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MEDICAL RESEARCH DAY

PEORIA – [April 11, 2016] Rare medical cases, results of implementing health programs, and cancer study findings will be among those presented and on display Wednesday during the fourth annual Medical Research Day at the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria.

More than 30 University of Illinois medical and nursing students are participating in the event, which covers clinical and public health research. Also added this year, more than 20 UICOMP faculty also will have posters displaying their research as well.

- WHAT:** Open event puts various research on display
WHEN: 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, April 13
WHERE: University of Illinois College of Medicine lobby, One Illini Drive
ALSO: Students will be on-hand to explain the research and answer questions

“We’re engaging our students in research because we want to help build the next generation of researchers in medicine as we advance science,” says Dr. Meenakshy Aiyer, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at UICOMP. “Meaningful research is important to help develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills, both of which are vital for tomorrow’s doctors who will have access to a continually increasing amount of information and data.”

Among a few of the posters on display:

- Analysis of menu options in a rural grade school lunch program
- Does the over expression of SPARC (a specific protein type) sensitize pancreatic cancer cells to chemotherapy and radiation?
- Employee Wellness Sleep Screening Outcomes
- A novel diagnostic index to predict cirrhosis in patients with chronic liver disease

One of four campuses that make up the largest public medical school in the United States, the University of Illinois College of Medicine at Peoria (UICOMP) educates more than 150 medical students annually and offers 19 graduate training programs. UICOMP also is home to the Cancer Research Center, the Center for Outcomes Research, and a partner in the Jump Trading Simulation & Education Center.

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