



December 13, 2021

New Leadership in the CCTS Training Academy

The CCTS thanks Dr. Becky Reamey for her contributions to the Training Academy, and is pleased to welcome Dr. Nita Limdi and Dr. Jessica Bumpus in joining the CCTS to advance workforce development across the network.



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TIERS Takes a Holiday Break in December



The Training Interdisciplinary & Emerging Research Scholars (TIERS) program is giving our CCTS members the gift of time this month and looking forward to seeing everyone again in the new year. To help us plan a year of impactful training opportunities, please take our 30 second survey to champion the topics you'd like to see covered in 2022.

[Take the survey.](#)

UALCAN: Taking Cancer Data Further

UALCAN (University of **AL**abama at Birmingham **CAN**cer web portal, "You all can!"), is a comprehensive, user-friendly, and interactive web resource for analyzing cancer OMICS data that includes large scale cancer RNA sequencing and clinical proteomics data.



Analyze, Integrate, Discover

This resource was developed and released to public use by Darshan Chandrashekar, PhD, from the Department of Pathology and O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center, under the leadership of [Sooryanarayana Varambally, PhD](#), to enhance the speed of the cancer research, biomarker and target discovery. This resource is developed for usability by both experts and researchers with no background in large scale sequencing and data analysis. Since its inception in late 2017, this continuously evolving cancer data analysis portal has received over 760,000 site visits from across the world and over 2,100 citations and received over 1000 citations in 2021.

[Find out what UALCAN can do for your cancer research today.](#)

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

Vickers named president of the American Surgical Association

Dean Vickers is a member of the CCTS Internal Advisory Committee.

UAB receives funding to support early-career investigators impacted by COVID-19 pandemic

Dr. Mugavero is Co-Director of the CCTS and the CCTS Training Academy.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Request for Inter-NIA Center/CTSA Hub Pilot/Project Proposals For Implementation Activities in Support of Inclusion of Older Adults in Clinical Trials

The Research Centers Collaborative Network (RCCN) is seeking to fund up to 3 projects of up to \$70,000 each. Applications are due **February 15, 2022** with awards announced by March 31, 2022.

Deep South Center to Reduce Disparities in Chronic Diseases Pilot and Feasibility Program Request for Applications

Letter of intent due **January 21, 2022**. Earliest start date, July 1, 2022.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Available Weekly

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

Prepare your study-related questions for this online or in-person opportunity. Virtual sessions by appointment only, walk-in clinics, M-10-2pm & W-11:30-1pm in the Edge of Chaos (4th floor Lister Hill Library).

[Email for Details](#)

Dec. 14 | 11am-1pm

CCTS Lunch & Learn

Critical guidance on new or changing requirements and 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.

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

Dec. 16 | 11am-1pm

UAB OIRB Virtual Office Hours

Bring your questions and concerns. An opportunity for everyone in the research community to access an experienced UAB OIRB staff member.

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Dec. 17 | 8-9:30am

Friday Fellows

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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Dec. 17 | 1-3pm

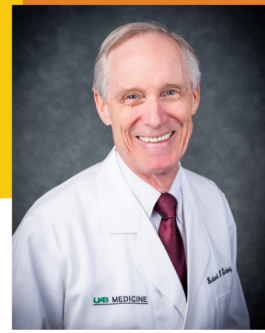
CEI Perspectives: Community Violence

Join panelists and other community members in conversation to better understand the causes, current efforts underway, and possible solutions to addressing violence in our communities.

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Get to Know Your CCTS

THIS WEEK, MEET **DR. ROBERT KIMBERLY**
CCTS DIRECTOR



1 What does the CCTS mean to you?

The opportunity to innovate and create opportunity from discovery to delivery in medicine is a privilege. The CCTS captures that energy across our region and brings teams together in very special ways. The CCTS can and does make a difference in everything we do.

2 What's your dream vacation or the best vacation you've ever taken?

I love traveling. A pied a terre in a pedestrian district in Paris with a baguette, cheese and red wine or the late afternoon at the enoteca in Montepulciano's town square are hard to beat. But dangling your toes in the lake in the Adirondacks as the sun rises is best of all.

3 What is the last show you binge-watched?

The Mandalorian

4 What are the movies you loved the most?

The Lord of the Rings Trilogy
All of Star Wars

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