**Tuesday, July 19, 2016**

**Announcements**

**Call for abstracts: 9th annual Department of Medicine Research Day**

**Deadline: Monday, 8/22 at 11:59 p.m. EST**

All Department of Medicine faculty, fellows, residents, and students whose primary mentor is a member of the Department of Medicine are invited to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentation for this year’s Research Day, which will take place on Friday, 10/28. There is a limit of two abstracts per presenting author. Late submissions will not be accepted. [Submit your abstract](#) | [Registration required for all attendees](#) | [View preliminary schedule](#) | [Questions?](#)

**Have you seen the Department of Medicine’s new searchable database of internal medicine-relevant funding opportunities?**

The Department of Medicine’s Office of Research is pleased to announce the rollout of a searchable database featuring the funding opportunities that we select for their direct application to internal medicine researchers. [Check it out!](#)

**Would you like to recognize a colleague who is conducting groundbreaking research, developing new technologies, pursuing novel and innovative ideas, or advancing the field?**

**Deadline for nominations: Friday, 7/29**

The Emory Medicine Recognitions Committee is planning a special acknowledgement for Emory School of Medicine faculty at any rank conducting research that is making a difference in his or her field. Nominate a colleague via this link by Friday, 7/29. Nominations will be reviewed and selected by the committee for a special shout out at the Emory Medicine Researcher Appreciation Day on Thursday, 9/1.

**Registration open: required ethics training for all Department of Medicine postdoctoral and clinical fellows conducting two or more years of research**

All Department of Medicine (DOM) postdoctoral fellows and clinical fellows who are doing two or more years of research while at Emory, regardless of their funding status, are required by the department to receive formal ethics training such as the one offered this fall ([view PDF syllabus](#)) by the Office of Postdoctoral Education (OPE). While the requirement may be satisfied in any semester prior to graduation, the OPE course has limited space and postdocs who have not yet taken the course are encouraged to sign up as soon as possible. An unofficial transcript for a similar course at another institution or the MSCR course at Emory would also be acceptable to fulfill the departmental requirement ([submit via email](#)) | [Register for the fall class](#) by Friday, 7/29.

**Registering for BioRAFT, the electronic platform for submission of biosafety protocols?** [View FAQs](#).

**How to budget for engagement activities in your clinical outcomes research**

How can research funding applicants be sure they have set aside adequate funds to support engagement activities? The Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI) developed a [resource](#) (PDF) on budgeting for engagement activities and posted it online along with slides and a recording from its recent town hall meeting on this topic.
**Reminder:** Fundamentals of Epidemiology Course available for fall 2016 semester
Faculty and postdocs are invited to enroll in a fall semester course that is part of the curriculum in 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 employed by Emory for at least one year. This is a semester-long course that meets on Mondays from 3-4:50 p.m. from late August until early December. For more information and instructions on how to enroll, contact Laura Donnelly at 404.727.9795.

**IACUC seeks beta testers for new Vertebrate IACUC Protocol (VIP) form**
There are still several fixes to be addressed before the updated system goes live in mid-September. For now, Dr. Iten will manually input beta testers to allow logon, after which testers will receive an email with instructions. Please note: the form changes frequently as IACUC continues to improve clarity of instructions and questions due to previous system errors or bugs. Email Dr. Larry Iten to be a beta tester; testing period ends on Monday, 8/8.

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### Funding and Award Opportunities

**Weekly NIH funding opportunities and notices**

**Federal NIH funding opportunities for public health faculty**

**NIH: Health Services Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R21)**
**Deadline:** Tuesday, 8/9  The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is to encourage innovative exploratory and developmental health services research to improve minority health and/or reduce health disparities at the health care system-level as well as within clinical settings. [Read more...](#)

**NIH: Population Health Interventions: Integrating Individual and Group Level Evidence (R21)**
**Deadline:** [Standard dates apply](#)  To improve health and reduce the burden of disease, scientific research needs to be implemented at the population level in addition to the biological and clinical levels. The purpose of this FOA is to support multi-level, transdisciplinary population health interventions that target underlying social, economic, and environmental conditions in an effort to improve health outcomes. [Read more...](#)

**Beckman Foundation: The Beckman Young Investigator Award**
**Deadline:** Monday, 8/15  The Beckman Young Investigator (BYI) Program provides research support to the most promising young faculty members in the early stages of their academic careers in the chemical and life sciences, particularly to foster the invention of methods, instruments and materials that will open up new avenues of research in science. The BYI Program provides research support to the most promising young faculty members in the early stages of their academic careers in the chemical and life sciences, particularly to foster the invention of methods, instruments and materials that will open up new avenues of research in science. [Read more...](#)

**Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation:**
- **Project Concepts (Strategic Research Agreements) Deadline:** Wednesday, 8/17  JDRFs Strategic Research Agreements provide research funding for single or multiple investigators to address critical gaps and challenges and potential breakthroughs in Type 1 diabetes research. The Strategic Research Agreement is a partnership between Investigator(s) and JDRF Scientists to help address roadblocks and accelerate JDRFs mission through support of cutting-edge scientific investigation. [Read more...](#)
- **Innovative Grants Deadline:** Monday, 10/31  Proposals should address key outstanding questions and have the potential to lead to a change in the current paradigm or conventional wisdom and/or lead to a groundbreaking discovery. Preliminary data is not required in the proposal but the underlying premise, goal, or hypothesis must be plausible and testable and the proposal must be focused with a well-defined goal that is achievable within the timeframe of the award. [Read more...](#)
Vasculitis Foundation (VF): Research Program  
**Deadline: Friday, 8/19** The VF Research Program provides one- or two-year seed grants to support pilot studies in researching: etiology/pathogenesis including immunity, inflammation, or vascular biology; epidemiology, including genetics; diagnosis, including identification of disease subtypes; and treatment/management, including therapeutics to treat vasculitis or prevent complications, bio-markers, and psychosocial outcomes. Read more...

