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**Announcements**

**Last chance to submit an abstract for the 3rd annual Advancing Health Care Quality Research at Emory event**

**Deadline: This Wednesday, 3/30** Join your Woodruff Health Sciences Center colleagues at this quality forum and networking opportunity for a chance to learn more about the breadth of quality, effectiveness, and value-based research activities at Emory. Abstracts will be chosen for oral and poster presentation at the event. All members of the Woodruff Health Sciences Center are welcome to submit abstracts. [Questions?](#) | [Read more...](#)

**Learn the nuts and bolts of the new NIH Rigor and Reproducibility requirements**

Thursday, 4/21 at 12 p.m. in room 317, Woodruff Memorial Building. Participants will learn the importance of reproducibility in research, the motivation behind the new NIH guidelines, and strategies to effectively address the new guidelines on grant applications at this Research Resources 101 workshop. [RSVP](#) by Wednesday, 4/20 | [View remotely](#) | [Questions?](#)

**Clinical Research Network (CRN) requests advanced notice for sponsor tours**

The CRN requests that you contact [Debora Clem](#) if you wish to tour any of its units with a sponsor for both site selection and site initiation to ensure that they have proper staff available should the sponsor have any questions.

**NIH notices**

- Reporting instructions for publications supported by shared resources in Research Performance Progress Reports (RPPR) and renewal applications [Read more...](#)
- Clarifications and consolidated biosketch instructions and format pages available for applications with due dates on or after Wednesday, 5/25 [Read more...](#)
- Notice of pre-submission webinar for PAR-15-350 "Health Disparities and Alzheimer's Disease (R01)" and PAR-15-349 "Emerging Directions for Addressing Health Disparities in Alzheimer's Disease (R03)" [Read more...](#)

**Featured program of the month: Blue Sky Groups**

Department of Medicine (DOM) Blue Sky Groups enhance collaborative opportunities in the department. Launched in 2012, Blue Sky Groups bring together investigators with similar interests and diverse expertise. [See past groups, outcomes, and upcoming topics](#) | [Submit your idea for a group](#)
Weekly NIH funding opportunities and notices

Federal funding opportunities for public health faculty

Last chance: Emory Medicine Bridge Funding Program
**Deadline: Friday, 4/1 (Department of Medicine internal deadline)** To assist investigators who have temporarily lost significant federal research funding, and to facilitate carefully planned changes in research direction, the School of Medicine has expanded its Bridge Funding Program. Bridge funding up to $100 thousand (including Department support/matching funds) or up to 50% of the last year's direct costs, whichever is lower, will be available to investigators based on merit, potential for renewal of external funding, and availability of SOM funds. [Read more (PDF)...](#)

ACTSI Research Technologies Medical Student Discovery Phase Mini-Grant Program
**Deadline: Wednesday, 4/6** To encourage Emory medical students in the opportunity to conduct hypothesis-driven research under the direction of a faculty mentor, the ACTSI Research Technologies program has established a mini-grant program. [Read more (PDF)...](#)

ADA: Minority Postdoctoral Fellowship (PMF)
**Deadline: Friday, 4/15** These fellowships are available to minority* postdoctoral researchers (MD, MD/PhD, PhD, DVM, or equivalent) who are underrepresented in biomedical research. Fellowships provide support for high quality training in disciplines and topics relevant to diabetes, in an environment conducive to beginning a career in diabetes research. [Read more...](#)

Reminder: A Call for Investigator-Initiated Seed Grants in Health Care Innovation
**Deadline: Friday, 4/15 (LOI due)** The Emory-Georgia Tech Healthcare Innovation Program (HIP), in partnership with the Atlanta Clinical & Translational Science Institute (ACTSI), the Winship Cancer Institute, and Georgia State University (GSU) is pleased to announce the tenth round of research seed grants in health care innovation. Seed grants will fund multi-investigator & multi-disciplinary teams examining health care services and clinical effectiveness. Awards will support innovative approaches that address issues of health care quality, costs, and/or access that are consistent with the goals of the HIP. Two types of seed grants will be offered: Preliminary Study Grants and Complete Project Grants. See attached RFA for information regarding evaluation criteria, funding, proposal formats, and submission instructions. [Read more (PDF)...](#)

