



## INDIANA UNIVERSITY CANCER CENTER NEWSLETTER *March 2002*

### **Indiana University Cancer Center Tissue Procurement and Distribution Facility**

The Cancer Center, in collaboration with Eli Lilly and Company, has fully developed a system in which we can procure and store fresh cancer tissue from properly consented patients. We have these systems in place at University and Methodist Hospital.

Investigators may now request tissue for laboratory studies. To do so; one must complete a requisition which can be found at:

[http://iucc.iu.edu/shared\\_facilities.php?subcat=tissue](http://iucc.iu.edu/shared_facilities.php?subcat=tissue)

Please note that FDA-approved biosafety on handling of human tissue certification and IRB approval are required to distribute the tissue. In the near future we will be developing a template to help investigators gain IRB approval.

The Expedited Research Checklist and Form can be accessed here:

<http://www.iupui.edu/%7Eeresgrad/spon/download.htm>

Also required, is the approval of an advisory committee, which functions to prioritize requests.

Our project with Lilly also includes the development of annotated tissue bank. The database will combine pathologic, clinical and follow-up data. With this database our goals are to 1) identify new markers which may refine prognosis for patients with cancer; 2) validate studies on newly characterized prognostic markers; 3) identify new targets for drug design; 4) serve as a resource for selecting appropriate therapy.

The facility currently contains more than 1000 specimens from about 800 patients.

If you should have questions regarding the facility, please contact Bill Cummings at 274-7286 or Stephen Williams at 278-0070.

### **New Core Survey**

As part of the planning for the Cancer Center Support Grant submission in October 2003 a survey was emailed to Cancer Center members in February. If you have not completed the survey, it can be found as a separate attachment to

the e-mail received with this newsletter. Please email the survey to Judy Kennedy at [juakenne@iupui.edu](mailto:juakenne@iupui.edu) or fax to 278-0074

### **New Adult Clinical Research Office Administrator Named**

As of March 1, Karen Fife, R.N. assumed duties as the Administrator of the Adult CRO. For 2.5 years she was the lead research nurse for the Hematology/Oncology division.

### **New Members**

*Eardie Curry, PharmD*, Department of Pharmacy Practice, Purdue University, Affiliate Member

*Linda Malkas, Ph.D.*, Department of Medicine, Hematology/Oncology, Member Experimental Therapeutics and Hormone and Reproductive Oncology

### **New Program Leader**

Linda Malkas, Ph.D. was appointed by the IUCC Executive Committee as Co-Program Leader, Hormone and Reproductive Oncology.

### **Current Pilot Project RFA's**

Indiana University Cancer Center is inviting pilot feasibility proposals for renal cell carcinoma and translational research. Funding is scheduled to begin on May 1, 2002. More information can be found on the web at:

<http://iucc.iu.edu/events.php?viewoption=rfa>

### **DOD Research Program Funding**

Information regarding breast, ovarian, prostate, and neurofibromatosis funding is now available at the DOD website. <http://cdmrp.army.mil/>

### **Announcing...**

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