**What is “Quality” and how could it relate to your research?**
Join us on May 29 for the 2nd Annual Advancing Healthcare Quality Research at Emory event to learn more about ongoing quality research at Emory and network with colleagues in the Woodruff Health Sciences Center. **What’s in it for you?** This symposium would be helpful if you are interested in improving population health, do health services research, are interested in studying effectiveness of quality improvement, or want to network with others sharing these interests. [Read more...](#)

**Submitting an NIH grant on or after May 25? Is the new biosketch format giving you anxiety?**
Registration is now open for the May Research Resources 101 workshop on Thursday, May 21 from 12:00-1:00 PM in the Emory University Hospital auditorium (2nd floor, E-wing). Learn about the required changes in the new NIH biosketch format, see examples of new biosketches, and hear seasoned study section members critique submitted biosketches ([submit yours](#) for review by May 7!). [RSVP](#) by May 20 or attend remotely. [Questions?](#)

**New NIH website supports biomedical data science** [Read more...](#)

**Help protect human research participants and add to your service portfolio**
The Emory Institutional Review Board (IRB) currently has a shortage of clinician members who can review and present protocols for its monthly meetings and is seeking new members. Your contribution will have a direct impact on the mission to facilitate ethical research. You will also learn more about this vital work in Emory’s expanding role as a leading research institution and add to your service portfolio for promotion. [Email](#) Regina Drake and Tom Penna for more information.

**New websites for Emory postdocs**
The [Office of Postdoctoral Education](#) and Emory University [Postdoctoral Association](#) launched new websites this month. Check out the upgrades!

**Postdocs encouraged to vote in best image contest**
The Emory Postdoc Association selected the top six images from the Best Image Award submissions earlier this month and would like postdocs to vote for their top two favorites. [Click](#) to view the images and vote by no later than this Thursday, April 30. (If the website does not work, click [here](#) to cast your vote.) Congratulations to Alexey Tamas (Searles Lab) and Thalita Abrahao (Griendling Lab) from the Department of Medicine who made the top six!

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**Congratulatory Corner!**

**Thomas Ziegler (Endocrinology)**
Dr. Ziegler is principal investigator of a trial funded by the Nestlé Research Foundation entitled, "The Divine Study: Dietary Management of Glucose Variability in the ICU.”
Submit a suggestion for the Congratulatory Corner

Recent Notable Publications

Jordan Kempker, Greg Martin (Pulmonary), Russell Kempker (Infectious Diseases), Thomas Ziegler, Jessica Alvarez (Endocrinology)
Kempker JA et al. “Vitamin D Status and the Risk for Hospital-Acquired Infections in Critically Ill Adults: A Prospective Cohort Study.” Crit Care Med. 2015 Jan;43(1):135-41. Read more...

Cecile Lahiri, Anandi Sheth, Vincent Marconi, Wendy Armstrong, Aswani Vunnava, Sara Sanford, Igho Ofotokun (Infectious Diseases)
Lahiri CD et al. “Impact of Protease Inhibitors on Intracellular Concentration of Tenofovir-Diphosphate Among HIV-1 Infected Patients.” AIDS. 2015 Apr 13. [Epub ahead of print] Read more...

Nancy Collop (Pulmonary)
Kamdar BB et al. “Delirium Transitions in the Medical ICU: Exploring the Role of Sleep Quality and Other Factors.” Crit Care Med. 2015 Jan;43(1):135-41. Read more...

Lilin Lai, Allison Beck, Yongxian Xu, Sarah Kabbani, Mark Mulligan (Infectious Diseases)

Laurence Sperling, Peter Wilson (Cardiology)
Martin SS et al. “Clinician-Patient Risk Discussion for Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease Prevention: Importance to Implementation of the 2013 ACC/AHA Guidelines.” J Am Coll Cardiol. 2015 Apr 7;65(13):1361-1368. Read more...

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New Funding & Award Opportunities(view all)

Weekly NIH Funding Opportunities & Notices Read more...

Federal Funding Opportunities for Public Health Faculty Read more...

Harrington Discovery Institute: Harrington Scholar-Innovator Award
Deadline: May 1 (for LOI)
This annual award competition has been opened to fund and support physician-scientist innovators at major academic medical centers across the nation in their efforts to advance promising drug discoveries. The competition is aimed at identifying the nation’s most promising medical breakthroughs and to help bridge the gap between basic discovery and clinical introduction. Read more (PDF)...

