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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?

Research shows that lack of awareness of appropriate clinical trials is one of the biggest hurdles to patient participation. The negative impacts of low participation are multiple: subjects participating in trials that do not meet enrollment goals are put unnecessarily at risk, discoveries may not affect people the same depending on their background, patients miss out on opportunities to improve their health, important therapies fail to enter clinical practice and fewer studies are funded down the road. To help connect patients with appropriate clinical trial opportunities, CCTS is piloting a new clinical trials search engine developed by Birmingham-based company XpertDox. For the first time, patients can type in a specific diagnosis code and find all relevant recruiting clinical trials at UAB Medicine. We have added links to [XpertTrial](#) on our [CCTS website home page](#)--look for "Find a Clinical Trial." [More](#)

News/Announcements



Mark Your Calendar for Upcoming CCTS Open House!

Join us from 4-6pm at the Pittman Center for Advanced Medical Studies (PCAMS) on Wednesday, Aug. 1, for hors d'oeuvres and chat with science-savvy CCTS staff. An outstanding opportunity to have fun while learning about our many initiatives in support of clinical and translational science. New stations will feature information on our Clinical Trials Initiative, I-Corps@NCATS training, Innovation Panels, K2R Writing Group, and more. RSVPs requested, but walk-ins welcome. [More](#)



CCTS K2R Trainees Present Specific Aims at Workshop

Four K-funded investigators shared the aims they are developing for their first independent grant applications at our inaugural K2R Specific Aims Workshop, held at Edge of Chaos on Thursday, June 21. Congrats to our first cohort on their outstanding presentations, and many thanks to all of the CCTS investigators and staff who participated, providing invaluable feedback to further refine our trainees' applications. [More](#)

CCTS Announces New Dates for Popular i2b2 Training

If you have not yet taken "Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2," our hands-on training for investigators to explore the i2b2 database for accessing de-identified patient data, checking study feasibility, developing hypotheses, and more, you are in luck.



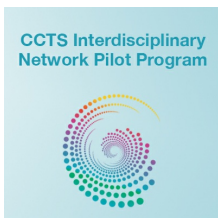
Several new dates through December 2018 have been announced, with morning and afternoon sessions available. Registration is required. Supervisory approval is required for non-faculty (e.g., trainees, staff). All attendees are strongly encouraged to [request i2b2 access](#) prior to their session. [More](#)

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](#)



CCTS Interdisciplinary Network Pilot Program

Are you a full-time investigator at a CCTS Partner Network institution with a project that explores scientific questions of import to the health of communities in AL, MS, and/or LA? Do you research health disparities, health outcomes, or health challenges across the life course? Are you involved in community-engaged research, population health studies, or clinical trial recruitment innovation? If so, consider applying for a CCTS 2019 pilot award.

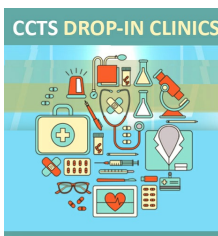
Pre-applications are due August 15, 2018, 5pm CDT (we strongly encourage applicants to [read the entire RFA](#) prior to beginning the application process). [More](#)



Small Business Innovation Research and Technology Transfer Grants

Applications for [PA-18-574](#) and [PA-18-275](#) should address a range of focus areas relevant to any stage of translation, from target validation through pre-clinical and clinical evaluation, to intervention implementation and dissemination. **Applications due Sept. 5.** [More](#)

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](#). No appointment necessary. Bring laptop and study related questions.

July 23 | 10am-2pm | Edge of Chaos | [More](#)

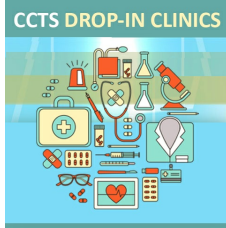


Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2

This hands-on training will help investigators learn how to access de-identified patient data, check study feasibility, develop hypotheses, and more. [Registration required](#). Attendees encouraged to obtain i2b2 access prior to training.

July 23 | 9-11am | LRC 210A | [More](#)

CCTS Drop-In Clinics



Join us for the fourth Wednesday Drop-In Clinics for free consultations in **Biostats, Epidemiology and Research Design**. No appointment necessary. Bring laptop and study related questions.

July 25 | 11:30am-1pm | PCAMS | [More](#)



UAB Office of Service Learning and Undergraduate Research Summer Expo

The Summer Expo showcases the research and service learning work produced by UAB undergraduates and other students in UAB summer research programs, summer REU programs, and other summer opportunities. **Would you like to be a judge? Sign up today!** Judging at Expo is a great way to connect with students over their work and learn about the incredible variety of projects that students of all disciplines have completed.

July 26 | 8am-12:30pm | Hill Center | [More](#)



Scientific Symposium on Precision Medicine, Neurosciences and Infectious Diseases

CCTS Partners UAB and Southern Research (SR) are cohosting this event. SR Site Leads Drs. Art Tipton and Mark Suto will speak, along with CCTS Precision Therapeutics Leads UAB Precision Medicine Institute Director Dr. Matt Might and Alabama Drug Discovery Alliance Associate Director Dr. Maaiké Everts. Learn the latest about precision medicine and drug discovery, Alzheimer's Disease, opioids, HIV, influenza, and research. **Registration deadline is TODAY, July 23.**

July 27 | 7:30am-5pm | UAB Alumni House | [More](#)



National Center for Data to Health (CD2H) Show and Tell Webinar

The CD2H Data Workgroup will showcase projects currently underway at this first ever CD2H Show & Tell. The event is open to all from the CTSA community, and those who join are encouraged to enter the conversation and offer input and feedback. Registration required.

July 27 | 11am-12pm | Webinar | [More](#)

Upcoming Events

CCTS Open House

Registration request, walk-ins welcome
August 1 | 4-6pm | PCAMS

Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2

Registration required. Attendees encouraged to obtain i2b2 access prior to training.
Aug. 2 | 1-3pm | LRC 210A | [Register](#)

I-Corps@NCATS Regional Short Course Kick-Off (Miami)

Registration required
Aug. 3 | Don Soffer Clinical Research Bldg | Miami, FL

Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2

Registration required. Attendees encouraged to obtain i2b2 access prior to training.
Aug. 14 | 9-11am | LRC 210A | [Register](#)

Save the Date: UAB Marchase Interdisciplinary Research Center Symposium

Registration required

Aug. 17 | 8am-1pm | Spain Auditorium

4th Annual AURIC (Auburn University Research Initiative in Cancer) Cancer Symposium

Registration required

*Call for Platform and Poster Presentations - Send [AURIC Director Dr. Bruce Smith](#) a title and author list by **August 1, 2018** and note whether you would like a platform or a poster presentation.*

Aug. 24-25 | Marriott Grand National Resort | Opelika, AL

6th Annual Immunogenomics Conference

Oct. 1-3 | HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology | Huntsville, AL

Complete listing of CCTS events