Did You Know?
As of Oct. 1, 2017, NIH began publishing Project Outcomes (Section I of the interim or final Research Performance Progress Report, or RPPR). As part of its effort to provide greater transparency and assurance of good stewardship of the public's investment in research, NIH offers project outcomes to its Research Portfolio Online Reporting Tool (RePORTER). NIH encourages grantees to write outcomes with the public in mind, using descriptions that are "concise and crisp...in clear and comprehensible language." To help investigators communicate the value of their research, NIH offers plain language pointers. More

News/Announcements

OnCore Goes Live in UAB Dept. of Medicine Divisions
On Thur. Dec. 14, three divisions in the UAB Dept. of Medicine--Endocrinology, Cardiology, and Infectious Diseases--joined CCTS and the UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center as users of the OnCore clinical trials management system, which is replacing the older and no longer supported SiteMinder system. Join the CCTS in congratulating the OnCore team for a masterful launch, the result of superb team work and months of painstaking effort migrating and validating study data, training super users, and, as of last week, supporting end users with a call center. More

Enhance Your Research with a CCTS and/or Radiology Imaging Development Voucher
Do you have specimens that need processing, data that need analyzing, or subjects who require dietary, nursing, or regulatory support? Would your project benefit from molecular, functional or anatomic images? The CCTS and UAB Dept. of Radiology voucher programs offer extra support that may help take your research to the next level. Investigators with a full-time faculty appointment at any CCTS Partner institution are encouraged to apply. Each program offers up to $5,000 in direct costs. More

CCTS Announces New Dates for Kaizen R2T Game--Register Soon!
Have fun while mastering required NIH policies for rigor, reproducibility, and transparency (R2T) in our online Kaizen game! The next round of this highly popular approach to learning competencies will run Jan. 8-Feb. 2, 2018. Kaizen R2T is open to
Mark (and Unmark) Your Calendar for CCTS January Events
The CCTS Monthly Forum will not take place in Jan, but will resume on Feb. 7 at the new time of 4pm. Instead, CCTS will present a special Health Sciences Entrepreneurship (HSE) seminar on Tues., Jan. 9. Sameer Ather, MD, PhD, will discuss his journey from physician-scientist in Cardiology at UAB to founder and CEO of the online start up, XpertDox, LLC, which uses a proprietary algorithm to "help patients find the best care for their disease." HSE is a collaboration among UAB, UKMC, University of Arkansas Medical Center, and University of Utah. More

CCTS Announces New 2018 Dates for Popular i2b2 Training
The CCTS will continue to offer "Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2," a hands-on training that helps investigators learn how to use the i2b2 database to access de-identified patient data, check study feasibility, develop hypotheses, and more. Registration is required. Supervisory approval is required for non-faculty (e.g., trainees, staff). All attendees are strongly encouraged to request i2b2 access prior to their session. More

Funding Opportunities

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...
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. Now recruiting for positions starting July 1, 2018 and July 1, 2019. See FAQ and brochure for more information. Letter of Intent due February 1, 2018. More

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. Application due February 16, 2018. 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. 18 | 10am-2pm | Edge of Chaos | More

Resource Center for Minority Aging Research Webinar
Teresa Seeman, PhD, and Sharon Merkin, PhD, will provide an overview of publicly available national datasets for research on the reversibility of the effects of early life adverse or traumatic events to improve the health of adults. Specific measures used in the studies providing data and the populations represented will also be discussed.

Dec. 18 | 5-6pm | Webinar | More

CCTS Clinical Trials Lunch & Learn
Catch the latest on Clinical Trials Administration Office (CTAO), OnCore, PowerTrials, IRB, Clinical Billing Review (CBR) and more! **Registration required.**

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

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

Dec. 20 | 11:30am-1pm | PCAMS | More

**Upcoming Events**

**Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2**
Registration required. Attendees encouraged to obtain i2b2 access prior to training.
January 4 | 1-3pm | LRC 210A | Register
January 16 | 1-3pm | LRC 210A | Register
February 1 | 1-3pm | Register
February 20 | 1-3pm | Register

**Kaizen Game - Rigor, Reproducibility and Transparency**
January 8 - February 2 | Online

**CCTS Research Seminar Series: Round Table Brown Bag: What Are Your Budget Challenges?**
January 9 | 12-1pm | West Pavilion Conference Center-G

**Health Sciences Entrepreneurship Seminar Series: Healthcare's Digital Future**
January 9 | 4-5pm | PCAMS | GTM available

**CCTS Research Seminar Series: At Risk Accounts: Using Them Successfully**
January 11 | 12-1pm | 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

**CCTS Research Seminar Series: Internal Quality Control: Measuring, Assessing and Correcting**
February 1 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | GTM available

**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](#)