Did You Know?
CCTS Partners UAB and Auburn University are working together on a study to test a new magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) technique to improve epilepsy surgery and help identify a biomarker for the disease. The goal is to enable the 3T MRI machines to produce images as clear as those from the far more powerful but rare and hard-to-use 7T MRI machines. More

News/Announcements

CCTS December Forum Explores How Informatics Is Transforming Clinical Research
The i2b2 platform is increasing the number and quality of research opportunities, whether multisite collaborations via SHRINE or TriNetX or by investigators trained to use the i2b2 self-service query builder and so access UAB EHR data on their own. More

i2b2 Training Sessions Now Available Bimonthly
Due to popular demand, the i2b2 hands-on training, cohosted by CCTS and the UAB Informatics Institute, will take place on the 1st Thursday and 3rd Tuesday of every month as of 2017. Registration is required, and attendees are strongly encouraged to request i2b2 access prior to their session. Visit the CCTS Events page for info on all our trainings. Register

CCTS BERD Codirector Provides Tips to Improve Study Rigor and Transparency
In a talk presented to Auburn University investigators earlier this month, CCTS Codirector of Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design (BERD) and UAB Chair of Biostatistics Dr. David Redden reviewed steps investigators can take to avoid cognitive fallacies in research that undermine reproducibility. 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). More

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. More

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

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.

Jan. 5 | 1:00-3:00 pm | Cudworth 305 | Register
Jan. 17 | 1:00-3:00 am | Cudworth 305 | Register

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

UAB Graduate Course: The Science of Metabolomics
GBSC 724 will introduce and equip investigators, new and experienced, with the metabolome and the tools needed to view, statistically analyze, and interpret metabolomic data. Will cover newer topics, including the role of metabolites in chronic diseases.

MWFs Jan. 9-Mar. 31 | 1:30-3 pm | Shelby 515 | 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 | USA Student Center Ballroom | Register

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

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