Carlos and Marguerite Mason Trust Grant
**Deadline: Wednesday, 6/1** To improve the process of organ transplantation for needy Georgia residents. The trust distributes grants to 501(c)(3) organizations located in Georgia that can provide financial assistance to needy Georgia residents requiring transplants of eyes, kidneys, hearts, and other human organs. Up to 25% of the trusts income may be used for researching methods of improving the transplant of eyes, kidneys, hearts, and other human organs. [Read more...](#)

Complex Integrated Multi-Component Projects in Aging Research (U19)
**Deadline: Standard dates apply (LOI 30 days prior to the application due date)** This FOA allows for applications that propose large-scale, complex research projects with multiple highly integrated components focused on a common research question relevant to aging. Such projects will likely involve an integrated multidisciplinary team of investigators within a single institution or a consortium of institutions. [Read more...](#)

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**Ruth Parker (General Medicine and Geriatrics)**
Dr. Parker received subcontract funding from Northwestern University for the "Health Literacy Labeling Project" for which she will work with the Northwestern University team and sponsor, Merck, to revise a low literacy prototype patient packaging insert for an Ebola vaccine drug following health literacy evidence-based best practices.

**Heba Iskandar (Digestive Diseases)**
Dr. Iskandar is site principal investigator of a clinical trial funded by Janssen Research & Development, LLC entitled "A phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, parallel-group, multicenter protocol to evaluate safety and efficacy of ustekinumab induction and maintenance therapy in subjects with moderately to severely acute ulcerative colitis."

Submit a suggestion for the Congratulatory Corner

This Week’s Division Research Seminars

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<td>Renal Grand Rounds: “Regulation of intercalated cell function by aldosterone and angiotensin II: building on the Burg legacy” (Susan Wall)</td>
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<td>Thu 3/31</td>
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<td>Infectious Disease Seminar: “Once bitten: detecting the world’s most common vector-borne pathogens” (Jesse Waggoner—Stanford University School of Medicine)</td>
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<td>Mon 4/4</td>
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<td>Cardiovascular Biology Seminar: Canceled due to ACC Conference in Chicago</td>
<td>Emory University Hospital, Hurst Conference Room E450</td>
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Recent Notable Publications*

**Vin Tangpricha (Endocrinology)**

**Ashish Mehta (Pulmonary)**

**Jason Cobb, Laura Plantinga, William McClellan (Renal Medicine)**
Cobb J et al. “Pre-ESRD care and mortality in incident ESRD patients with multiple myeloma.” Am J Clin Oncol. 2016 Feb 15. [Epub ahead of print]. Read more...

**Theodore Johnson II, Steven Wolf (General Medicine and Geriatrics)**

**Zafar Israili (Department of Medicine Administration)**

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

Events & Educational Opportunities

**April Meeting of the Vaccine Dinner Club: “Selfie Shots: Self-administering Influenza Vaccine Using a Microneedle Patch”**
Wednesday, 4/6 at 6 p.m. Emory Conference Center Hotel, Starvine Ballroom. Presented by Mark Prausnitz, PhD, Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar, Regent’s Professor (Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering), Director, Center for Drug Design, Development, and Delivery, Georgia Institute of Technology and Nadine Rouphael, MD, Assistant Professor at Emory School of Medicine. Woodruff Health Sciences Center Administration Building (WHSCAB) Plaza and Auditorium. Registration (required) | Read more...

**ACTSI & Emory School of Nursing: The Clinical Practice of Human Subjects Research Seminar**
Thursday-Friday, 6/2-6/3. Fundamental concepts for clinical research professionals held in the Emory University Hospital Annex, room 240 and covering new topics such as IND/IDE application and a panel discussion on the Informed Consent Process. Read more (PDF)...

Submit an event to be featured here
Highlighted Research Administrator

Lawrence Rapier II (Dept. of Medicine RAS)

Lawrence Rapier is Pre-Award Specialist II in the Department of Medicine’s Research Administration Service (RAS) unit. In this role, he is responsible for pre-award activities including, but not limited to, assisting department faculty and staff in the development, preparation, and submission of grant and contract proposals. Prior to joining Emory University, Rapier was a Project Director for Morehouse School of Medicine’s Community Health and Preventative Medicine division for four years. He then served Emory as an analyst in the Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP). Outside the office, he is an avid automotive enthusiast and enjoys venturing to auto shows whenever possible. Read more...

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