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Announcements

What’s Up will resume after the new year -- but we need your input
The next edition of What’s Up will be sent the first full week in January and we would like input from our readers as to whether to change the day this newsletter is sent out at that time. Would you prefer to keep it as-is (mid-week, usually Tuesday afternoon), or switch to Friday to prepare you for each upcoming week?
Click to vote: keep as-is or switch to Friday.

NIH’s NHLBI seeks input on optimizing its clinical trials enterprise
Deadline: Monday, 12/28 NHLBI has issued the first in a series of Requests for Information (RFIs) to solicit input from its stakeholders on ways to optimize the clinical trials enterprise. This first RFI seeks stakeholder views on clinical trial management, performance milestones, and metrics. NHLBI is interested in hearing from all of its stakeholders on ways to optimize the management, oversight, and monitoring of NHLBI clinical trials. Read more...

Does your research involve biospecimens? Your input needed on proposed changes to Common Rule
Deadline: Wednesday, 1/6/16 Please review this communication (PDF) from Emory Research Administration that outlines one area of impact from the Department of Health and Human Services’ (DHHS) recently proposed revisions to the Common Rule (the regulations governing human subjects research). The information is drawn from a number of university research associations. Your comments can make a difference and it is important that we share our concerns about this proposed revision with DHHS.

Interested in working with the Office of Technology Transfer but not sure where to start?
Learn about working with OTT at the next Innovation Brown Bag Lunch Series on Wednesday, 1/6/16 at 12 p.m. in Emory University Hospital, Hurst Conference Room E-450. Presented by Todd Sherer, PhD. Bring your lunch; cookies and water provided. RSVP | Read more...

Reminder: Biostatistics course for translational research
Faculty and postdocs are welcome to enroll in a spring semester course that is part of Laney Graduate School's Certificate Program in Translational Research. Tuition awards are not available, but faculty and postdocs at Emory may be eligible for the Emory Courtesy Scholarship if they have been employed at least one year. This semester-long course meets on Tuesdays from 1-2:50 p.m. from January until early May. For more information and instructions on how to enroll, contact Laura Donnelly.

EHSO announces new electronic management system for biosafety and lab safety
With the new system, BioRAFT, no paper forms are required, projects do not expire and will only require yearly review. All Biosafety Protocols are required to be submitted using BioRAFT as of Thursday, 12/10. If your protocol is due for review between now and February 2016, please go to to initiate the process online. | Additional information | Questions?

Emory libraries migrate to new system, eJournals interface changes
As of today, the new system (Alma) will be used for ordering, cataloging, and circulating materials. The impact of these activities feed into discoverE and will produce some change in the look and feel of the system. This will be most noticeable for the eJournals A to Z list on Monday, 12/21. Ejournals can still be accessed via ejournals.emory.edu and redirects will be implemented for a more seamless transition, but
some article links will eventually need to be revised, e.g., Blackboard. This move to the new system is an effort to enhance infrastructure for content management, increased flexibility, and improved user experience. Your feedback is encouraged, so if you experience any problems or have questions or comments please don't hesitate to Ask A Librarian. Informationists are available to provide assistance through a phone call, via email, or a visit to your office.

Congratulatory Corner

Bruce Mitchell (Hospital Medicine)
Dr. Mitchell is principal investigator of a clinical trial funded by Janssen Research & Development, LLC, entitled “Medically III patient assessment of rivaroxaban versus placebo in reducing post-discharge venous thrombo-embolism risk (MARINER).”

Lesley Miller (General Medicine & Geriatrics)
Dr. Miller received subcontract funding from the University of Chicago for a CDC grant entitled “Using the electronic medical record to monitor and evaluate public health impact in hepatitis C testing and linkage to care programs.”

Submit a suggestion for the Congratulatory Corner

Recent Notable Publications*

Richard Rothenberg, Colleen Kelley (Infectious Diseases)
Hernández-Romieu AC et al. "Heterogeneity of HIV prevalence among the sexual networks of black and white men who have sex with men in Atlanta: illuminating a mechanism for increased HIV risk for young black men who have sex with men." Sex Transm Dis. 2015 Sep;42(9):505-12. Read more...

Danny Eapen, Salim Hayek, Salman Sher, Arshed Quyyumi (Cardiology), Greg Martin (Pulmonary)
Corrigan FE 3rd et al. "Low testosterone in men predicts impaired arterial elasticity and microvascular function." Int J Cardiol. 2015 Sep 1;194:94-9. Read more...

Colleen Kraft, Jay Varkey, Aneesh Mehta, G Marshall Lyon III, Rachel Friedman-Moraco, Vincent Marconi, Mark Mulligan, Bruce Ribner (Infectious Diseases), Michael Connor Jr. (Pulmonary), Harold Franch (Renal Medicine)

Carlos del Rio, Colleen Kelley (Infectious Diseases)
Okafor N et al. "Disparities in herpes simplex virus type 2 infection between black and white men who have sex with men in Atlanta, GA.” Int J STD AIDS. 2015 Sep;26(10):740-5. Read more...

