IU, Clarian break ground for new IU Cancer Center

The shovels may have been ceremonial but the implications are concrete for cancer patients and their families as officials broke ground Thursday, Sept. 22, for a major expansion of the Indiana University Cancer Center.

IU President Adam Herbert, IUSM Dean Craig Brater, MD, and Clarian Health Partners CEO Daniel Evans Jr. explained the history, mission and potential of the partnership in building the $150 million structure, which will be connected to IU Hospital.

The new IU Cancer Center will make the most advanced treatment facilities and modern, comfortable resources available at Indiana's only National Cancer Institute-designated Cancer Center providing clinical care. The 405,216-square-foot building is scheduled to open in 2008.

The new facility will have the capacity for 80 new cancer treatment beds, for both in-patient and out-patient care, facilities for up to 40 patients receiving chemotherapy, as well as many other patient and family amenities.

Patient and family-focused care has been a key aspect of planning for the IU Cancer Center, thanks to the involvement of members of a patient advisory board that provided input based on their experiences and those of their families in being treated for cancer. Two members of the advisory board, Kolleen Stacey and Eric Scroggins, were on-hand to witness the historical event and talk with the media.

"The IU Cancer Center will extend and enhance the extraordinary cancer care already delivered at Indiana University Hospital," Evans told a crowd of nearly 100 who gathered at the corner of Michigan Street and University Boulevard.
for the event. "It's a state-of-the-art facility that allows patients from Indiana and around the country to receive the most comprehensive and innovative cancer treatment in a family-focused environment."

"The new IU Cancer Center demonstrates our commitment to providing both the finest patient care and investing in the cutting-edge research that will result in tomorrow's state-of-the-art treatments," said Dr. Brater. "The foundation of this new center is years of expertise in providing the best in cancer care."

"Construction of the new facility is part of a joint commitment to quality care for Hoosiers," Herbert said. "It moves us significantly closer to our goal of becoming one of the nation's top five centers for cancer research, diagnosis and treatment."

The successful 8-year-old collaboration between IUSM and Clarian is a key component to the biomedical research community that is growing in downtown Indianapolis, and to the state's life sciences initiative in partnership with BioCrossroads, Dr. Brater said.

He noted that cancer will be the primary area of research in the new Research III building for which the School of Medicine will be breaking ground in November. The new research building will result in a three-building complex of scientific research laboratories connected to the IU Cancer Canter. Many of the scientists in the complex will be working to bring the results of basic scientific research to the bedside in new treatments for cancer patients.

Hull to step down as assistant dean

Meredith Hull, MD, assistant dean for graduate medical affairs, has announced his intention to step down from that administrative position to devote increased attention to his role as the director and chief of pathology at the Roudebush VA Medical Center. In addition, he will continue his teaching and research interests in the Department of Pathology.

Dr. Hull has been assistant dean of Graduate Medical Education and the designated institutional officer for the IUSM Residency Programs for 8 years. He was responsible for overseeing the full accreditation of our institution by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education last October.

Dr. Hull will leave the position Oct. 31. A search for a replacement for his position as assistant dean and DIO will begin immediately.

Herbert to deliver State of the University address

IU President Adam Herbert will deliver his second State of the University address at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 27, in the Frangipani Room of IU Bloomington's Indiana Memorial Union.

Herbert will celebrate the accomplishments of the past year and outline his goals and priorities for the coming year. He also will discuss the state, national and international environments in which IU pursues its aspirations to:

- continue to increase the growth of sponsored research, especially in the life sciences,
- enhance its excellence in the arts and humanities,
- maintain leadership in information technology,
- complete its mission differentiation project,
- increase operational efficiency, effectiveness and accountability,
- expand its success in fundraising,
- educate students for careers in a global culture and economy, and make even greater contributions to Hoosier economic development.
The speech can be heard in person in the Frangipani Room or via remote broadcast at the PolyCom site in room 314 of the School of Nursing at IUPUI.

