CCTS DIGEST
Center for Clinical and Translational Science

Providing solutions to sharpen science, improve human health, and address disparities and diseases disproportionately represented within the Deep South.

Did You Know?

CCTS is accepting nominations for a travel award that will enable one lucky translational researcher to attend the next NCATS Center for Leading Innovation & Collaboration (CLIC) "Un-Meeting." "Addressing the Opioid Crisis through Translational Science" will take place on Saturday, June 2, at the University of Rochester, NY. "Un-meetings" use an unstructured format that fosters "water cooler" discussions deemed more likely to produce new ideas, connections, and partnerships. Although only one travel award is available per CTSA Program Hub, CCTS encourages all researchers with an interest in opioid addiction to consider this unique opportunity to shape the research agenda. Send your nomination (self-nominations welcome) to **Jennifer Croker** by **Monday, May 7. More**

News/Announcements

April Forum Explores the Benefits of Using i2b2 for Translational Research

What happens when smart people use the right tool to ask the right questions of Big Clinical Data? Attendees at our April Forum found out when three research teams presented the findings from i2b2-enabled searches of the clinical data in UAB's electronic health record. Their inspiring results underscored the promise of translational research conducted with i2b2: to more quickly and easily open up new avenues of inquiry that will improve care for at-risk populations. **More**

Visit CCTS at TS18

CCTS will be well-represented at the Association for Clinical and Translational Science's annual meeting (TS18), which will take place in Washington, DC, April 19-21. Check out our list of **CCTS presenters and topics**, representing nearly every academic CCTS Partner. It's not too late to attend--**registration** is running 25% higher than last year, so you don't want to miss out on the preeminent scientific meeting for translational researchers. As per tradition, CCTS Partners UAB and Tulane will host a trainee networking dinner at Lebanese Taverna on Thursday, April 19, 8pm. RSVP to **ccts@uab.edu**.

CCTS Announces New Dates for Popular i2b2 Training

The CCTS will continue to offer "Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2," a hands-on training that helps investigators

learn how to use the i2b2 database to access de-identified patient data, check study feasibility, develop hypotheses, and more. Dates offered throughout the summer. Registration is required. Supervisory approval is required for non-faculty (e.g., trainees, staff). All attendees are strongly encouraged to request i2b2 access prior to their session. **More**

NIH Invites Patient Advocacy Groups to an All of Us Webinar; All Are Welcome at Launch Event

As part of its preparation for the launch of *All of Us*, a historic effort to gather data from one million people living in the U.S. to accelerate research and improve health, the NIH will conduct a webinar on Tuesday, April 17, 2:30-4pm CT, to engage with patient advocacy organizations to discuss the program's goals and how investigators and advocates can work together to achieve them. Mark your calendar for the **regional launch of All of Us,** which takes place on Sun., May 6, 2-6pm, at Railroad Park. Birmingham is one of only seven launch sites. **More**

Funding Opportunities

Enhance Your Research with a CCTS and/or Radiology Imaging Development Voucher

Do you have specimens that need processing, data that need analyzing, or subjects who require dietary, nursing, or regulatory support? Would your project benefit from molecular, functional or anatomic images? The CCTS and UAB Dept. of Radiology voucher programs offer extra support that may help take your research to the next level. Investigators with a full-time faculty appointment at any CCTS Partner institution are encouraged to apply. Each program offers up to $5,000 in direct costs. **More**

Cancer Health Disparities Specialized Programs of Research Excellence (SPORE) Call for Abstracts

UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center is inviting project abstracts for future submission of an application for a P50 Research Center Grant for SPORE on cancer health disparities, a theme that covers cancers of various organs (**PAR-18-313**). **Abstracts due TODAY**. **More**

Shared Instrumentation Grant (SIG) Program (S10 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Create regional resources by applying as a group of NIH-supported investigators to purchase or upgrade a single item of expensive, specialized, commercially available instruments or integrated systems. Accepted applicants to receive $50,000 - $600,000. **Application due May 31, 2018, by 5pm.** **More**

T1 Translational Research: Novel Interventions for Prevention and Treatment of Age-related Conditions

This R21 translational research funding opportunity on aging is defined as the application of basic and clinical biomedical findings towards the development of new strategies for prevention and treatment of age-related pathologies. **Cycle 2 applications due June 16, 2018, by 5pm. More**
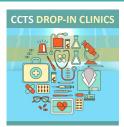
T2 Translational Research: Research Leading to New Health Care Practices, Community Programs and Policies Affecting

