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## The 2022 Translational Research Summer Series Kicks Off Next Month

We're just a few weeks away from kicking off this annual, 8-week lecture series featuring expert speakers introducing translational research to investigators: sessions range from translating your question into a project, project/team management, and research methods, to preparing a scientific abstract and writing your manuscript. This program is for investigators who haven't yet participated in the series and it provides an introductory foundation for a career in translational science.

*"The Summer Series was an ideal learning experience for me as a clinician interested in using my real-world experience as the backbone for my research. The programming was practical, and the lecturers were approachable, which enhanced the overall quality of the course. I'd recommend the course to anyone interested in improving clinical outcomes. From those just starting out on their research journeys like me, to the highly-experienced researchers looking to take their work to a more translational tilt."* – **Robin Riddle, PT, DPT, UAB School of Public Health, Dept. of Health Behavior Doctoral Student**

[Learn more and register.](#)

## Nominate a Variant for Animal Modeling

The [UAB Center for Precision Animal Modeling \(CPAM\)](#) is requesting patient-specific variants for model generation from researchers across the CCTS Partner Network. Models are created in cells, worms, zebrafish, frogs, mice and rats, and help researchers and physicians diagnose, treat, and study genetic diseases.

[Start here](#) to nominate a variant to start the process of being evaluated for modeling or contact [Laura Lambert](#) for more information.



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## Opportunities to Work with the CCTS: Help Spread the Word

The CCTS is growing, and we'd love your help finding our future team members. [Click here to view the current openings](#), and reach out at [ccts@uab.edu](mailto:ccts@uab.edu) with any questions!

## 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.

### **Doctor: COVID likely here to stay, people should be prepared for further mutations**

Dr. Lucio Miele is the CCTS Site Lead for LSU Health Sciences Center.

**Genetic variation common among Black individuals is associated with higher risk of heart failure and death** Drs. Vibhu Parcha and Pankaj Arora are CCTS Associate Scientists.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Available Weekly**

[Drop-In Clinic: Biostats, Epidemiology, & Research Design \(BERD\)](#)

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](#)

### **May 5 | 12-1pm**

[Research Seminar Series: Office of Sponsored Programs](#)

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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### **May 6 | 8-9:30am**

[Friday Fellows: Works in Progress](#)

*Presented by AHRQ T32 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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### **May 4 | 2-3:30pm**

[Research Data Group Office Hours](#)

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

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### **May 5 | 2-3pm**

[OnCore Q&A Session](#)

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

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### **May 9 | 11am-12pm**

[Case Studies in Mentoring: Cultivating Ethical Behaviors](#)

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

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### **May 12 | 1-2pm**

[Disparities in the Development and Progression of Kidney Disease in the US](#)

*Presented by Orlando Gutiérrez, MD, MMSc*

Hosted by the Investigator Skills Development Unit (ISDU) of the UCSF Research Coordinating Center to Reduce Disparities in Multiple Chronic Diseases (RCC-RD-

# Get to Know Your CCTS

THIS WEEK, MEET **DUNIA RITCHEY, MD**  
CCTS CLINICAL RESEARCH SUPPORT PROGRAM  
IND/IDE CONSULTATION TEAM



## 1 What does the CCTS mean to you?

I am astonished at the far-reaching network of excellence in clinical research supported by the CCTS. To me, it means a collaboration of the finest minds in the research world working toward a common goal of bringing the highest standards of research to the table in order to make the most significant impact on the studied fields. This means everyone works together to discover the best solutions to problems throughout healthcare, accessibility, academics, technology, etc. I am simply amazed at how large and intricate the network of CCTS collaborators is!

## 2 What was the last show you binge-watched?

I don't have cable and don't watch much television, but I LOVE cooking shows, whether competitions or demonstrations. The last show I binge-watched was the past seasons of "Next Food Network Star!" I love learning new recipes and new food combinations, though little on that show easily translates into a typical Tuesday night dinner at home!

## 3 What was the best thing you did last month?

I welcomed my sixth grandchild, Tatiana Michelle, and spent two weeks with my daughter and her family helping them settle in with their second child, taking care of 20-month-old big sister Natalia, and taking night duty with the baby so Mommy and Daddy could get some sleep!

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