

December 11, 2017



# CCTS DIGEST

## Center for Clinical and Translational Science

Providing solutions to sharpen science, improve human health, and address disparities and diseases disproportionately represented within the Deep South.



### Did You Know?

On Dec. 10, NCATS welcomed Michael G. Kurilla, MD, PhD, as the new Division of Clinical Innovation Director. In his new role, Kurilla will lead the largest NIH initiative, the **Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program**, which supports innovative solutions that advance the efficiency, quality, and impact of translational science with the ultimate goal of getting more treatments to more patients more quickly. Prior to joining NCATS, Kurilla served as Director of the Office of BioDefense, Research Resources and Translational Research at NIH's National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). Prior to joining NIAID in 2003, Kurilla was an Associate Director for infectious diseases at Wyeth. [More](#)

## News/Announcements



### CCTS Launches New Radiology Research Pilot

In collaboration with the UAB Dept. of Radiology and School of Medicine, CCTS is requesting pilot study proposals for research projects requiring animal and/or human imaging on a wide variety of scanning machines. Applicants may request up to \$15,000 in direct costs. Early investigators and faculty with previous or active K awards are encouraged to apply. [More](#)



### Dec. Forum Highlights Next Generation Research Data Management Needs

CCTS BERD CoDirector Dr. David Redden and UAB Libraries Assistant Professor Dorothy Ogdon led a lively discussion on the many challenges inherent in managing one's research data to address short and long-term goals, including the need to meet policy requirements for reproducibility and security. A new workshop series to provide hands-on training in data management techniques was announced for early 2018. [More](#)

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### Mark Your Calendar: STRIDE & eConsent TIN Webinar

The Trial Innovation Network (TIN) collaboration webinar series will feature STRIDE (Strengthening Translational Research in Diverse Enrollment) this month. STRIDE, a collaborative project among Vanderbilt University Medical Center, UMass and UAB, aims to increase participation in clinical trials by under-represented communities. Tune in at 11am on Thurs., Dec. 14, to learn more about the need for an improved informed consent process, new strategies for personalization and security, and the future of



### VA Seeks New Cohort of Health Care Leaders

The VA Quality Scholars Fellowship offers physicians, nurses, and associated health professionals the unique opportunity to improve healthcare quality through innovation, teaching, and research. This advanced program combines a broad curriculum with an individualized approach to meet the needs of each healthcare professional's interests. [More](#)

## Funding Opportunities



### 2018 REACT Center Pilot Award Request for Applications

Rehabilitation Research Resource to Enhance Clinical Trials (REACT) Pilot Studies Program invites letters of intent (LOI) for pilot studies that address novel scientific questions related to medical rehabilitation that will lead to more definitive clinical trials. **LOI due Dec 15, 2017, by 5pm.** [More](#)



### Broaden Your Career Options with an MS/MSPH in Clinical and Translational Research

CCTS is accepting applications for its 12-month multidisciplinary mentored research experience. Targeted to pre-doctoral students in health professions, the full-time training program provides a stipend, funding for travel and other training related expenses, and tuition support for candidates not in a PhD program. Applications due by **Dec. 22, 2017.** [More](#)



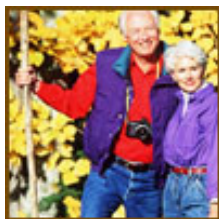
### Enter the CCTS-UAB Informatics Institute i2b2 Abstract Contest to Win \$1000

Do you have a great clinical research question and just need some data to answer it? UAB's **i2b2 self-service data repository** may be just the resource you need. Once you have found your data and answered your question, share the news with us - you could win \$1000 by submitting a one-page abstract describing your findings. **Submissions due Friday, Jan. 7, 2018.** [More](#)



### T1 Translational Research: Novel Interventions for Prevention and Treatment of Age-related Conditions

This R21 translational research funding opportunity on aging is defined as the application of basic and clinical biomedical findings towards the development of new strategies for prevention and treatment of age-related pathologies. **Application due Jan 17, 2018, by 5pm.** [More](#)



### T2 Translational Research: Research Leading to New Health Care Practices, Community Programs and Policies Affecting Older Persons

This R21 translational research funding opportunity on aging includes, but is not limited to, intervention studies, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, outcomes research and implementation research. **Application due Jan 17, 2018, by 5pm.** [More](#)

