of Medicine. Residency training based at local hospitals, community health centers and mental health agencies will be a first for Northwest Indiana and a major step in combating the physician shortage in the region.

For more details, read this [news coverage](#).

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- **Activate two-step login before Feb. 2**

One week from today--Thursday, Feb. 2--Indiana University will require two-step login using Duo to access Canvas and most IU web-based services. Ninety-six percent of IU full-time staff and 77 percent of all faculty have already activated two-step login. To help avoid any service interruptions on Feb. 2 for faculty and staff, UITs, SPEABITS and the Dean's Office ask that you activate two-step login as soon as possible.

Verifying your identity via a second step helps prevent anyone but you from logging in--even if they know your username and passphrase. Email and online scams are becoming increasingly sophisticated; this process adds a second layer of security in case your passphrase is compromised.

Information to sign up for IU's two-step login is at <http://twostep.iu.edu> or go to One.iu and search for "two step."

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Research News

- **IU researchers develop new therapy for brain injury patients**

Researchers at Indiana University School of Medicine are developing a potential treatment for people who have problems processing their emotions after a traumatic brain injury. This promising treatment incorporates a short series of lessons and exercises.

The researchers said their newly developed intervention is the first, to their knowledge, to show benefits for people with such traumatic brain injury-induced problems. Currently there are no standard treatments for such emotion-processing problems.

The results of the small phase 1 trial merit additional larger studies, they said. The research was a collaboration of the school and EmotEd LLC, a startup company developing emotional rehabilitation products.

The phase I trial, led by Dawn Neumann, PhD, assistant professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation, IU School of Medicine, and founder of EmotEd, was published online, ahead of print in the [Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation](#). This article will appear in a special topic issue on treatments for emotional deficits after traumatic brain injuries to be published this summer.

For more details, visit the [IU School of Medicine Newsroom](#).

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Faculty and Staff News

- **Your vote counts: Best Hospitals survey starts in February**

US News & World Report begins its annual survey of physicians next month, and it's time to plan to make your vote count toward rankings for Best Hospitals.

Physicians with an online Doximity (web tool) profile should watch for an email message in February, inviting your vote in the national survey process for Best Hospitals. You'll be asked to nominate up to five hospitals that represent the top adult and pediatric institutions in the field.

A subset of randomly selected physicians also is being contacted by mail to participate. Voting closes in late March.

Why vote? Each year, *US News* rankings are a tool used by patients and families to make decisions about where to go for health care. High rankings can favorably influence patient and family perceptions and opinions, and IU School of Medicine benefits from association with a highly ranked health system.

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- **Friday is deadline for Trustee Teaching Award nominations**

Excellence in teaching is recognized through the Indiana University Board of Trustees' annual Trustee Teaching Awards. Tenured and tenure-track faculty and librarians engaged in teaching are eligible, as are full-time clinical faculty and full-time lecturers whose primary duties are teaching. This includes IU School of Medicine faculty who may be located at medical centers or be paid by institutions other than Indiana University.

The deadline for nominating colleagues for this award is Friday, Jan. 27. Visit faculty.medicine.iu.edu to access the nomination form. Questions? Email ofapd@iupui.edu.

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Student News

- **Powell to lead SNMA board of directors**

Jason Powell, MS3, has been elected chair of the Student National Medical Association (SNMA) board of directors. Currently serving as the organization's national treasurer, Powell is the first student from IU School of Medicine to be elected SNMA board chair.

A student-governed national organization with more than 6,000 members nationwide and in the Caribbean, SNMA "is committed to supporting current and future underrepresented minority medical students, addressing the needs of underserved communities and increasing the number of clinically excellent, culturally competent and socially conscious physicians." The organization is made up of 10 regions with IU School of Medicine a part of Region V, which includes Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

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Opportunities

• Residents, med students eligible for IU Health Quality and Education Awards

Are you doing exceptional work that promotes quality patient care and excellence in education and research? Or have you made strides to improve patient safety as part of ongoing daily practice? If yes is the answer, you may be eligible for an annual Quality and Education Award from the IU Health Board of Directors Committee on Quality and Patient Safety and IU Health leadership.

Each year, the board committee and IU Health leaders recognize medical and health care residents and students, nurses and staff. Applications are now open for this year's Quality and Education Awards in two categories.

- Medical and health care residents and students, and nursing scholars--up to four awards for original work in quality and patient safety where educational partners play a role in shaping institutional climate.
- IU Health staff--up to three awards for original work promoting quality and patient safety.

