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

Did You Know?
The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has released **a proposed rule to advance interoperability and patient access to health information**. The suggested policy changes support the goals of the **MyHealthEData initiative**, which aims to promote electronic data exchange and care coordination in the healthcare system and to ensure CMS beneficiaries have full access to their own health information and the ability to decide how their data, a rich resource for observational and interventional research, are used. In addition, CMS has issued related RFIs addressing patient safety and coordination of care and data exchange across health care settings. Comments on the proposed rule will be accepted through May 3, 2019. **More**

News/Announcements

Informatics Experts Will Address "Seismic Transformations in Healthcare" at CCTS Hub
The UAB Informatics Institute will soon host two international informatics experts who will address cutting-edge topics of broad interest to the CCTS Partner Network. On Tuesday, April 16, **Justin Starren, MD, PhD, Chief of Preventive Medicine-Health & Biomedical Informatics at Northwestern University**, will discuss "Big Data and EHRs: Why Is It So Hard?" On May 6, 10am-11am, **Patricia Brennan, RN, PhD, Director of the National Library of Medicine** (NLM), will present "From Precision Medicine to Precision Health: NLM Partnerships." Both seminars will take place at Cudworth 102. Zoom available for those unable to attend in person. **More**

CCTS Launching New Rounds of Kaizen R2T Game
Have fun while mastering **required NIH policies for rigor, reproducibility, and transparency (R2T)** in our online Kaizen game! The next round of this highly popular approach to learning competencies will run May 6-June 6, 2019. Originally designed by CCTS Informatics for federally funded trainees, Kaizen R2T is open to players at any professional level across the CCTS Partner Network. **Register now!** Additional dates for games later this year are also available (**July 8-August 8** and **September 9-October 9**). **More**

CCTS Celebrates OnCore Team Award — Join Us!
At 4:30pm this **Wednesday, April 17**, the CCTS will

commemorate a major milestone of success in its enterprise-wide rollout of the powerful clinical trials management system, OnCore receiving the Forte Award for Excellence in Clinical Operations for the second year in a row! We welcome the Hub research community to join us as we honor our OnCore Implementation Team at the Pittman Center for Advancing Medical Studies (PCAMS). Refreshments will be served. **More**

Funding Opportunities

Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) FOA
The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will make ~75 awards of up to $1million each to networks and/or consortia to implement core substance/opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery activities in high-risk rural communities. Proposals should align with the U.S. Department for Health and Human Services' **Five-Point Strategy to Combat the Opioid Crisis**. Applications for HRSA-19-082 are due by **May 6. More**

High-End Instrumentation (HEI) Grant Program (S10 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
The HEI Grant Program encourages applications from groups of NIH-supported investigators to purchase or upgrade a single item of expensive, specialized, commercially available instruments or integrated systems. Companion funding opportunity with **PAR-19-178** and **PAR-19-179**. **Apply by May 31. More**

UAB-HudsonAlpha Genomic Medicine Post-Doctoral Training Program
If you are a physician-scientist, we urge you to explore this opportunity. This T32 program prepares postdoctoral trainees for academic careers in genomic medicine. It enables postdocs from any area of medicine to obtain the skills necessary to conceive, plan, and conduct research in genomic medicine as well as present and publish their results. **More**

This Week's Learning Opportunities

Cancer Outcomes Seminar Series
Amy Warriner MD, Associate Professor, Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism at UAB, will discuss "The Weighty Matter of Obesity and Cancer."

April 15 | 10-11am | WTI 101|More

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.

April 15 | 10am-2pm | Edge of Chaos|More

CCTS Drug Discovery Seminar Series
Mark Ravera, PhD, Director of Business Development for Drug Development at Southern Research, will discuss "Business Development." Cosponsored by CCTS Partners UAB and Southern Research. Zoom available.
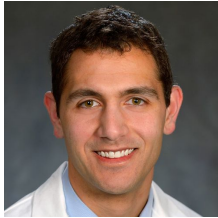
April 15 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | More

Special Informatics Institute Seminar
Justin Starren, MD, PhD, Chief of Preventive Medicine-Health and Bioinformatics, Professor, Department of Preventive Medicine at Northwestern University, will be present "Big Data and EHRs: Why Is It So Hard?" Zoom available.