### Mentored Developmental Research Project Awards

UAB's Sexually Transmitted Infections Cooperative Research Center (STI CRC) awards provide one year of funding to support research projects and career development activities that will



enhance the applicant's ability to compete successfully for an independent R- or K-series award (e.g., acquisition of preliminary data, training in grant preparation). **Application due February 18, 2018, by 5pm.** [More](#)



### NCATS Collaborative Innovation Award

The Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) hubs promote advances in translational research and training at participating medical research institutions. This U01 funding opportunity will enable innovative collaborations among CTSA hubs to overcome system-wide barriers to translational effectiveness. **Application due March 8, 2018, by 5pm.** [More](#)

## This Week's Learning Opportunities



### CCTS BERD Drop-In Clinic

Join us for the weekly Monday Drop-In Clinic for free consultations in **Biostats, Epidemiology and Research Design (BERD)**. No appointment necessary. Bring laptop and study related questions.

Dec. 11 | 10am-2pm | Edge of Chaos | [More](#)



### CCTS Research Seminar Series

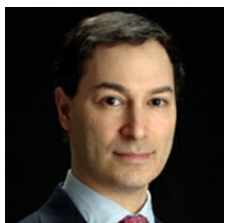
"Building a Budget Follow Up" will be discussed at this week's seminar. CMEs will be provided for this one-hour session. GoToMeeting available.

Dec. 11 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | [More](#)



### CCTS Research Seminar Series: Never Enough Money! **CANCELLED**

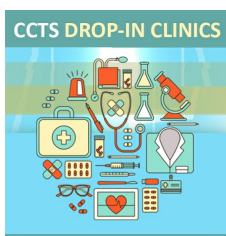
Dec. 12 | 12-1pm | WPCC-B | [More](#)



### Health Sciences Entrepreneurship Seminar Series

Daniel Aires, MD, JD, Division of Dermatology Director at the University of Kansas Medical Center and Co-Founder of Hylapharm, LLC, will discuss "Bringing Novel Cancer Therapies From Bench to Bedside in a University Spinout Techniques. GoToMeeting available.

Dec. 12 | 4-5pm | PCAMS | [More](#)



### CCTS Drop-In Clinics

Join us for the second Wednesday Drop-In Clinics for free consultations in **Biostats, Epidemiology and Research Design (BERD)**. No appointment necessary. Bring laptop and study related questions.

Dec. 13 | 11:30am-1pm | PCAMS | [More](#)

### UAB-HudsonAlpha Bioethics Seminar Series

Mariko Nakano, PhD, Assistant Professor at UAB School of



Medicine and Tom May, PhD, Senior Scientist at HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, will discuss "Intellectual Property and GINA."

**Dec. 13 | 3-4pm | Kaul Rm 266 | [More](#)**

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### **Trial Innovation Network Collaboration Webinar**

Are you interested in novel ways to increase participation of under-represented communities in clinical trials? The Trial Innovation Network will present on the Strengthening Translational Research in Diverse Enrollment (STRIDE) eConsent tool, which aims to personalize a process considered by many to currently hamper recruitment. STRIDE represents a collaboration among UAB, UMass, and Vanderbilt Medical Center.

**Dec. 14 | 11am | Webinar | [More](#)**



### **CCTS Training Interdisciplinary & Emerging Research Scholars (TIERS)**

Jean Ann Larson, FACHE, LFHIMSS, FIISE, Leadership Development Officer at UAB Health System and School of Medicine, will discuss "Time Management and Work-Life Balance."

**Dec. 14 | 2:30-4:30pm | Shelby 318 | [More](#)**

## **Upcoming Events**

### **CCTS Clinical Trials Lunch & Learn**

Dec. 19 | 11:30am-12:45pm | Spain Auditorium

### **Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2**

*Registration required. Attendees encouraged to obtain i2b2 access prior to training.*

Dec. 19 | 1-3pm | Cudworth 305 | [Register](#)

### **CCTS Research Seminar Series: Round Table Brown Bag**

January 9 | 12-1pm | West Pavilion Conference Center-G

### **CCTS Research Seminar Series: Consenting Workshop**

January 11 | 11am-1pm | PCAMS | GTM available

### **CCTS Research Seminar Series: ClinicalTrials.gov Results Reporting Workshop**

January 23 | 11am-12:30pm | PCAMS | GTM available

### **UAB Research Orientation Program**

*Registration required*

January 25 | 8am-12pm | PCAMS

### **5th Annual Rare Disease Genomics Symposium: The Management of Rare Diseases**

*Registration required*

March 2-3 | Children's Harbor Building | Bradley Lecture Center

**Complete listing of CCTS events**