Projects should be generalizable and have made (or be able to make) a measurable impact. They can be based at any outpatient or inpatient IU Health facility around the state and should be completed between January 2016 and March 2017.

Interested applicants should contact Dawn Sethman, dsethman@iuhealth.org or 317.962.8258, for required documentation and additional details. Applications are due Wednesday, March 29. Winners will be notified by the end of April. Awards will be presented in June at the IU Health board meeting in Indianapolis.

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• Transgender Health Conference is March 10

Plan now to attend the March 10 Transgender Health Conference to learn more about the unique health risks and barriers to health care in the transgender population, as well as the basic elements of transgender-specific health care. Providers will learn to provide respectful, patient-centered, culturally competent health care to all patients, including transgender patients.

Training will be done by knowledgeable practitioners who are currently providing health care to the transgender population in Indianapolis, including gender-affirming hormones, surgery, mental health care, speech therapy, medical nutrition, HIV prevention and legal services.

[Registration](#) on Friday, March 10, begins at 7 am with light breakfast; conference programming begins at 7:30 am. This conference qualifies for Continuing Medical Education credit. Pre-registration is required, but there is no cost to attend.

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• PowerHouse helps families make healthy food choices

PowerHouse is a free program emphasizing how food and exercise give people the power to make a difference in their lives. A 16-week program for kids (ages 7-17) and their parents/guardians, the curriculum focuses on being physically active and making healthy food choices. Families may choose to join the program as a research study participant, but this is not required to participate in the program. The research study seeks to find out how this program may help prevent type 2 diabetes. Research participants will complete pre- and post-surveys, and height, weight and A1C for will be entered for research participants.

Sponsored by IU School of Medicine and Indiana University Health, PowerHouse meets from 6-8 pm every Tuesday evening at the John Boner Fitness and Learning Center. Families can self-refer or be referred by their physician. For more information, call 317-278-9641 or visit wearepowerhouse.org.

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- **Participate in upcoming pediatric GI conference**

The IU School of Medicine Department of Pediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition will host the Pediatric GI for the Primary Care Clinician conference from 7:30 am-noon, Friday, March 17, at Ritz Charles in Carmel.

The conference is designed for physicians and allied health care providers specializing in family medicine and pediatrics. The program will provide learners with updates in the clinical management of important and commonly seen pediatric disorders of gastroenterology, hepatology and nutrition.

[Download the flyer](#) to learn more about the conference its course objectives. To register, visit the [Division of Continuing Medical Education](#) webpage.

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Kudos

- **Feliciano recognized as a Mayo Clinic distinguished alumnus**

David Feliciano, MD, J. Stanley Battersby Professor of Surgery and director of the IU School of Medicine Division of General Surgery, has been honored with the Mayo Clinic Distinguished Alumni Award. Established in 1981 by the Mayo Clinic Board of Trustees, the award acknowledges the exceptional contributions of Mayo alumni to the field of medicine, including medical practice, research, education and administration. Only four Mayo alumni are recognized with this prestigious award each year.

Dr. Feliciano completed a residency in general surgery at the Mayo Clinic School of Graduate Medical Education in 1978 and is widely recognized as a pioneer in trauma care, spearheading the building of several trauma units across the country.

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Around Campus

- **Northwest-Gary--Memorial service for anatomical donors is Friday**

IU School of Medicine-Northwest-Gary will host a memorial service at noon, Friday, Jan. 27, to recognize and honor the lives of eight anatomical donors who gifted their bodies to scientific learning. The event will be held at the Dunes Medical/Professional Building, Gross Anatomy Lab, second floor, room 2032.

Coordinated by the first-year medical students, the service provides student doctors, faculty and staff the opportunity to express their thanks for the gifts of the donors. In written passages, songs and prayers, the students reflect on the privilege afforded to them by the donor.

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Partner News

- **Klotz named CMO for Eskenazi Health Center**

Kenneth Klotz, MD, associate professor of clinical medicine, IU School of Medicine, is the new chief medical officer for Eskenazi Health Center. In this position, he will provide medical staff leadership across primary care services.

“Dr. Klotz’s commitment to driving primary care quality and performance improvement, coupled with his enthusiasm for championing care for the underserved, is an ideal combination for our organization. He is respected by his colleagues as a clinician and as a leader, and we are fortunate to have him serving in this important position,” said Dawn Haut, MD, interim chief executive officer of Eskenazi Health Center.

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