Did You Know?
The National Center for Advancing Translational Science (NCATS) has released its first Strategic Plan, organized around the themes of translational science, collaboration, training, and stewardship. It sets forth specific objectives and strategies that "exemplify best approaches." It will be adapted over time to keep it "relevant to the changing needs in translational science." More

News/Announcements

New Year Will Usher in "New Era of Trust and Transparency" for Clinical Trials
CCTS is working hard to ensure investigators are ready for two new requirements that will take effect in January 2017: Good Clinical Practice training and trial registration and reporting in ClinicalTrials.gov. More

CCTS Launches the Southeast Health Alliance for Research (SHAre)
'Tis the season to celebrate collaborations, like the new CCTS SHAre, which will increase the competitiveness of participating institutions for multisite trials that, in turn, will speed the translation of scientific discoveries into health care improvements. More

Mark Your Calendar for CCTS January Events!
CCTS will host several events shortly after the holiday season, including the CCTS Forum on Wed. Jan. 4th, which will explore bioinnovation and commercialization in academia; our Research Seminar Series on Jan. 5, which will review new ClinicalTrials.gov requirements; and our First Wed. drop-in clinics for Biostatistics, Bionutrition, Biorepository, and Clinical Research unit. More

Funding Opportunities

UAB National Research Services Award T32 Fellowship
The UAB-VA Health Services, Outcomes, and Effectiveness Research (HSOER) Training Program, a coordinated mentored research fellowship program funded by AHRQ, is accepting applications for postdoctoral positions with a July 1, 2017, start date. Apply by Dec. 31, 2016. For more info or to request an application packet, contact Ryan Outman.
AHRQ Announces Funding for Prevention of Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAIs)
The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is calling for large research projects to advance the knowledge base for detection, prevention, and reduction of HAIs. Both R01 and R18 mechanisms supported (open date is Jan. 5, 2017).

NCATS Expands List of High-Priority Translational Research Opportunities
Clinical trials of drugs targeting shared molecular etiologies have been added as a topic of research interest to the CTSA Program Collaborative Innovation Award (CCIA) U01 FOA (PAR-15-172) as of March 9, 2017.

ILSI North America: Use of Technology to Assess Activity and Dietary Intake Pilot Funding
ILSI will provide up to $50,000 in support of a pilot study on the use of technology to assess activity and dietary intake in underserved or disparate populations. Proposals due March 15, 2017. Email Heather Steele and Courtney McComber for RFP.

Upcoming Events

January CCTS Forum
What is the business case for your science? Join us to learn about bioinnovation and commercialization in academia from Collat Business School Professor and Chair Dr. Molly Wasko. Will feature a workshop based on National Science Foundation’s iCorp methodologies. GoToMeeting accessible.

Jan. 4 | 4:45-6 pm | PCAMS | More

CCTS Research Seminar Series
Mark your calendar to join us, we will discuss "ClinicalTrials.gov: What Is New?" Earn AMA PRA Category 1 CME credit. GoToMeeting accessible.

Jan. 5 | 12:00 noon-1:00 pm | PCAMS | More

2nd Forum on Community Engaged Scholarship
The University of South Alabama’s Center for Healthy Communities will host "Strengthening the Community Engaged Research & Scholarship Tool Box." The forum will feature an interactive poster session.

Jan. 13 | 9am-3 pm | Student Center Ballroom | Register

UAB Research Orientation Program
New to research? Need to earn 4 AMA PRA Category 1 credits? Register for this event today! This basic overview of the clinical, regulatory, and financial aspects for conducting a research study is offered every 4th Thursday monthly. Registration required.

Jan. 26 | 8:00am-12:00 noon | PCAMS | More

CCTS Regional Community Engagement Forum
Quarterly meeting of the CCTS Community Engagement Consortium. All are welcome, including community members.
RSVP to your CCTS CE institutional point of contact.

Jan. 27 | University of Mississippi Medical Center | RSVP

**Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2**
This hands-on training will help investigators learn how to access de-identified patient data, check study feasibility, develop hypotheses, and more. **Registration required.** Attendees strongly encouraged to **obtain i2b2 access** prior to training.

Feb. 21 | 1:00-3:00 pm | Cudworth 305 | [Register](#)
Mar. 2 | 1:00-3:00 am | Cudworth 305 | [Register](#)

**ACTS Presents Translational Science 2017**
Registration for the Association for Clinical and Translational Science (ACTS) annual meeting is now open! Join more than 900 trainees, researchers, and federal program officers to learn the latest science and explore new opportunities for collaboration. **Early bird deadline is Feb. 24.**

April 19-21 | Washington, DC | [Register](#)

**This is Engagement: Best Practices in Community-Engaged Scholarship**
Auburn University and the Engagement Scholarship Consortium (Southern Region) will the 18th annual conference. A call for proposals for presentations and posters that inform or advance university-community partnerships is open until **March 15, 2017**. See the [conference website](#) for more information.

Sept. 24-27 | Birmingham, AL | [Submit](#)

Complete listing of CCTS events