The address also will be streamed live and archived on the IU Broadcast site at broadcast.iu.edu/.

Dean Brater’s grand rounds lecture on video

IUSM Dean Craig Brater’s lecture to the Sept. 14 Medicine Grand Rounds is available on a video recording to ANGEL users. The lecture, entitled “The Indiana University School of Medicine: Past, Present, Future,” is listed under “Information/IUSM Info Share” after users log on to ANGEL at https://daly.medicine.iu.edu/med.

Mark your calendar: Fall Faculty Meeting

The Fall Faculty Meeting will be at 3:30 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 18, in the auditorium of the Riley Outpatient Center.

Wishard opens Cancer Resource Center

The IU Cancer Center has opened the IU Cancer Resource Center at Wishard, a place for Wishard Health Services' patients and their families to turn for information and assistance. The center provides up-to-date cancer information in a relaxed atmosphere, allowing visitors to explore helpful web sites, watch educational videos and share stories with others.

Located in the Special Medicine Clinic on the second floor of the Regenstrief Health Center at Wishard Health Services, the resource center will feature pamphlets with helpful facts about cancer, computers with access to the latest information, televisions with educational DVDs and videos, access to the American Cancer Society's 24 hour toll free number and National Cancer Institute's Cancer Information Services and displays about cancer and cancer-related issues.

In addition to the numerous educational tools available at the IU Cancer Resource Center at Wishard, there are also a number of resources available allowing a cancer patient to get feedback from others, including a conference area to discuss information with health-care professionals, cancer support groups, educational programs and spiritual counseling through Wishard Chaplaincy.

For more information about the IU Cancer Resource Center at Wishard, call 630-8945.

IUPUI Health Services Clinic closed Sept. 29

The IUPUI Health Services Clinic will be closed from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, for staff training. The clinic is in suite 100 of Coleman Hall.

The clinic phone number is 274-1019.
Riley Child Development Center to celebrate 35th anniversary

The Riley Child Development Center, an interdisciplinary leadership training program of the IU Department of Pediatrics, will celebrate its 35th anniversary at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30 in the Riley Outpatient Center, Ruth Lilly Auditorium.

The RCDC celebration will include a poster session and reception highlighting alumni accomplishments, followed by an awards presentation. Throughout its history, the RCDC has supported hundreds of students and professionals from 18 separate disciplines as they learn about child development and family centered practice through internships and practica as part of their formal educational experiences.

Thousands of children and their families have participated in the center's interdisciplinary assessment clinic. Children with learning, behavior and other developmental concerns are referred by their local physician to take part in this highly effective assessment experience.

JSB lecture Sept. 26

The Development of Anesthesia Machinery will be the topic of William McNeice, MD, at the 4 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, meeting of the John Shaw Billings History of Medicine lecture. The presentation will be at the Indiana Medical History Museum, 3045 W. Vermont St.

Poynter Center colloquium addresses medical issues

Moral Issues and Motivations in Medical Philanthropy is the topic of a colloquium presented by the Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, in the Sigma Theta Tau conference room, 550 W. North Street.

Questions to be addressed include: what motivates physicians and physicians-in-training to provide medically-related care and services to medically underserved populations in the United States or in other countries? How do medical providers understand their professional duties, and in what sense is their work with underserved populations philanthropic?

This ethnographical research project was funded by a grant from the IU Center on Philanthropy, was led by Richard Miller, director of the Poynter Center for the Study of Ethics and American Institutions and professor of Religious Studies, and Byron Bangert, research associate at the Poynter Center. Bangert will report on findings from the study, with Miller commenting. Ample time will be left for discussion.

The researchers interviewed physicians, medical students and premedical students about their motivations for engaging in medical philanthropy work here and abroad; the moral, religious, personal and professional meanings they attach to their work; and the moral issues and tensions they encounter.

RSVP to Carol Bland at 812-855-0261, or c bland@ indiana.edu.