April 16 | 9-10am | Cudworth 102 | More

Coordinated Works in Progress (WIP) Seminars in Health Services, Outcomes, and Policy Research
Michael George, MD, MSCE, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, will discuss his work on "Studying Serious and Common Infections with Glucocorticoids and Biologics."

April 16 | 12-1pm | FOT 803 | 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. Query 18 different data types for over 1 million patients. **Registration required**. Attendees encouraged to obtain i2b2 access prior to training.
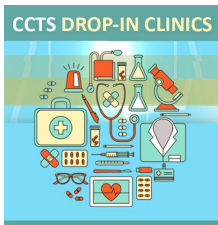
April 16 | 1-3pm | LRC 210A | More

Case Studies in Mentoring: Aligning Mentor/Mentee Expectations
Bring your questions and concerns and join us as we explore the nuances of the mentor-mentee relationship. Our case-based discussions help participants discover new strategies to maximize the benefits of this career-enhancing skill. Open to investigators at any level from across the CCTS Partner Network. **Registration requested**, walk-ins welcome. Zoom available.

April 17 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 215 | More

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

April 17 | 11:30am-1pm |PCAMS |More

Special Topics in Clinical Trials (Research Seminar Series)
The CCTS Clinical Research Support Program team will present "OnCore Townhall: Upcoming Updates." Zoom available.

April 18 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | More

CCTS Friday Fellows Meeting
This meeting provides the opportunity for investigators, trainees, and others interested in population and health outcomes research to discuss best practices. Share your latest project in a supportive "discipline agnostic" environment; find new collaborators; develop

foundational skills in study design, outcomes measurement, and evaluation; and practice critical "soft" career skills such as public speaking, networking, and providing/accepting constructive feedback. Zoom available.

April 19 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS | More

CCTS Friday Mentoring Lunch
This is an informal opportunity to join with peers and Dr. David Chaplin, Co-Director of the CCTS Training Academy, to discuss mentoring opportunities, challenges and advantages. No prerequisite for attendance. Please register no later than noon on Tuesday, April 16.

April 19 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | More

Upcoming Events

APRIL

Case Studies in Mentoring: Assessing Mentee Understanding
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
April 24 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 215 | Zoom Available

CCTS Friday Fellows Meeting
April 26 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS | Zoom Available

MAY

Center for Genomic Medicine Symposium
Registration required
May 1 | 10am-6pm | Jackson Center | Huntsville, Alabama

Case Studies in Mentoring: Addressing Equity and Inclusion
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
May 1 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 215 | Zoom Available

CCTS Friday Fellows Meeting
May 3 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS | Zoom Available

TEDxBirmingham
Registration required
May 3-4 | Alys Stephens Center | UAB

From Precision Medicine to Precision Health: NLM Partnerships
May 6 | 10-11am | Cudworth 102 | Zoom Available

Computational Genomics Immersion Course
Registration required
May 6-9 | 9am-12:30pm | Finley Conference Center

Kaizen Game: Rigor, Reproducibility & Transparency (R2T)
Registration required
May 6 - June 6 | Online

Case Studies in Mentoring: Cultivating Ethical Behaviors
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
May 8 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 215 | Zoom Available

CCTS Friday Fellows Meeting

May 10 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS | Zoom Available

Case Studies in Mentoring: Establishing an Authorship Policy
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
May 15 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 215 | Zoom Available

Southeast Regional Society for Developmental Biology Meeting
Registration required
May 15-17 | Hill Student Center | UAB

CCTS Friday Fellows Meeting
May 17 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS | Zoom Available

Genetics and Genomics Seminar Series: Implementation of a Personalized Medicine Program Across a Community Health System
May 17 | 12pm | Finley Conference Center

Case Studies in Mentoring: Fostering Independence
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
May 22 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 215 | Zoom Available

CCTS Friday Fellows Meeting
May 24 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS | Zoom Available

Case Studies in Mentoring: Promoting Professional Development
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
May 29 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 215 | Zoom Available

CCTS Friday Fellows Meeting
May 31 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS | Zoom Available

Complete listing of CCTS events