Tuesday, August 22, 2017

Announcements

Would you like to be involved in the Department of Medicine Research Day? We are looking for poster judges for two sessions. The AM session is from 9:30-10:15 and the PM session is from 2:15-3:00. Please sign up here.

Does your research qualify as a clinical trial? Here are 4 questions for you... 1. Does the study involve human participants? 2. Are the participants prospectively assigned to an intervention? 3. Is the study designed to evaluate the effect of the intervention on the participants? 4. Is the effect that will be evaluated a health-related biomedical or behavioral outcome? Read more...

Fiscal policy and salary cap guidance for 2017
Now that the NIH fiscal year 2017 budget is signed into law, NIH published its final fiscal policy and salary cap guidance for this year. Read more...

New Emory School of Medicine Stem Cell Core opens September 11
Emory School of Medicine is pleased to announce the opening of the new Emory Stem Cell Core (ESCC) as the newest member of the Emory Integrated Core Facilities (EICF). Read more...

Funding and Award Opportunities

Weekly NIH funding opportunities and notices

Federal funding opportunities for public health faculty

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2017 US ASPIRE Investigator Research Awards in Endocrinology
Deadline: Monday, 9/4 As competition for research funding opportunities increases, the ASPIRE program underscores Pfizer’s commitment to supporting exceptional investigators with an interest in advancing their academic research careers in Endocrinology. Read more...

Mitochondrial biomarkers for Parkinson’s Disease
Deadline: Wednesday, 9/27 (LOI) The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research seeks to support one-to-two year grants that will develop new or improved tools to identify mitochondrial biomarkers for Parkinson's disease. Read more...

NIH Common Fund’s Undiagnosed Diseases Network (UDN)
Deadline: Monday, 10/2 (LOI) The UDN is a research study with three overarching goals: to improve the level of diagnosis and care for patients with undiagnosed diseases, to facilitate research into the etiology of undiagnosed diseases, and to promote an integrated and collaborative community of laboratory and clinical investigators prepared to investigate these difficult-to-diagnose diseases. A webinar for potential applicants will be held on September 14, at 3:00 p.m. Read more...

Symptom cluster characterization in chronic conditions (R01 and R21)
Deadline: Standard dates apply, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. The purpose
of this initiative is to encourage preclinical and clinical research and secondary data analysis on symptom cluster characterization that has potential to inform treatment and interventions that improve functional outcomes and quality of life in patients with chronic conditions. R01 and R21 available.

**Travel for Techniques (TfT) program**

**Deadline: Friday, 10/13** TfT is a travel support program for AAI regular and associate member scientists intended to assist them in learning techniques needed for their research. [Read more...](#)

**AHRQ announces interest in innovative methods research to increase the utility of systematic reviews**

**Deadline: Monday 10/16** This SEN is intended to generate new methods for systematic reviews that address the opportunities and challenges of the current era of data abundance and that facilitate the integration of systematic reviews into healthcare decisions. [Read more...](#)

**Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Therapeutics Inc. (CFFT) - Therapeutics Development Award (TDA)**

**Deadline: Tuesday, 10/31** The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation Therapeutics Inc. (CFFT) Therapeutics Development Award (TDA) program is designed to stimulate businesses to pursue novel therapies for cystic fibrosis by filling the gap between basic research and Phase 3 clinical trials. [Read more...](#)

**2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant Award**

**Deadline: Wednesday, 11/1** The 2018 Hope APFED/AAAAI Pilot Grant Award was established to allow investigators from a variety of disciplines to initiate new projects relevant to Eosinophilic Disorders, excluding asthma, rhinitis and eczema. Successful applications will focus on the development of new ideas which are likely to lead to future external funding. [Read more...](#)

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**Congratulatory Corner**

**Jeanie Park (Renal Medicine)** was recently awarded a R01 grant from the National Institute of Health entitled, "Neurovascular regulation during exercise in humans with chronic kidney disease."

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**Recent Notable Publications**

**Inaki Sanz (Rheumatology)**


**Brandi M. Wynne, Robert Hoover (Renal Medicine)**


**Colleen S. Kraft, Evan J Anderson (Infectious Disease)**


**Young-sup Yoon (Cardiology)**


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Events & Educational Opportunities

**Efficacy to Effectiveness (E2E) trial design: Generating evidence for optimal use of new treatments**  
**Wednesday, 8/23 at 3 p.m.**  
E2E trials are designed to address the effectiveness and safety gaps that often occur in standard randomized controlled trials, and offer an opportunity for improved understanding of how a treatment will work in more usual real-world clinical settings. [Read more...]

**K-Club: The evolution & utility of a functional mentor team**  
**Monday, September 11 at noon**  
The K-Club provides an educational forum to assist fellows and faculty. The discussion will be led by panelists Ravi Patel, MD, MSc, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Neonatology; Cassandra Josephson, MD, Professor, School of Medicine, Pathology; Kirk Easley, MS, MApStat, Biostatistician, Rollins School of Public Health; and Patricia Denning, MD, Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Neonatology and moderated by Stacy Heilman, PhD, Assistant Professor, Director, Pediatric Research Operations, Emory University Department of Pediatrics and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. A light lunch will be provided. [Register] [Read more...]

**Healthcare Innovation Symposium XX: Health services research**  
**Thursday, 10/26 from noon to 2 p.m.**  
Presented by Lisa Simpson, MB, BCh, MPH, FAAP, President and CEO, AcademyHealth and hosted by the Emory-Georgia Tech Healthcare Innovation Program, ACTSI, and Emory School of Medicine. [Read more...]

**Professional grant development workshop**  
**Monday, 9/11 and Tuesday, 9/12 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m**  
This intensive two-day grant proposal workshop is geared towards those who wish to strengthen their grant writing skills, as well as beginners who wish to acquire and master the techniques of preparing and writing winning proposals to various funding agencies. The focus will be on how to effectively write proposals in times of keen competition and limited resources. [Register] [Read more (PDF)...]

Submit an event to be featured

Highlighted Researcher

**Brittne Halford (Hospital Medicine)**  
~ FAME Grant Awardee ~

**What is your professional background?**  
I attended the University of Michigan (Go Blue!) for college. Then, I moved to Chicago, Illinois, to attend Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine. While there, I received my Masters of Public Health. I completed an Internal Medicine residency at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis where I was also a Global Health Scholar and cultivated my research interest in transfusion medicine.

**In what division do you work, and who is your mentor?**  
I am in the Division of Hospital Medicine. Since starting at Emory, I have found many great mentors. My formal mentors are Drs. John Roback and Joyce Akwe.

**Briefly describe your research. Why is it important?**  
My research examines provider blood orders practices, specifically red blood cell (RBC) transfusions, type and screen and type and crossmatch orders. RBC transfusion is the most common procedure performed in the hospital setting. Not only are RBC units limited and costly, new research shows that restrictive transfusion strategies are non-inferior to liberal strategies. Through investigation and personalized feedback, we hope to reduce blood utilization at Emory while improving outcomes for our patients.

**What do you like most about Emory?**  
Emory feels like a family. I have received tremendous support and opportunity in my short time here. I am very grateful to work in such a collegial environment.
What is your favorite movie or TV show?
Movie - Sister Act 2 with Lauryn Hill. Even now, when I need a pick me up, I watch YouTube clips of the most memorable scenes. I've seen it so many times that I know all of the words.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I love spending time with my husband, family, and friends. I also like to exercise, whether that's attending a class at the gym or going for a long jog.

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