Public Health Preparedness workshop to be Downtown

The Indiana Public Health Training Center is hosting the Public Health Preparedness workshop Tuesday, Oct. 4, in conference room A of the Indiana Government Center South. It was incorrectly reported in the Sept. 16 issue of Scope that the workshop would be at Wishard Memorial Hospital.
FEED Series continues Oct. 20

"Where Have All the Mentors Gone?" will be discussed at the Thursday, Oct. 20, Faculty Enrichment and Education Development (FEED) Series hosted by the IU Department of Medicine. The workshop will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the lower level auditorium of the Riley Outpatient Center.

The need for mentoring is great, however, the availability of mentors is rapidly declining. Knowledge of how to mentor will not reverse this trend. Are we doomed to watch this demise of mentoring continue? Only if we persist in applying the strategies for solving complicated problems to this extraordinarily complex situation.

Participants will:

- Briefly examine state-of-the-art materials for mentoring in academic medicine.
- Consider a new hypothesis for why mentoring is eroding.
- Analyze strategies for investigating and understanding problems within complex systems.
- Practice a new skill for engaging colleagues in discovering new knowledge as it relates to mentoring.

If you are interested in attending, please e-mail Donna Skatrud at dskatrud@iupui.edu or call 278-0340.

FEED is a quarterly series offering of key topics in clinical teaching. These workshops are designed to provide an opportunity for the department faculty to improve their teaching skills in a collegial and fun environment and as part of the Department of Medicine’s continuing commitment to provide the highest quality learning environment for medical students, residents and fellows.

Patients, families organize myeloma research event

On Oct. 1, IU Cancer Center researcher Rafat Abonour, MD, will embark on the first Miles for Myeloma. Over the course of two days, Dr. Abonour, who is an avid amateur marathon runner, will run and cycle the more than 120 miles between Indianapolis and Fort Wayne in an effort to raise awareness and funding to study multiple myeloma, a rare cancer of the plasma cell.

Dr. Abonour will depart at 9 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, from IU Medical Group at Carmel outpatient facility at 103rd and Meridian streets. The event will conclude in Fort Wayne at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at Lutheran Hospital’s Heart Pavilion.

This event has been planned entirely by a group of Dr. Abonour’s patients and their family members.

Patients and others supporting this event are soliciting pledges and sponsorships from individuals as well as corporations to fund research. Miles for Myeloma T-shirts or sweatshirts are available for $10 and $15, respectively. To purchase a shirt, offer a pledge or learn more about the event, contacting Amber Kleopfer Senseny at 278-4510, or akleopfe@iupui.edu.

Comedy benefit to aid Katrina victims

The IUPUI Department of Communication Studies and the Salvation Army will host Comics That Care, a charity event to benefit the victims of Hurricane Katrina at 8 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26, in room 101, Lecture Hall.
The comedy show will feature some of the area’s funniest professional comics including Marques Bunn, Mel Fine, Mike Polites and Troy Davis. The headliner for the evening will be Mike Armstrong, from Comedy Central and the Bob and Tom Show.

Tickets are $10 at the door. All proceeds will be donated to hurricane relief efforts.

Creating Hope hosts breast cancer walk

Creating Hope, which provides creative art kits to IU Cancer Center patients, is sponsoring a breast cancer walk Sunday, Oct. 2, in Fishers.

Registration begins at 2:15 p.m. at Windermere Park, which is two blocks north of 96th Street, east of Windermere Boulevard. The one-mile walk begins at 3 p.m. Children’s activities, T-shirts, door prizes and pizza will be offered.

There is no registration fee but donations are accepted. All proceeds will be used to purchase Hope Kit painting materials.

Pink information sheets on the walk are available on the second floor of the Indiana Cancer Pavilion, or individuals may call 595-8513 for more information.

Creating Hope was founded by Jeanette Shamblen, a breast cancer patient who discovered painting as a way to relax during her many months of treatment. Jeanette decided to share that relaxation technique with other cancer patients and became part of the IU Cancer Center's Complete Life program. Jeanette succumbed to the disease in 2003 but her parents and friends continue her mission with IU cancer patients.