Older Persons

This R21 translational research funding opportunity on aging includes, but is not limited to, intervention studies, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, outcomes research and implementation research. **Cycle 2 applications due June 16, 2018, by 5pm.** More

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This Week's Learning Opportunities

CCTS Drop-In Clinics

Join us for the weekly Monday Drop-In Clinic for free consultations in **Biostats, Epidemiology and Research Design (BERD).** No appt necessary. Bring laptop and study related questions.
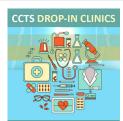
April 16 | 10am-2pm | Edge of Chaos | More

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Road Tour 2018

American's largest seed fund is coming to Alabama. Learn how to access local and state resources available to innovators, researchers, and technology entrepreneurs. **Registration required**.

April 17 | Huntsville, Alabama | More

CCTS Drop-In Clinics

Join us for the third Wednesday Drop-In Clinics for free consultations in **Biostats, Epidemiology and Research Design** and **Institutional Review Board (IRB)**. No appt necessary. Bring laptop and study related questions.

April 18 | 11:30am-1pm | PCAMS | More

CCTS Research Seminar Series

CCTS One Great Community Chair and UAB Collat School of Business Associate Professor of Strategic Management and Entrepreneurship Dr. Anthony C. Hood will discuss "Stress and Conflict." GoToMeeting available.

April 19 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | More

Translational Science 2018

Join more than 1,000 trainees, researchers, and federal program officers to learn the latest science and explore new opportunities for collaboration at the Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS) annual meeting. Registration required.

April 19-21 | Washington, DC | More

CCTS Friday Fellows

Join our panel discussion on "Converting Abstracts to Manuscripts: Timeline, Strategies and Approaches."

April 20 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS | More

CCTS Drug Discovery Seminar Series

The next lecture will feature Dr. Paul Bushdid, Director of Toxicology at Southern Research, who will discuss " Preclinical Toxicology." GoToMeeting accessible.

April 20 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | **More**

Data Management Workshop
The final workshop in our Data Management Series, "Version Control: Preventing a Data Disaster," will introduce attendees to version control principles and give them a chance to try out a software solution. Walk-ins welcome, but computers reserved for registered attendees.

POSTPONED

Upcoming Events

Surgery Grand Rounds: Shining a Light on Health Literacy: What's the Bottom Line for Surgeons?
April 24 | 7:15-8am | Spain Auditorium

Annual Translational and Transformative Informatics Symposium (ATTIS18)
Registration required
April 25 | 9am-5pm | Bevill Biomedical Research Building Rm170

Alabama Rural Health Conference 2018
Registration required
April 25-26 | Bryant Conference Center | Tuscaloosa, Alabama

Research Seminar Series: ClinicalTrials.gov: Results Reporting Workshop
April 26 | 11am-12:30pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting available

CCTS Friday Fellows: Community Engaged Research
April 27 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS

CCTS Drug Discovery Seminar Series: Business Development
April 27 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting available

9th Annual Diabetes Research Day
May 1 | 8am-5:30pm | DoubleTree by Hilton Birmingham

CCTS Monthly Forum: The Changing Policy Landscape for Clinical Trials
May 2 | 4-5:30am | PCAMS

Research Seminar Series: Working with Pharma and Biotech
May 3 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting available

Friday Fellows: KL2, K12, and T32 Trainees Present Works-in-Progress (WIP)
May 4 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS

CCTS Drug Discovery Seminar Series: Medicinal Chemistry - From Hit to Lead
May 4 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting available

All of Us Research Program Launch
May 6 | 2-6pm | Railroad Park | Birmingham, Alabama

Trial Innovation Network Webinar: Patient Navigation: A Strategy to Increase Minority Recruitment and Retention in Clinical Trials
May 7 | 11am | Webinar

Research Seminar Series: ClinicalTrials.gov: Registration Workshop
May 10 | 11am-12:30pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting available

Trial Innovation Network Webinar: Improving Recruitment Strategies to Increase Diversity in Pediatric Populations
May 16 | 11am | Webinar

Research Seminar Series: UAB Pharmacy
May 17 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting available

Friday Fellows: NRSA Practice
May 18 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS

CCTS Drug Discovery Seminar Series: How to Submit an IND
May 18 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | GoToMeeting available

UAB-HudsonAlpha Center for Genomic Medicine Symposium 2018
Registration required
May 23 | Huntsville, Alabama

UAB Research Orientation Program
Registration required
May 24 | 8am-12pm | PCAMS

Complete listing of CCTS events