

Kinsey Institute clinics relocating to Bloomington

**Move from Indianapolis will
reduce patients' costs, director says**

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Two Kinsey Institute clinics that opened a year ago in Indianapolis will move to Bloomington on Dec. 1.

John Bancroft, director of the 49-year-old Kinsey Institute, said the clinics, which deal with sexual and menstrual problems, will be located in the Indiana University Health Center at 10th Street and Jordan Avenue.

Services will be offered to the general public, he said. The clinics were established Oct. 5, 1995, at the psychiatric outpatient clinic in the IU Medical Center.

Bancroft had pledged to open the clinics when nominated more than a year ago to run the Kinsey

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Institute.

A psychiatrist, Bancroft is one of the world's leading sex researchers. He ran sexual problems clinics in Oxford, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland, before taking over the Kinsey Institute at IU in May 1995.

The Kinsey Menstrual Cycle Clinic studies and treats problems such as premenstrual syndrome, painful periods and heavy bleeding. The Kinsey Institute for Sexual Health deals with sexual problems, with an emphasis on male sexuality.

Treatment in both programs takes a broad, interdisciplinary approach, Bancroft said, which differentiates them from other clinics.

The decision to move them to Bloomington was made for a variety of reasons, Bancroft said.

"We have learned over the past year, for the sort of treatment we are giving, most patients are having trou-

ble getting covered by their health plans," Bancroft said.

"We are cutting costs to the bare minimum to help make these available to as many people in the community as possible. We hope the Bloomington community will find these helpful."

One way to reduce charges, he said, is to offer patients the ability to participate in clinical research programs where, if suitable, they will get the same assessment and treatment, usually paid for, at no cost.

"We are reducing charges and it will be more practical to do that down here," Bancroft said. "It will be easier to link into the clinic here, with our research and training program, than in Indianapolis."

"Things will be closer at hand, it will waste less time and enable us to organize and control things much more easily."

The move also, at least in the short run, helps secure the Kinsey

Institute in Bloomington. The idea of moving it to Indianapolis has been broached from time to time, Bancroft said.

"When I was first approached about being the new director, my initial reaction was to say 'I am a clinical scientist and need to be close to the facilities at the medical center,'" he said. "We have to move it to Indianapolis if I'm going to run it."

"But I soon learned there are so many advantages to having it in Bloomington, it would be crazy to move it to Indianapolis. So I think, in the short term, this is where it should be."

Should a new building be added to the consideration for moving to Indianapolis, the possibility may be greater in the long term, Bancroft added. But he favors keeping the Kinsey Institute here.

"Personally, I would like to see I stay in Bloomington," he said. "I belongs here."