US Department of Veterans Affairs: Health Services Research & Development (HSR&D) Funding Opportunities
Deadline: May 12 (for LOIs)
HSR&D funding opportunities include: Center for Advancing Operations Research to Enhance Learning Healthcare System Initiatives; Targeted Solicitation for Health Services Research on Provider Behavior - A Learning Health Care System Initiative; Targeted Solicitation for Health Services Research on Measurement Science - a Learning Health Care System Initiative; VA Nursing Research Initiative (NRI); Merit Review Award (Parent I01); Merit Review Award for Deployment Health Research; Merit Review
American Thoracic Society (ATS): Foundation Grant for Hire Program  
Deadline: June 5 (for LOI)
The purpose of the program is to support new research projects that are in the early exploratory and developmental stages and have the potential to lead to advances in the scientific understanding of pulmonary hypertension. Proposed projects should result in preliminary data that will enable the investigator to apply for support for a larger, hypotheses-driven research project. Read more...

Vilcek Foundation: Prizes for Creative Promise in Biomedical Science  
Deadline: June 15
The Vilcek Foundation is dedicated to raising awareness of immigrant contributions to American society. They are accepting applications from young, foreign-born researchers ages 38 and under. Three awards of prizes of $50,000 each will be given to those who demonstrate outstanding early achievement. Eligible work may be in basic, applied, and/or translational biomedical science. Read more...

NIH/NIMHD: Technologies for Improving Population Health and Eliminating Health Disparities (R41/R42)  
Deadline: June 23 (for LOI)
This FOA invites eligible United States small business concerns (SBCs) to submit Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) grant applications that propose to develop a product, process or service for commercialization with the aim of reducing disparities in healthcare access and health outcomes. Read more...

NIH/NIMHD: Innovations for Healthy Living – Improving Population Health and Eliminating Health Disparities (R43/R44)  
Deadline: June 23 (for LOI)
This FOA invites eligible United States small business concerns (SBCs) to submit Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant applications that propose to develop a product, process or service for commercialization with the aim of reducing disparities in healthcare access and health outcomes and in preventing disease and improving health. Read more...

NIH/NIAID: Innovation for HIV Vaccine Discovery (R01)  
Deadline: June 29 (for LOI)
The purpose of this FOA is to encourage applications proposing innovative, high risk, high impact research to identify novel HIV vaccine concepts and targets. Read more...

The Helen Hay Whitney Foundation: Postdoctoral Research Training  
Deadline: July 1
This program supports early postdoctoral research training in all basic biomedical sciences. To attain its ultimate goal of increasing the number of imaginative, well-trained and dedicated medical scientists, the Foundation grants financial support of sufficient duration to help further the careers of young men and women engaged in both biological or medical research. Read more...

NIH/PEPFAR (President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief) Collaboration on Implementation Science for HIV: Towards an AIDS-free Generation (R01/R21)  
Deadline: July 28
The NIH, in collaboration with the Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator (OGAC) is soliciting applications for implementation science research that will inform delivery and scale-up of efficacious interventions to improve HIV prevention, care, and treatment in Africa. R01 and R21 available.

Department of Defense (DoD): Peer Reviewed Medical Clinical Trial Award  
Deadline: October 22
The PRMRP Clinical Trial Award supports the rapid implementation of clinical trials with the potential to have a significant impact on a disease or condition addressed in at least one of the Congressionally directed FY15 PRMRP Topic Areas. Clinical trials may be designed to evaluate promising new products,
pharmacologic agents (drugs or biologics), devices, clinical guidance, and/or emerging approaches and technologies.  

**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ): Small Research Projects (R03)**

**Deadline: Standard Dates apply**

The purpose of this FOA is to provide research support specifically limited in time and amount for studies in categorical program areas. Small grants provide flexibility for initiating studies which are generally for preliminary short-term projects and are non-renewable.  