Srilatha Edupuganti, Mark Mulligan, Nadine Rouphael, Lilin Lai (Infectious Diseases)
Keitel WA et al. "Safety and immunogenicity of a subvirion monovalent unadjuvanted inactivated Influenza A(H3N2) variant vaccine in healthy persons ≥18 Years Old.” J Infect Dis. 2015 Aug 15;212(4):552-61. Read more...

*We select publications for this newsletter from those that cite the Department of Medicine. You may also submit a publication to be featured.
Funding and Award Opportunities

Weekly NIH funding opportunities and notices

Federal funding opportunities for public health faculty

Reminder: Coulter Translational Partnership Funding
Deadline: Friday, 1/8/16 The Emory/GT Coulter Translational Program provides an operational roadmap to accelerate and fund the translation of technological innovations that improve patient care-milestones directed at the transfer of promising technologies from the university research laboratory to commercial development and clinical practice. Read more (PDF)...

Discovery/Development of Novel Therapeutics for Eukaryotic Pathogens (R21/R33)
Deadline: Sunday, 1/10/16 (for LOI) The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to solicit applications to support early stage translational research focused on the discovery and development of novel therapeutics against select eukaryotic pathogens. Read more...

Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation: Junior Faculty Fellowship
Deadline: Tuesday, 1/19/16 This fellowship recognizes tenured or tenure-track junior faculty members at accredited U.S. universities who are beginning to establish a record of scholarship and exhibit the potential to make significant contributions to the body of research in the field of entrepreneurship. This initiative will help to launch world-class scholars into a young and exciting field of research, thus laying a foundation for future scientific advancement. Please note: self-nominations are not allowed. Read more...

CDC: Increase Access to Care for Black Men Who Have Sex with Men
Deadline: Friday, 2/12/16 The purpose of this FOA is to evaluate the effects of an intervention that provides in-person assistance with health insurance or Medicaid enrollment following HIV testing on insurance uptake and coverage, linkage and retention rates (for HIV-positive men), and other health outcomes among Black men who have sex with men (MSM). Read more...

B Cell Immunology Program for HIV-1 Vaccine Development (BCIP) (R01)
Deadline: Wednesday, 2/17/16 (for LOI) The objective of this FOA is to solicit hypothesis-driven, multidisciplinary research to elucidate the complexities and developmental plasticity of B cells associated with the induction of potent, durable, adaptive immune responses against HIV-1. Read more...

Early HIV Treatment to Optimize Patient Health and HIV Prevention
Deadline: Friday, 2/19/16 The purpose of this project is to evaluate the feasibility of initiating antiretroviral therapy (ART) in persons diagnosed with acute or early HIV infection. Primary outcomes of interest will be time to viral suppression and the proportion of patients who remain virally suppressed 12 months after diagnosis. Additional outcomes may include retention in HIV care, patient satisfaction with clinical care, changes in HIV transmission risk behavior, an evaluation of laboratory markers of viral suppression, and other outcomes, as determined by patient input and the study investigators. Read more...

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Upcoming Division Research Seminars

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<td>Infectious Diseases Seminar: &quot;Beyond the pretty pictures: spatial analysis as a research tool for challenges in HIV and TB control&quot; (Neela Goswami) Rita Anne Rollins room, 8th floor, Grace Crum Rollins Building, SPH</td>
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<td>Pulmonary Division Research Seminar (Jordan Kempker) Whitehead Biomedical Research Building, conference room 200</td>
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Events & Educational Opportunities

Grant-writing tutorial sessions for the NIH Ruth L. Kirshstein Postdoctoral Individual (F32) National Research Service Award
Tuesday, 1/5/16 and 1/12/16 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. School of Medicine, room 178P. Free, no credit, two series for the NIH NRSA grant-writing tutorial. First-time applicants, as well as those preparing a resubmission, are welcome. Only postdoctoral fellows seriously considering submitting one of these fellowship applications should attend. Questions? | Read more (PDF)...

Reminder: 2016 Academic & Industry Intersection Conference: Georgia as a Biotechnology Capital?
The Atlanta Clinical & Translational Science Institute (ACTSI) organizes this conference annually to provide critical information on how academia and industry can work together to translate science into discovery and engage communities in clinical research efforts and outcomes. The event provides a collaborative environment for university investigators and industry executives using a program filled with subject matter experts describing current models and innovative trends shaping the future of translational science. This year's conference will explore Georgia's biotechnology climate, venture capital innovation, and feature an expert panel highlighting commercialization training options throughout the state.
Thursday, 4/14/16 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Emory Conference Center Hotel. Registration | Read more...

Submit an event to be featured here

Highlighted Researcher

Masakazu Fujii, PhD (Cardiology)
Dr. Fujii is a postdoctoral fellow in the Division of Cardiology. His research focuses on the molecular mechanisms by which vascular smooth muscle cells (VSMCs) contribute to the progression of atherosclerotic plaques. Specifically, the goal of his research is to identify the cause of collagen I accumulation in VSMCs of Polymerase delta-interacting protein 2 (Poldip2) +/- mice. In his free time, Dr. Fujii enjoys watching NASCAR races, playing golf, and spending time with his wife and newly born son. Read more (you may need to refresh the page)...

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