



April 4, 2022



Coming Up: The 32nd Annual Vascular Biology & Hypertension Symposium

Mark your calendars to attend this annual event, happening April 28-29 at the UAB Alumni House, with sessions providing the latest information on blood pressure measurement, hypertension and disparities in chronic diseases, and hypertension in pregnancy. The symposium features investigators from across the CCTS Partner Network, as well as other CTSA's and institutions across the country, with a keynote presentation by Dr. Alan T.N. Tita.

[Learn more and register.](#)

Data & Safety Monitoring Boards: Understanding the Role of the Chair

Richard Whitley, MD, Co-Lead of the CCTS Drug Discovery initiative and UAB Distinguished Professor, recently shared lessons he's learned over many years of participating in research studies. His 14-minute presentation provides guidance for each step of successful collaboration with your DSMB chair.



[Watch it here.](#)



Reminder: Two Upcoming Clinical Research Support Program Opportunities

The **CCTS Quarterly Lunch & Learn** will take place on April 12th from 11:30am-1:00pm, providing critical guidance on new or changing requirements in clinical research, as well as supports available at UAB and beyond. All clinical research teams, regardless of study type or foci, are encouraged to have at least one person attend virtually and communicate updates to their team and home office. [Register.](#)

Registration closes on April 12th for the spring session of the **Research Training Program**, which runs from April 19-May 24, 2022. This program provides in-depth training for staff-level team members in the principles required to excel in today's dynamic clinical research environment, and attendees earn 22.5 AMAPRE CME credits for completion of this program. [Register.](#)

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.

American Cancer Society Board of Directors recognizes two UAB faculty for their commitment to cancer research and education

Dr. Gabrielle Rocque is a CCTS Senior Scientist and a former KL2 Scholar.

Lee Appointed to ACP Medical Policy Committee

Rachael Lee, MD, (CCTS Scientist and CTSTP Alumnus) was appointed to the American College of Physicians 2022-2023 Scientific Medical Policy Committee to aid in the development of policies and programs that benefit the public and the profession of medicine.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Available Weekly

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

Prepare your study-related questions for this online or in-person opportunity.
Sessions by appointment only.
[Email for Details](#)

April 8 | 8-9:30am

**Friday Fellows:
Systematic Reviews & Meta Analyses**

Presented by Kathryn Kaiser, MD.
An opportunity for T32 pre and post docs, investigators, and others interested in population and health outcomes research to discuss research methods, career development, and works in progress.
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April 12 | 11:30am-1pm

CCTS Quarterly Lunch & Learn

Critical guidance on new or changing requirements to support the conduct of clinical research at UAB (and beyond). All clinical research teams, regardless of study type or foci, are encouraged to tune in.
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April 22 | 8am-5pm

6th Annual Translational and Transformative Informatics Symposium (ATTIS)

This virtual event offers faculty, postdoc trainees, and graduate students an opportunity to report progress on the latest informatics research and applications in biomedical sciences.

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April 7 | 12-1pm

Research Seminar Series

"OCS-CBR-CCTS Combined Submission Process Review" presented by Ashley Knight Specht. RSS fills any gaps in information related to the implementation of clinical trials, as identified by investigators and their research teams.

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April 11 | 11am-12pm

**Case Studies in Mentoring:
Maintaining Effective Communication**

Bring your questions and concerns and join us as we explore the nuances of the mentor-mentee relationship.
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April 14 | 11am-1pm

UAB OIRB Virtual Office Hours

An opportunity for everyone in the research community to access an experienced UAB OIRB staff member.
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Get to Know Your CCTS

THIS WEEK, MEET FRANNIE HORN, JD, ED.S
SOUTHEAST HEALTH ALLIANCE FOR RESEARCH &
CCTS NETWORK CAPACITIES PROGRAM MANAGER



1 What is the last show you binge-watched?

Vikings: Valhalla. I love historical, period and costume dramas!
(Not to mention a little sword fighting.)

2 What is the last movie you loved?

My FAVORITE movie of all time is the 1986 Merchant/Ivory classic, A Room with a View.
See answer to question #1.

3 What does the CCTS mean to you?

The CCTS means “dedication” to me. Everyone associated with the CCTS is remarkably engaged and passionate about the work they do. I think the CCTS really lives its vision of working to reduce health disparities and diseases disproportionately represented within the Deep South while accelerating discovery to improve health.

4 What’s your dream vacation or the best vacation you’ve ever taken?

My husband and I took a trip to Rome before the pandemic. We stayed right at the Pantheon at the Piazza della Rotonda and really enjoyed the sights and atmosphere of the city.

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