MISSION/GOALS

1. To generate new understanding of the mechanisms of arthritis, musculoskeletal, bone, and autoimmune diseases and apply this knowledge to improve the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of these conditions.

2. To promote and integrate fundamental, translational, and clinical research with clinical care of patients with arthritis, musculoskeletal, bone, and autoimmune diseases.

3. To educate the public about arthritis, musculoskeletal, bone, and autoimmune diseases and how they can partner with us to achieve our goals of better ways to diagnose, treat, and prevent these conditions.

4. To train future investigators and health care professionals in arthritis, musculoskeletal, bone, and autoimmune diseases.

HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF CAMBAC

1977 - NIH Multipurpose Arthritis Center
J. Claude Bennett, MD, Director
formed through grant from NIH

1982 - William J. Koopman, MD, Director

1996 - NIH Multipurpose Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Diseases Center
Robert P. Kimberly, MD, Director

1997 - UWIRC program established at UAB Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Center

2001 - present NIH Rheumatic Diseases Cores Center
and NIH Multidisciplinary Clinical Research Center

2008 - Comprehensive Arthritis, Musculoskeletal, and Autoimmunity Center

2013 - S. Louis Bridges, Jr., MD, PhD, Director

2014 - Comprehensive Arthritis, Musculoskeletal, Bone, and Autoimmunity Center

THE CENTER’S LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE AND FACULTY DISTRIBUTION

Organizational Structure/Leadership

Executive Committee
S. Louis Bridges, Jr., MD, PhD - Director
Kenneth G. Saag, MD – Associate Director
Harry W. Schroeder, Jr., MD, PhD – Associate Director
Rosa Serra, PhD – Associate Director
Carol A. Ballinger, PhD – Administrative Director

Steering Committee
Shawn R. ‘Skip’ Gilbert, MD – Orthopaedic Surgery
Frances E. Lund, PhD - Microbiology
Amie Brown McLain, MD – Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Timothy M. Wick, PhD – Senior Associate Dean, School of Engineering

Internal and External Advisory Committees:
In the context of existing NIH P60, P50, P30 Grants

Distribution of Faculty Members (n=240)

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TEAMS AND CORE CENTERS (CONT’D)

NIAMS P30 Rheumatic Disease Core Center (RDCC)
John Mountz, MD, PhD, Director
S. Louis Bridges, Jr., MD, PhD, Associate Director
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Administrative Core
John Mountz, MD, PhD, Director
S. Louis Bridges, Jr., MD, PhD, Associate Director

Comprehensive Flow Cytometry Core
John Mountz, MD, PhD Director
Olaf Kutsch, PhD, Co-Director

Analytical Genomics and Transgenic Core
Robert Kesterson, PhD, Director

Analytical Imaging and Immunoreagent Core
Jeffrey Edberg, PhD, Co-Director

Annual CAMBAC Research Day
CAMBAC Seminar Series and Journal Club
Wonderful World of Technology Series
Thematic Symposia

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