Department of Medicine receives record number of abstracts for its 9th annual Research Day
Researchers from all nine divisions submitted 151 abstracts – a nearly 20% increase over last year – in the areas of basic science, clinical and translational science, and health services and quality research. Notifications regarding oral and poster presentations will be sent in mid- to late-September. [Event registration](#) (required for all attendees)

Learn about BioRAFT, Emory’s online system for submitting and maintaining your biosafety protocol
The first Research Resources 101 seminar of the academic year will take place on Thursday, 9/15 from 12 - 1 p.m. in room 178P of the School of Medicine Building. Guest speakers Esmeralda Meyer, MD and Kalpana Rengarajan, PhD, MPH, RBP from Emory’s Environmental Health and Safety Office ([EHSO](#)) will discuss the [BioRAFT](#) biosafety protocol submission system. [RSVP](#), [Questions?](#)

Looking for manuscript guidance?
The Emory SOM Faculty Development Advisory Committee wants to facilitate mentoring relationships between senior faculty with years of publication experience and junior faculty seeking guidance in the preparation of manuscripts for publication. Now that a cadre of seasoned faculty has been assembled to serve as volunteer mentors for this program, the committee is soliciting junior faculty who would like to be paired with an experienced faculty mentor. [Sign up to be a mentee](#), [Questions?](#)

Save the date: Communities Team Trivia
Join the Department of Medicine’s Research Community on Thursday, 10/20 at the Communion Beer Garden from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. to square off against the Education and Clinical Excellence Communities in team trivia. Community members will receive 5 free tokens redeemable for food and drinks and have the option to purchase additional tokens on site. Each member may bring one guest (discounted tokens available for purchase). [Questions?](#), [What are Communities?](#)

CDC I-CATALYST: A guided life sciences entrepreneurship program
**Deadline: Friday, 9/2** The CDC I-Catalyst program helps student, postdoc, investigator, clinician, and business mentor teams transform ideas into solutions using a structured and guided customer/stakeholder discovery process. The program combines in-class lectures with out-of-class learning and interactions with stakeholders. [Read more (PDF)...](#)

Statistical clinic at Georgia Tech for bio-related research
ACTSI's Biostatistics, Epidemiology, & Research Design (BERD) program and a statistics research group directed by ISyE/BME professor Brani Vidakovic offers free consulting for data-analysis questions in the domain of bio-related initiatives on the Georgia Tech campus every Tuesday from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. in the Petit Institute conference room 3316. [Read more...](#)
Limited access to Topaz, new form available in September
Beginning Tuesday, 9/6, access to Topaz will be restricted and users are asked to call the IACUC Office to obtain restored access for urgent needs. The new form will be launched beginning on Monday, 9/19, at which point all new protocols, 3-year renewals, and amendments will be submitted using the new Elements Vertebrate IACUC Protocol (VIP) form. Questions?

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.

Funding and Award Opportunities

Weekly NIH funding opportunities and notices

Federal funding opportunities for public health faculty

NIH/NIAAA/NCI: Secondary Analyses of Alcohol and Chronic Disease (R03 and R01)
Deadline: Standard Dates apply This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications that propose to conduct secondary analyses of alcohol as it relates to chronic disease etiology and epidemiology. The goal of this program is to facilitate innovative yet cost-effective research utilizing previously collected data. R01 and R03 available.

PCORI: 10 new funding opportunities announced
Deadline: Wednesday, 9/14 (LOI) PCORI is now accepting Letters of Intent (LOIs) under 10 new PCORI Funding Announcements (PFAs). Three of the PFAs focus on topics selected through our multi-stakeholder topic refinement process: strategies to prevent unsafe opioid prescribing; community-based palliative care; and the management of care transitions for patients with sickle cell disease. Another popular topic for Department of Medicine researchers is "Pragmatic Clinical Studies to Evaluate Patient-Centered Outcomes." Read more…

NIH/NHLBI: Hypertension Outcomes for T4 Research within Lower Middle-Income Countries (Hy-TREC) (U01)
Deadline: Saturday, 10/8 (LOI) The purpose of this FOA is to support research that identifies and studies regional- or national-level implementation strategies for evidence-based interventions for the prevention, treatment, and control of hypertension in adults in World Bank defined Lower-MICs. The FOA will support research that tests evidence-based implementation strategies that can accelerate regional and national scale-up of hypertension interventions and support high priority locally-driven late-stage (T4) implementation research. Read more…

NIH/NHLBI: Program Project Applications (P01)
Deadline: Standard Dates apply NHLBI invites submission of investigator-initiated Program Project (P01) applications. The proposed programs may address scientific areas relevant to the NHLBI mission including the biology and diseases of the heart, blood vessels, lung, and blood; blood resources; and sleep disorders. Read more…

NIH/NHLBI: Single-Site Investigator-Initiated Clinical Trials (R61/R33)
Deadline: Monday, 10/10 This FOA supports applications to develop and implement phase II and beyond investigator-initiated single-site clinical trials. Applications submitted to this FOA must be relevant to the research mission of the NHLBI and meet the NIH definition of a clinical trial. Read more…

