



Center for Clinical and Translational Science

**CCTS DIGEST**

Latest news and upcoming events  
for the CCTS Partner Network

October 17, 2022



### **The Stage is Set for an Incredible 2022 CEI Symposium: See you this Friday!**

We are thrilled to convene the 2022 Community Engagement Institute Symposium this Friday, featuring [Dr. Sofia Gruskin, Director of the USC Institute on Inequalities in Global Health](#). Alongside Dr. Gruskin, we will have an interactive panel session with experts from academic institutions and community organizations across the Deep South region, as well as research presentations from

the [Forge AHEAD Center Scholars](#). These research studies range from hypertension studies in minority populations, healthy weight loss in situations of food insecurity, and interventions to manage heart health during pregnancy in low-income women in Alabama. The CEI Symposium is a collaboration of the CCTS Partner Network, the Center for the Study of Community Health, the Forge AHEAD Center and the communities we serve.

**Join this important conversation this Friday, virtually, from 9am-12pm. Register today.**

### **Celebrating the CCTS Hub's Inaugural Wellness Week**

This week, UAB wants to help shine a spotlight on prioritizing wellness in our personal and professional lives. We've assembled some of our favorite wellness tips and tools that are helpful for everyone across the Partner Network:

1. Get outside as the temps start to drop. [RootsRated](#) is your one-stop resource for finding the best hiking, paddling, cycling, running, and more in your area!
2. Feed yourself well. [This collection of healthy recipes](#) is full of fresh, seasonal flavors to fill your tables this fall.
3. Manage your time to reduce stress and maintain balance in your life. [Check out these tips on effective time management](#) and make the most of your days!





## CCTS Gathers for a Habitat for Humanity Build

Members of the CCTS community were able to come together this month to participate in a Habitat for Humanity build in Birmingham. It was a joy to witness and participate in the work happening to support local neighborhoods!



## Conference Deadlines to Remember

The Southeast Regional Clinical & Translational Science Conference, co-hosted by the CCTS along with other southeast CTSA's, invites researchers to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations at the 2023 Conference. **Deadline to submit is November 4, 2022.**



Share your research at Translational Science 2023 in Washington, DC. Submit your research through a poster or scientific session: **proposals and abstracts are due by November 14, 2022.**

## CCTS IN THE NEWS

The CCTS is delighted to acknowledge and celebrate the steady stream of news about the outstanding accomplishments of our CCTS members.

### UAB Cares New Round of Awardees Announced

CCTS is proud to partner with COERE and the UAB Heersink School of Medicine to support these scientists.

### Graves Receives F31 Grant to Investigate TV Resistance CCTS TL1 Trainee

Keonte Graves, MS, former CCTS TL1 Trainee, will research trichomonas vaginalis resistance targets to inform future drug development.

### Research reveals potential targets for therapeutic development for glioblastoma

Christopher Willey, MD, PhD, is a CCTS Associate Scientist.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Available Weekly

Oct. 18 | 11am-1pm  
OnCore Q&A Session

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**Drop-In Clinic: Biostats, Epidemiology,  
& Research Design (BERD)**

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Prepare your study-related questions for this online or in-person opportunity. In-person clinics are Wednesdays from 11:30-1:00 & Fridays from 8:30-11:30 in SHEL 120.  
[Email to Schedule a Virtual Session](#)

**Oct. 19 | 2-3:30pm**

**Research Data Group Office Hours**

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Research Data Group Analysts will assist with i2b2 & EHR-related queries, i2b2 and DataLENS training, or about access to clinical data, services, tools, and collaboration.

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**Oct. 21 | 8-9am**

**Friday Fellows**

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"Biostats 2: Power & Sample Size" presented by Dustin Long, PhD.

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**Oct. 21 | 10-11am**

**Informatics Institute Powertalk  
Seminar Series**

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"Toward Designing Context-Aware Electronic Health Records with a Patient-Specific Knowledge Base" Presented by Tiago Colicchio, PhD.

[Register](#) | [Add to Calendar](#)

**Oct. 24 | 12-1pm**

**CPSC Investigator Development Series**

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"Accelerating Discovery to Improve Health: Introduction to the (CCTS) Center for Clinical and Translational Science" presented by Jennifer Croker, PhD.

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Do you have a question or concern about OnCore? Join OnCore staff for a drop-in session to have any and all questions addressed.

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**Oct. 20 | 12-1pm**

**Research Seminar Series:  
10 Common IRB Submission Problems  
to Avoid**

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RSS fills any information gaps related to the implementation of clinical trials.

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**Oct. 21 | 9am-noon**

**2022 Community Engagement  
Institute Symposium**

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A conversation on "Rights to Health: Where do we go from here?" that will address the barriers to health equity and solutions.

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**Oct. 24 | 11am-12pm**

**Case Studies in Mentoring: Cultivating  
Ethical Behaviors**

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Bring your questions and concerns and join us as we explore the nuances of the mentor-mentee relationship.

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# Get to Know Your CCTS

THIS WEEK, MEET TAMARA HOWARD

**Clinical Research Regulatory Coordinator II,**  
CCTS Clinical Research Support Program (CRSP)



## 1 What is the last show you binge-watched?

The most recent show I binge-watched was Monk, I thought this show was both funny and interesting. I not only enjoy watching mysteries but I enjoy reading mystery novels as well.

## 2 What does the CCTS mean to you?

I believe CCTS represents a dedicated group of hardworking individuals with a vast array of knowledge and skills, all of whom are willing to help researchers work through the multi-step processes to safely conduct a study.

## 3 What's something people might not know about the CCTS?

CCTS offers assistance with a wide variety of research training and assistance, one of them being ClinicalTrials.gov. We know this website can be quite arduous and we can even meet with you via zoom and walk you through the steps if you need help.

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