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**Announcements**

**Featured resource of the month: Clinical research start-up guide**
The guide, developed by Dr. Jennifer Christie and Latoya Carter in the Division of Digestive Diseases, provides initial steps and contact information for investigators who are conducting clinical research. [Download guide](PDF).

Bonus: this guide goes well with the [IRB section](#) in our Hitchhiker’s Guide to Navigating Mandatory Complings and Approvals at Emory.

**NIH notice: change of eligibility period in the NIH continuous submission policy for reviewers with recent substantial service** [Read more...]

**Hire a graduate student for a public health- or health-related project this coming fall for $6/hour**
The Rollins Earn and Learn (REAL) Program offers work opportunities during the fall and/or spring semesters for students to work with you or your department for up to 166.5 hours per semester at a rate of $12/hour. Half of this rate is paid by the REAL Program and the other half is paid by your smartkey. The intention is to introduce Rollins students to the public health profession and make their educational experience more meaningful, as well as prepare them for a successful career. Contact [Sahar Salek](#) for more information.

**Have you submitted your abstract for the 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?](#)

**Final reminder:** Please consider referring a patient to the Omega-3 Fatty Acids for MDD Study
The purpose of this research study is to evaluate an omega-3 fatty acid supplement in comparison to a placebo. If your patient is currently overweight and depressed, he/she may qualify for participation. Mark
Funding and Award Opportunities

**Weekly NIH funding opportunities and notices**

**Federal funding opportunities for public health faculty**

**NIH/NIDDK: Assay Development and Screening to Discover Therapeutic or Imaging Agents for Diseases of Interest to the NIDDK (R01)**

**Deadline: Standard dates apply**

The goal of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to develop, validate, or conduct a screen using a novel assay to identify therapeutic or imaging agents relevant to health related outcomes of interest to the NIDDK. It is expected that state of the art measures of basic cellular processes or molecular events that are key mediators of disease pathogenesis are incorporated into these novel assays. [Read more...](#)

**American Gastroenterological Association**

- **Takeda Pharmaceuticals Research Scholar Award in Inflammatory Bowel Disease – Deadline: Friday, 9/9**
  Provides $90,000 per year for three years to young investigators, instructors, research associates or equivalents working toward independent careers in gastroenterology, hepatology or related areas. [Read more...](#)

- **Research Scholar Award (RSA) – Deadline: Friday, 9/9**
  The overall objective is to enable young investigators, instructors, research associates or equivalents to develop independent and productive research careers in digestive diseases by ensuring that a major proportion of their time is protected for research. [Read more...](#)

**CDC: Comprehensive High-Impact HIV Prevention Projects for Young Men of Color Who Have Sex with Men and Young Transgender Persons of Color**

**Deadline: Wednesday, 9/14**

This cooperative agreement program for community-based organizations (CBOs) aims to develop and implement high-impact Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Prevention Programs in the following two categories: Category A: HIV prevention services for high risk young men of color who have sex with men and their partners regardless of age, gender, and race/ethnicity. Category B: HIV prevention services for high risk young transgender persons of color and their partners regardless of age, gender, and race ethnicity. [Read more...](#)

**NIH/NHLBI: The Role of Dysbiosis in Cardiovascular, Pulmonary and Hematological Complications During HIV Infection (R01)**

**Deadline: Saturday, 10/8 (for LOI)**

The purpose of this FOA is to invite basic research project grant applications for HIV Microbiome Centers to perform investigations on the role of HIV-induced dysbiosis and how this imbalance may induce and/or contribute to the occurrence of heart, lung, or blood (HLB) co-morbidities in HIV positive individuals. This FOA will support mechanistic studies that will use in vitro, in vivo, ex vivo, and in silico models applied to HIV research. [Read more...](#)
National Psoriasis Foundation (NPF) Request for Proposals

- **Translational Research Grants** – **Deadline: Wednesday, 10/12** Encourage the advancement of innovative research into psoriasis and psoriatic arthritis and fund research initiatives that focus on the rapid translation of basic scientific discoveries into clinical applications with a clear benefit for patients with psoriatic disease. Applications related to all aspects of psoriatic disease are strongly encouraged, including basic science, technology, epidemiology, and clinical research. [Read more (PDF)...]