Search all active DOM-specific opportunities

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**Congratulatory Corner**

**Laura Plantinga (Renal Medicine)**
Dr. Plantinga received two grants; first, the 2016 Norman S. Coplon Extramural Research Grant from Satellite Healthcare, Inc., will provide support to develop an app that allows providers in dialysis centers to assess frailty measures among persons with end stage renal disease; and the second, a 2016 URC/ACTSI Pilot Grant for her project, entitled "Assessment of functioning in systemic lupus erythematosus [SLE]," will assess cognitive status in persons with SLE compared to those in the Emory Predictive Health cohort.

**Andreas Kalogeropoulos (Cardiology)**
Dr. Kalogeropoulos received a 2016 URC/ACTSI Pilot Grant for his application, entitled "Pre-discharged exercise response and 30-day outcomes in patients admitted with acute decompensated heart failure."

**Greg Martin, Jordan Kempker, Annette Esper (Pulmonary)**
Drs. Martin, Kempker, and Esper are Co-PIs on a grant from Immuneexpress, Inc., entitled "VENUS: Validation of septic gene Expression Using SeptiCyte®."

**Paula Frew (Infectious Diseases)**
Dr. Frew received funding from Gilead Sciences, Inc. for a grant entitled "IMProved Atlanta Correctional Testing (IMPACT)." This program will expand and replicate the rapid point-of-care testing program in three facilities to enhance rapid HIV detection and subsequent management of identified cases to linkage-to-care programs with community health navigators in clinical settings.

**Vasilis Babaliaros (Cardiology)**
Dr. Babaliaros is site principal investigator of a clinical trial funded by Bayer HealthCare Pharmaceuticals Inc., entitled "Global Study Comparing a rivArxaban-based Antithrombotic Strategy to an antipLatelet-based Strategy After Transcatheter aortIc vaLve rEplacement to Optimize Clinical Outcomes (GALILEO)."

Submit a suggestion for the Congratulatory Corner

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**Recent Notable Publications**

**Carlos del Rio (Infectious Diseases)**

**Thor Tejada, Lin Tan, Nawazish Naqvi, Ahsan Husain (Cardiology)**

**Frances Eun-Hyung Lee (Pulmonary), Ignacio Sanz (Rheumatology)**
Khalidur Rahman, Pradeep Kumar, Tekla Smith, Frank Anania (Digestive Diseases)

Jill Rahnert, Russ Price (Renal Medicine)

*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**

**Reminder:** “Quality improvement methods: a revised handbook & reference for researchers & others” (webinar)
Monday, 7/25 from 12-1 p.m. David Belson, PhD will review the updated Quality Improvement Methods handbook and website, including an extensive list of methods and an online service to find the best tools for your project. Researchers and anyone interested in quality and performance improvement should participate. You do not have to be a VA faculty member to join this VA webinar. Read more...

Webinar: ”Engaging patients in scientific meetings“
Friday, 7/29 from 12-1 p.m. Are you interested in practices that have been proven to increase patient and caregiver engagement in scientific meetings and conferences? In this webinar, members of our Engagement Awards staff as well as award recipients will provide ideas and strategies for effectively and meaningfully engaging patients and answer your questions. Read more...

“Having a patent does not guarantee protection – legal issues involved in commercializing your invention”
Friday, 8/12 from 8-10 a.m. at Meunier Carlin & Curfman. Join us for our Bench to Business, A Commercialization Workshop Series, Session 3. This workshop is a practical, hands-on workshop series focused on the challenge of commercializing bioscience technologies. Read more...

“A ROMP in the PARC: research on medical practices – public attitudes for research consent”
Wednesday, 8/17 7:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. Dr. Wilfond of Seattle Children’s Hospital will present two times in August with the pediatric research grand rounds and later during a lunch. Read more about the grand rounds session | RSVP for the lunch

“Radical approaches to antibiotics and antibiotic resistance”
Thursday, 8/18 at 4 p.m. in Emory Health Sciences Research Building. Join the Emory Antibiotic Resistance Center team for a seminar presented by James J. Collins, MD (Termeer Professor of Medical Engineering & Science Professor, Department of Biological Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT); Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard; Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering, Harvard University). RSVP | Read more...

**Reminder:** STaR 2016: Southern Translational Education and Research Conference
Thursday-Friday, 9/22-9/23 from 3:30-5 p.m. UGA Hotel & Conference Center, Athens, Georgia. The University of Georgia will host a regional scientific conference for faculty, students, residents and fellows that focuses on the latest advances in translational research for improving human health. The STaR conference will include state-of-the-art topics in clinical and translational research and offer valuable opportunities for trainees and faculty to showcase their research and network with others to develop new scientific collaborations. Read more...

Submit an event to be featured here
Eduardo Egea, MD (Pulmonary)

Dr. Egea is a clinical fellow in the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine in Dr. David Guidot’s lab. The lab’s main focus is on the effects of alcohol and HIV infection on macrophage, epithelial cells, and fibroblasts. Specifically, Dr. Egea’s work focuses on studying alterations in the receptor for advanced glycation end (AGE) products in the rat chronic alcohol exposure model, and how this may impair the phagocytic function of alveolar macrophages. His clinical interests include interstitial lung diseases and transplant pulmonology. In his free time, Dr. Egea enjoys the company of his wife, Silvana, in the adventure of parenting. He is the proud father of two daughters, Emma and Sammi. He also enjoys watching baseball, soccer, and playing video games. Read more (you may need to refresh the page)...