Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Announcements

**Final reminder:** 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?**

**No newsletter next week**

The next edition of the What’s Up newsletter will be distributed on Tuesday, 8/23.

**July edition of NIH’s Open Mike blog (formerly RockTalk)**

View a new **one-page guide** to Rigor and Reproducibility, and learn who at NIH can answer your question in this month’s edition of Open Mike. **Read more...**

**Reminder: Call for Discovery Phase research projects and mentors**

Faculty: are you interested in mentoring a medical student or receiving assistance on a research project? In addition to applying through the **Discovery Phase site**, please email only the title of your project to Ashley Freeman by Friday, 8/19 so that we can include it in a list that will be given to students at their annual Research Fair. **Read more...**

**Featured resource of the month: Clinical research start-up guide**

This guide, developed by Dr. Jennifer Christie and Latoya Carter, 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 Compliances and Approvals at Emory.*

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**Funding and Award Opportunities**

**Weekly NIH funding opportunities and notices**

**Federal funding opportunities for public health faculty**

**Emory Vaccine Center: Pilot Research Projects in Human Immunology**

**Deadline: Monday, 8/15**

Applications are being sought for research proposals that are driven to provide potential impetus to a deeper understanding of immunity to human pathogens (bacterial, parasitic, and viral) in infection and/or vaccination. Proposals on HIV/SIV/AIDS research and those utilizing small animal
models (i.e. murine) of human diseases or the study of immunity in cancer patients are not responsive to this RFA and will be returned to the applicants without review. Read more (PDF)…

**Reminder: NIH: Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program**
**Deadline: Friday, 8/26** The National Institutes of Health, in partnership with the Lasker Foundation, is pleased to announce the Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program, a historic "intramural-extramural" partnership to nurture the next generation of clinical researchers. The program supports a small number of exceptional clinical researchers in the early stages of their careers to promote their development to fully independent positions. Successful candidates are designated as Lasker Clinical Research Scholars. Read more...

**NIH/NIDA: Mechanisms of Immune Activation and Inflammation: HIV Infection, ART, and Drugs of Abuse (R01)**
**Deadline: Tuesday, 10/18 (for LOI)** The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement is to promote research to investigate the underlying molecular mechanisms of HIV infection-induced immune activation and inflammation in the presence of antiretroviral therapy (ART) agents and drugs of abuse. The ultimate goal is to obtain information for developing therapeutic interventions for attenuating chronic inflammation-associated comorbidities as well as for restoring or improving ART efficacy in HIV-infected drug-abusing populations. Read more...

**Atlanta Clinical and Translational Science Institute (ACTSI): Pilot Grants**
The Atlanta Clinical & Translational Science Institute (ACTSI) Pilot Grants are a catalyst and vehicle for the transformation of clinical and translational science in Atlanta. Pilot Grants promote new networks of multidisciplinary and inter-institutional research teams to re-engineer the health sciences enterprise of the city. Read more...

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**Congratulatory Corner**

**Cecile Delille Lahiri (Infectious Diseases)**
Dr. Lahiri received K23 funding from the NIH’s National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for her project, entitled "Defining antiretroviral pharmacology within HIV-1 reservoirs of males and females." Read more...

**Paula Frew (Infectious Diseases)**
Dr. Frew received a grant from the National Vaccine Program Office for research to address parents' vaccine decision-making and develop education strategies. Read more...

**Heba Iskandar (Digestive Diseases)**
Dr. Iskandar is site principal investigator of a study funded by Takeda Development Center Americas, inc., entitled "Entyvio (vedolizumab) long-term safety study." Read more...

Have you or a colleague recently received an award or grant funding? Let us know!

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**This Week's Division Research Seminars**

| Thurs 8/11 7:30 a.m. | Geriatrics and Gerontology Research Seminar: “BETTUR treatment for urinary symptoms in Parkinson disease” (Camille Vaughan) | Wesley Woods Health Center, 1841 Clifton Rd. 5th floor conference room |

All other division research seminars will resume in September.

View all Dept. of Med. research events
Recent Notable Publications*

Lesley Miller, Francois Rollin, Shelly-Ann Fluker, Kristina Lundberg (General Medicine and Geriatrics)

Leslee Shaw (Cardiology)
Phillips LM, Shaw LJ. "Approaches to measuring ejection fraction: Many tools, but how to decide which one." J Nucl Cardiol. 2016 Jun;23(3):423-4. Read more...

Janet Klein, Yanhua Wang, Mitsi Blount, Lauren LaRocque, Joseph Ruiz, Jeff Sands (Renal Medicine)

Colleen Kelley, Lilin Lai, Mark Mulligan, Vincent Marconi (Infectious Diseases)

Jau-Yi Li, Chiara Vaccaro, Mingcan Yu, Jonathan Adams, Roberto Pacifici (Endocrinology)

*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: ARC Seminar and poster session: “Radical approaches to antibiotics and antibiotic resistance”
Thursday, 8/18 at 4 p.m. Health Sciences Research Building. Dr. James J. Collins from MIT will be speaking at this Antibiotic Resistance Center (ARC) seminar. As always, a poster session and reception will follow. Please RSVP to attend or present a poster.

4th Annual STEM Research and Career Symposium
Sunday-Tuesday, 9/18-9/20. Emory Conference Center. The Laney Graduate School, with support from many other departments and programs on campus, will be holding its 4th Annual STEM Symposium to promote the recruitment and training of underrepresented minority students. Volunteer to judge posters | Read more...

Reminder: 9th World Congress on Prevention of Diabetes and its Complications
Friday-Sunday, 12/2-12/4.c 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...

Submit an event to be featured here
Salim Thabet, MD (Cardiology)
Dr. Thabet is a clinical fellow in the Division of Cardiology working with Dr. Hanjoong Jo, whose lab investigates vascular flow and endothelial function. Over the past two years, Dr. Thabet has studied the effect of disturbed blood flow, which is closely associated with atherosclerosis – or hardening of blood vessels – on endothelial gene expression and function. He is particularly interested in the Kruppel-like factor 3 (Klf3) gene, which is a repressor of other genes and involved in certain forms of cancer and red blood cells as well as far cells formation. Klf3 is down-regulated under conditions of disturbed flow; however, its role in atherosclerosis and arterial plaque formation has never been studied. Dr. Thabet’s experiments suggest that it plays important roles in inflammation, proliferation, and endothelial cell survival. Other experiments suggest that genetically modified mice lacking Klf3 seem to be protected from disturbed flow atherosclerosis formation. In his free time, Dr. Thabet enjoys sports and spending time with his family. Read more (you may need to refresh the page)...

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