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## HAPPENINGS

Q1 Newsletter

Ahh...Spring is finally here! Much like the trees and flowers, Hoosier Oncology is experiencing much new growth and the renewed energy that comes with sunnier days. Check out our latest happenings....

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### *Hoosier Oncology Rings in 25 Years with Gala Honoring Founders*



Folks from across the state and beyond came together to celebrate the Hoosier Oncology Group's Silver Anniversary on Saturday, April 10th. Indianapolis was still full of excitement following hometown Butler's run to the NCAA Championship when another spectacular Saturday took place for those who care about bringing innovation to patients and help them survive and thrive in spite of cancer. [Read More...](#)

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### *Horizon Oncology Center Opens Social Networking Site for Cancer Patients, Advocates, and Community*

Horizon Community Network is an online gathering space for patients, families, friends, and health care providers on the cancer journey from diagnosis to recovery. The site, which was launched in February, has already had tremendous response from the cancer community.

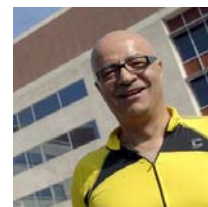


"Cancer patients are really starting to interact on the site especially in the area of forums and discussion tables related to a wide variety of topics about their cancer experiences. Our goal was to provide a resource to our patients and connect them to others who can relate to what they are going through," states Angi Riley, Clinical Office Manager and Research Director.

Join the network - it's easy! Just [visit the Horizon Community Network site](#) (community.horizononcology.com) and click "Sign Up" to create your profile today!

### ***Hoosier Oncology Group Chairman, Rafat Abonour, M.D., receives prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash Award***

The Hoosier Oncology Group would like to recognize and congratulate our Chairman, Rafat Abonour, M.D., for his Sagamore of the Wabash Award. Dr. Abonour received this esteemed recognition during a special ceremony attended by colleagues, family and friends on Feb 19th. This award is the highest distinction which the Governor of Indiana bestows to outstanding individuals who have rendered a distinguished service to the state.



"I accept this award as a challenge to keep on fighting for my patients. This award is for them, for all they give us along the way, faith in finding cure, strength when it is hard, and hope when it is desperate. The journey has just begun," comments Abonour.

True to the characteristics that deem someone worthy of a Sagamore, Dr. Abonour's impact on cancer research stretches well beyond his clinic walls. As an avid cyclist and runner, Dr. Abonour has covered hundreds of miles and raised over \$1 million through Miles for Myeloma, an annual event he and his patients created to generate research funds for this rare blood cancer. Congratulations, Dr. Abonour!  
[www.cancer.iu.edu/news/article.php?id=3234](http://www.cancer.iu.edu/news/article.php?id=3234)

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### ***Dr. Patrick Loehrer, Sr., M.D., Hoosier Oncology Founding Father, Named Director of IU Simon Cancer Center***



Our very own Dr. Pat Loehrer has been appointed the director of Indiana University Melvin and Bren Simon Cancer Center. Congratulations, Pat!  
[www.cancer.iu.edu/news/article.php?id=3274](http://www.cancer.iu.edu/news/article.php?id=3274)

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### ***Coach Hep Challenge - Sign Up Today!***



Walk, Run or Cycle your way to raise money for cancer research on May 1, 2010 on the beautiful Indiana University Bloomington campus. Visit the event website for all the details and to register for the event.  
[coachhepcancerchallenge.org/index.html](http://coachhepcancerchallenge.org/index.html)

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### ***Join Our Team!***

Hoosier Oncology has openings for a **Partner Development Director**, **Data Management Associate**, and a **Part-Time Regulatory & SAE Associate**. Visit our [Employment Opportunities webpage](#) to download job descriptions and apply.

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***Research Coordinators and Nurses: We Need your Help!***

We need patient testimonials and personal stories for our website and brochures. If you have a patient who would like to participate, please contact [Deb Cole](#) at 317.634.5842 x27.



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### ***Top Accruers***

Indiana University - 29

Cancer Care of S. Indiana, Bloomington  
Hospitals - 14

Hematology Oncology Assoc. of SW IN - 12

Northern Indiana Cancer Research  
Consortium - 27

Arnett Cancer Center - 9

Thank you to all our dedicated sites!

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### ***Welcome New Sites!***

CTRC at The UT Health Science Center at San  
Antonio  
San Antonio, TX  
PI: John Sarantopoulos, M.D.

LSU Health System  
Chabert Medical Center  
Houma, LA  
PI: Ruben Vargas Cuba, M.D.

The Methodist Hospital  
Houston, TX  
PI: Guru Sonpavde, M.D.

St. Barts and The London School  
London, UK  
PI: Thomas Powles, M.D.

The West Clinic  
ACORN  
Memphis, TN  
PI: Lee Schwartzberg, M.D., F.A.C.P.

### ***Opened Studies***

BRE09-146  
GU09-144  
GU09-145  
MM08-141

### ***Closed Studies***

GI06-101  
GI06-112  
GU07-124  
GYN06-111

### ***Q1 Amendments***

LUN08-129

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### ***Other News***

Mark Your Calendars! The next Clinical Trials Working Group meeting will be on Thursday, July 15th, in Indy. Information will be forthcoming and posted to our website.

Hoosier Oncology gets mention in UK Newspaper, the [New Statesman](#)

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