Down syndrome fundraiser Sept. 24

The Down Syndrome Foundation of Indiana is hosting Buddy Walk, a 2.6-mile hike on the Downtown Indianapolis canal Saturday, Sept. 24. Registration begins at 10 a.m. and the walk begins at noon from Military Park at the corner of New York and West streets.

Lunch will be provided after the walk along with sing-along entertainment by Joe and John Demasi, and Chris Burke, who played Corky on the TV show Life Goes On. For more info, see www.indianadsf.org/part_buddy1.cfm.

Lungs for Life run/walk – Sept. 24

The second annual Lungs for Life 5k race and one-mile fun walk will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24.

Registration will take place at the Indiana Cancer Pavilion. The cost is $20 the day of the event. All proceeds go to the IU Cancer Center’s Thoracic Oncology Program to support the Lung Cancer Biomarker Discovery Program.

For more information or to register, visit www.lungsforlife5K.org, or email info@lungsforlife5k.org.

Honors

Kevin Gebke, MD, assistant clinical professor of family medicine and director of fellowship operations for the IU
Center for Sports Medicine, has been selected as a finalist for the 2005 Indy’s Best and Brightest luncheon. The event, a combined effort of Junior Achievement and KPMG, LLP, is designed to recognize young professionals ages 40 and under who have already achieved significant professional success as well as having been influential in the community. Dr. Gebke, along with nine other finalists from medicine and nine other industries, will be honored at a luncheon Thursday, Sept. 29, at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown.

**Gerry Oxford**, MD, is the Distinguished Alumnus of the Year at Elon (N.C.) University. A 1969 graduate, Oxford holds a bachelor’s degree in biology, and received the Young Alumnus of the Year award in 1979. He is an internationally recognized neuroscientist and educator in the area of molecular mechanisms of the brain. He serves as executive director of the Paul and Carole Stark Neurosciences Research Institute at IUSM, where scientists search for ways to prevent and cure neurological disorders such as Alzheimer’s disease and multiple sclerosis. He served on the faculty of the University of North Carolina School of Medicine for 27 years and was named Distinguished Professor in the department of cell and molecular physiology. He holds a doctorate in physiology from Emory University.

This week on *Sound Medicine*

Tune in at 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, to *Sound Medicine*, the weekly radio program co-produced by IUSM and WFYI Public Radio (90.1 FM) in Indianapolis. The program is hosted by Barb Lewis. Co-hosting the program will be David Crabb, MD, and Stephen Bogdewic, PhD.

Guests include Cheryl St. Clair, program director for the Senior Health Insurance information Program for Indiana, who will explain the new Medicare drug program known as Medicare Part D. On Oct. 1, Indiana will announce which private companies will be eligible to offer prescription drug discount plans to Hoosiers covered by Medicare.

Thomas Howard, MD, will discuss pancreatic cancer and the Pancreas Research Group at IUSM. Dr. Howard is the founder of the group and is an associate professor of surgery.

Ann Zerr, MD, medical director of the IUSM National Center of Excellence in Women’s Health, will share tips on the questions women under age 40 should ask their physicians during an annual exam.

*Sound Medicine*’s wordsmith Jeremy Shere defines “blister” in his most unique way.

Tune in Sunday, Oct. 2, to learn more about glaucoma prior to Glaucoma Awareness Month, if West Nile virus is attacking Hoosiers, and hear a discussion on two emerging medical ethical issues.

Archived editions of *Sound Medicine*, as well as other helpful health information, can be found at [soundmedicine.iu.edu/](http://soundmedicine.iu.edu/).

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A comprehensive listing on IUSM seminars, lectures and Grand Rounds can be accessed at [www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar](http://www.medlib.iupui.edu/calendar). To place items on the Scientific Calendar, please forward them to Iona Sewell at imsewell@iupui.edu.

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