- **Discovery Grants** – **Deadline: Wednesday, 10/12** Encourage the advancement of innovative research into psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, and related comorbidities and fund researchers while they explore preliminary ideas and conduct proof-of-concept experiments. The goal is to stimulate the development of new research programs in the field of psoriatic disease capable of competing for long-term funding from the National Institutes of Health or other agencies in the future. [Read more (PDF)....]

American College of Gastroenterology (ACG)

- **2017 Junior Faculty Development Grants** – **Deadline: Friday, 12/9** The primary goal of this career development award of $300,000 ($100,000 per year for each of three years) is to assist promising clinical researchers to develop research and careers that have a direct bearing on clinical gastrointestinal practice. [Read more...]

- **2017 Smaller Programs Clinical Research Award** – **Deadline: Friday, 12/9** Awards of up to $35,000 specifically aimed to support junior faculty at smaller GI training programs in the United States and Canada. Funds under this RFA are intended to make the promise of a research career more broadly available by targeting investigators at smaller GI programs. [Read more...]

- **2017 Clinical Research Awards** – **Deadline: Friday, 12/9** Awards of up to $50,000 for original research in clinical gastroenterology; will consider applications for pilot projects up to $15,000 within this award category. At least one of the investigators must be an ACG member or trainee member at the time of submission of the grant proposal. [Read more...]

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Congratulatory Corner

**Wendy Book** *(Cardiology)*
Dr. Book is a leading author on the American Heart Association’s 2016 scientific statement (published in Circulation) regarding chronic heart failure in congenital heart disease.

**Mark Czaja** *(Digestive Diseases)*
Dr. Czaja was named chair of the Hepatobiliary Pathophysiology Study Section, Center for Scientific Review. [Read more...]

**Michael Davis** *(Cardiology)*
Dr. Davis has been appointed associate chair for graduate studies at the Coulter Department of Biomedical Engineering. He also is director of the Emory+Children’s Heart Research and Outcomes Center.

Have you or a colleague recently received an award or grant funding? [Let us know!](#)
Recent Notable Publications*

**Albert Anderson (Infectious Diseases)**
Anderson AM, Schinazi RF, Tyor WR. "HIV latency reversal research and the potential effects on the central nervous system: is concern warranted?" *J Int AIDS Soc.* 2016 May 9;19(1):21008. [Read more...]

**Thomas Ziegler (Endocrinology)**

**Shuya Kyu, Frances Eun-Hyung Lee (Pulmonary), Ignacio Sanz (Rheumatology)**

**Jonathan Kim (Cardiology)**

**Kara Raphael (Resident) Saurabh Chawla, Steven Keilin, Qiang Cai, Field Willingham (Digestive Diseases), David Propp (General Medicine and Geriatrics)**

*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:** 9th World Congress on Prevention of Diabetes and its Complications
Friday-Sunday, 12/2-12/4 Georgia World Conference Center. This conference will provide an opportunity to present and discuss your research and meet with colleagues from all over the world. Organizers are seeking submission of new and cutting-edge research from all physicians with an interest in sharing their abstracts in the field. Submissions should present results from clinical trials or have significance to the science and practice of diabetes prevention. [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. [Register] [Submit abstracts] by Friday, 8/26

Submit an event to be featured here
Highlighted Researcher

Matthew Topel, MD, MSc. (Cardiology)

Dr. Topel is a clinical research fellow in the Division of Cardiology. He is primarily based in the Emory Clinical Cardiovascular Research Institute (ECCRI) under the mentorship of Dr. Arshed Quyyumi, and also has a dual appointment at Morehouse School of Medicine in the Cardiovascular Research Institute (CVRI) as the Postdoctoral Fellow for the American Heart Association’s Strategically Focused Research Network on Health Disparities. He is interested in the various factors that increase or decrease risk of cardiovascular disease, primarily in disadvantaged populations. Dr. Topel’s current projects include characterizing the relationship between community incarceration rates and cardiometabolic risk profiles of non-incarcerated individuals, determining the impact of sex hormones on vascular regenerative potential in women, and analyzing the effect of positive psychosocial well-being on cardiovascular disease in African Americans. He is particularly interested in applying many of his research questions to individuals in Atlanta with HIV, a population increasingly at risk for early cardiovascular disease.

Dr. Topel likes to spend his free time with his wife, Erin, entertaining their dog, trying out new restaurants, and going to concerts. They also enjoy hiking and hope to explore the Southwest on their next vacation. He also enjoys sports – particularly soccer, basketball or golf – and binge-watching TV shows. Read more (you may need to refresh the page)...

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