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**Upcoming DOM Divisional Research Seminars**

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**Thu Apr 30**

**8:00 am**

Infectious Diseases Seminar: “Estimating HIV-1 Incidence Using the Limiting Antigen Avidity Assay” (John N Nkengasong)

Rita Ann Rollins room, 8th floor, Grace Crum Rollins building, School of Public Health

Pulmonary Seminar: “Contribution of Feed-forward Signaling Pathways in the Pathogenesis of Hypoxia-induced Pulmonary Hypertension” (Kaiser Bijli)

Whitehead Building, 2nd floor, room 200

**Mon May 4**

**9:00 am**

Cardiovascular Biology Seminar: Alicia Lyle

Hurst Conference Room E450, 4th floor, E wing, Emory Hospital

**5:00 pm**

Endocrine Conference: Jeremy Anthony

Woodruff Memorial Research Building, Room 317

Research Administration

**Federal government approves four-year extension of current F&A rates**

Emory’s current F&A rates will remain in effect through August 31, 2019. It is important to note that the final approved rates are less than the University’s actual costs calculated due to a regulatory cap on administrative expenses and negotiations between the University and the Federal negotiators regarding facility costs. The Department of Health and Human Services’ Division of Cost Allocation will notify appropriate Federal, fiscal and administrative offices of the new rates.  

**Questions?**

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- Rates are valid from 9/1/2015 – 8/31/2019
- Off-Adjacent locations are within 50 miles commuting distance of the University
- Off-Campus rates are beyond 50 miles commuting distance of the University
Upcoming workshops from Woodruff Health Sciences Center Library
Apr 29 at 12PM: Create Bibliographies with EndNote
Apr 29 at 3PM: Using My NCBI to track NIH Public Access Compliance and to Create the New NIH Biosketch
May 7 at 3PM: An introduction to Pathway Analysis Tools Available from the WHSC Library

August 3-14: NIHMD Translational Health Disparities Course
The course provides an introduction to the principles and practice of health disparities research. It focuses on concepts, methods, key issues, and applications. The course aims to provide the knowledge and research tools needed to conduct and develop translational and transdisciplinary research and interventions to eliminate health disparities.
National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland. | Apply | Read more...

May 7: Grant Writing Basics for International Postdoctoral Fellows
This session is targeted to those NOT eligible for NIH fellowship grants or other U.S. citizenship-restricted awards and other beginners to the grant writing process. The presentation will focus on understanding the basics of the grants process; common sections you will encounter in grant applications; and finding funding opportunities using searchable databases (focus on international applicants).
School of Medicine room 178P. 1PM – 3PM. | Read more...

May 12: “Paleolithic Diet Pattern, Oxidative Stress, Inflammation and Risk for Colorectal Adenoma”
Roberd M. Bostick, MD, MPH, Professor (Emory RSPH, Dept. of Epidemiology and Emory SOM, Dept. of Hematology & Medical Oncology and Winship Cancer Institute), will present this seminar sponsored by the Emory Center for Clinical and Molecular Nutrition, HERCULES, and the GDBBS graduate program in Nutrition and Health Sciences.
School of Medicine 190P. 4PM. Snacks and coffee provided.

May 13: 11th Annual Pulmonary Division Research Symposium
The Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine presents the 11th annual Research Symposium. Judges will again be presenting awards for the best oral and poster presentation at the close of the event.
School of Medicine room 110. 5:30PM.

April 21: “In Flew Enza: Influenza Vaccination... Past, Present, and Future Challenges”
Nancy Cox, PhD, retired Director of the CDC Influenza Division will present in this May lecture of the Vaccine Dinner Club.
Woodruff Health Sciences Center Administration Building. 6PM. | Register | Read more...

June 22-23: Getting to Know PCORI: From Application to Closeout
PCORI is hosting a free two-day interactive workshop to provide applicants with the tools and strategies to develop that winning application. The workshop will provide opportunities to meet PCORI staff, ask questions, obtain resources, and network with other participants.
The Westin Peachtree Plaza. | Register | Read more...

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Anita Saraf, MD, PhD (Cardiology)
Dr. Anita Saraf is a postdoctoral fellow in Dr. Bob Taylor’s lab in the Division of Cardiology. Her research focuses on studying polymer encapsulated stem cell systems for revascularization and regeneration. She is particularly interested in exploring the use of animal models and stem cell delivery methods that can be translated to patients. In her free time, Dr. Saraf enjoys spending time with her husband and 2 sons, exploring new places and restaurants in and around Atlanta and enjoying time with friends. Read more (you may need to refresh the page)…