NIH/NIGMS: Maximizing Investigator's Research Award for New and Early Stage Investigators (R35)
Deadline: Friday, 11/4 Provides support for the program of research in an investigator's laboratory that falls within the mission of NIGMS. For the purpose of this FOA, a program of research is the collection of projects in the investigator's lab that are relevant to the mission of NIGMS. Read more…
Georgia Tech: VentureLab Grants
**Deadline: Saturday, 12/31** The VentureLab offers access grant programs to help businesses explore and develop the commercial potential of research projects. Grant programs include the National Science Foundation 1-Corp program and funding support from the Georgia Research Alliance. [Read more...](#)

NIH/NIA: Alzheimer's Clinical Trials Consortium (U24)
**Deadline: Monday, 1/2 (LOI)** This FOA invites applications to establish an Alzheimer's disease Clinical Trials Consortium (ACTC) that will run trials focused on interventions that may prevent, delay, or treat the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease (AD) and other age related dementias. The ACTC will include multiple clinical trials sites and trial coordination and management infrastructure. [Read more...](#)

**Search all active DOM-specific opportunities**

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**Congratulatory Corner**

Camille Vaughan *(General Medicine and Geriatrics)*
Dr. Vaughan received R18 funding from the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) for the Enhancing Quality of Provider Practices for Older Adults in the Emergency Department (EQUIPPED) project. The EQUIPPED project, originally funded by a Department of Medicine FAME Grant to Dr. Melissa Stevens, has grown to eight VA sites across the eastern United States. Congratulations to the EQUIPPED team! [Learn more about EQUIPPED](#)

Young-sup Yoon *(Cardiology)*
Dr. Yoon received R01 funding from NIH’s National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for his project, entitled “Cardiac regeneration with bioengineered human stem cells.” [Read more...](#)

Brandy Wade *(Pulmonary)*
Dr. Wade received postdoctoral fellowship funding from the American Heart Association for her project, entitled “Ubiquitin proteasome system in pulmonary hypertension.” Her mentors for the project are Drs. Michael Hart and Roy Sutliff.

Charles Searles *(Cardiology)*
Dr. Searles received R21 funding from NIH’s National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for his project, entitled “The production of microparticles during RBC storage and their impact on endothelial phenotype in-vitro and in-vivo.” [Read more...](#)

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

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**Recent Notable Publications**

Peijian He, Chris Yun *(Digestive Diseases)*

Caitlin Moran, Igho Ofotokun *(Infectious Diseases)* Neale Weitzmann *(Endocrinology)*

Mark Czaja *(Digestive Diseases)*
Czaja MJ. "Function of autophagy in nonalcoholic fatty liver disease.” *Dig Dis Sci*. 2016 May;61(5):1304-13. [Read more...](#)

Lesley Miller *(General Medicine and Geriatrics)*
Tanvi Dhere (Digestive Diseases)

*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

Elkin Lecture: "Single cell genomics"
Friday, 8/26 at 12:15 p.m. John H. Kauffman Auditorium (room C5012, 5th Floor Winship). Please join us for a lecture by Dr. Paul Johnson, MD, director of Yerkes National Primate Research Center, hosted by the Winship Cancer Institute. Lunch will be provided. Read more...

2016 Raymond Schinazi Distinguished Lectureship: “Virus epidemics with special emphasis on HIV and AIDS: reflections on the past prospects for the future”
Thursday, 9/1 at 4 p.m. Health Sciences Research Building Auditorium. Please join us for an invigorating lecture from Dr. Robert C. Gallo, MD, Director of the Institute of Human Virology. Light refreshments and a concert performance by the Emory University Vega String Quartet following the lecture. Read more (PDF)...

Upcoming events for postdocs
● New postdoc orientation: Wednesday, 9/7, from 9-11:30 a.m. SOM 178P. All new Postdoctoral fellows must attend this orientation if they have not yet attended one. Register
● Grant Writing 101: Tuesday, 9/13 from 1-3 p.m. SOM 190P. This introductory session will cover everything you need to know about grants for postdocs: how to find grants, what’s special about a fellowship award, how to prepare and how to keep your biosketch up-to-date using SciENcv and more. This session is for new postdocs and those who have not attended any grants tutorials yet. Register

Webinar: “Using meta-analyses to inform interventions and quality improvement”
Tuesday, 9/13. This presentation will discuss how systematic literature reviews and meta-analyses can be used to inform the design of intervention studies and quality improvement projects. The webinar is part of the VA's HSR&D Career Development Awardee Series. You do not need to be affiliated with the VA to view the webinar. Register

SOM Faculty Development Lecture Series: “Responding to reviewers”
Wednesday, 11/9 at 5:30 p.m. in SOM 190P. Learn from Drs. Jeff Boatright and Carlos del Rio and share your own best practices. Read more...

Submit an event to be featured here

Highlighted Researcher

Kari Esbensen, MD (Hospital Medicine)
Dr. Esbensen is an assistant professor in the Division of Hospital Medicine and a 2016 recipient of the Fostering the Academic Mission in the Emory Department of Medicine (FAME) Grant. The research behind her project, entitled “Deepening the interview with seriously ill patients: Implementing and evaluating a structured bedside curriculum to enhance communication skills, empathetic listening and reflective practice among third-year students on the medicine clerkship,” is explained in more detail in a recent Department of Medicine blog post. Read more...

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