Did You Know?
The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2017 (H.R. 244), the federal budget bill released on May 1, includes increases for both the NIH and the Clinical and Translational Science Awards. Both were highlighted as "federal programs that make the best use of every tax dollar." The bill, which is expected to be signed into law by next week, will bump NIH's budget by $2 billion over Fiscal Year 2016. More

News/Announcements

CCTS Connects at Translational Science 17 Annual Meeting
CCTS investigators, trainees, and staff embodied TS17's tagline--"explore, collaborate, educate, and innovate"--sharing innovative techniques, discussing best practices, and gaining inspiration from the outstanding efforts of colleagues from across the CTSA network. More

FDA Visits UAB to Discuss Inspections of Clinical Investigators
Barbara Wright, FDA Consumer Safety Officer and Bioresearch Monitoring Specialist, addressed a packed room at the latest Alabama Society of Clinical Research Associates chapter meeting, held at UAB on April 26, providing numerous tips for passing an inspection. More

CCTS Informatics Gateway Open for Business
The CCTS Informatics Gateway, a joint effort with our partner the UAB Informatics Institute, supports biomedical research across the translational spectrum, from study design and data sets to innovative tools and data analytic services. Request a consultation today! More

Funding Opportunities

Center for Genomic Medicine Request for Applications 2017
This new granting program will offer 1-2 year awards of $75,000-$100,000 for development of systems and/or diseases oriented working groups, e.g. "Neuroscience," "Cardiovascular Diseases," "Autoimmunity," that will create research projects integrating genetics/genomics. Letter of intent due May 29. More
NIH Announces Funding to Advance Science of Geriatric Palliative Care
NIH's Research Project Grant (PA-17-225) and Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant (PA-17-226) FOAs seek studies in a variety of settings including hospitals, out patient clinics, and patient homes.

JDRF Requests Applications for FY18 Training Awards
The awards range from $58,000 to $150,000 for Innovative, Training, and Career Development Grants. Awards for Strategic Research Agreements are "as approved." All applications must be relevant to JDRF's mission to prevent, cure, and improve quality of life for those with Type 1 diabetes. **Most applications due June 28; Innovative applications due May 31. More**

NIH Translational Research Grants in Pediatric and Obstetric Pharmacology and Therapeutics
This funding opportunity supports (1) pharmacological studies addressing the changes in drug disposition and response among children at various developmental stages, between children and adults, and in women during pregnancy and lactation; (2) new drug development targeting children and pregnant women. **Letter of Intent due July 7, 5:00pm local time. More**

Next Week's Learning Opportunities

**UAB-HudsonAlpha Center for Genomic Medicine Symposium**
Learn about the new granting program to support development of systems and/or disease-oriented working groups for research projects that integrates genetics and genomics in ways to substantially affect the discipline. Registration required.

May 8 | 10am-6pm | Huntsville, AL | More

**ADDA Lecture Series**
The final lecture will feature Dr. Mark Suto, Vice President of Drug Discovery at Southern Research, who will discuss "What is a Valid and Druggable Target?" GoToMeeting accessible.

May 9 | noon-1pm | PCAMS | More

**Bioinformatics Power Talk**
The next power talk will feature Stephen Gragg, MD-PhD program at UAB, who will discuss "Transcript Versus Gene Level-Quantification of RNA-seq Data: Improving the Accuracy of Differential Expression Analyses."

May 10 | 10-11am | Shelby 318 | More

**CCTS Drop-In Clinics**
Join us for the second Wednesday Drop-In Clinic for consultations in Biostats, Epidemiology and Research Design (BERD) and ClinicalTrials.gov requirements. Please bring your laptop and study related questions.

May 10 | 11:30am-1pm | PCAMS | More

**UAB-HudsonAlpha Center for Genomic Medicine Bioethics**
Seminar Series
Dr. Tom May, Senior Scientist at HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, will discuss "Appropriate Uses of Genomic Technologies."

May 10 | 3-4pm | Finley Conference Center | More

Child Health Research Unit Open House
To meet the growing needs of pediatric researchers, a new and expanded CCTS CHRU will celebrate its new space on the third floor of Dearth Tower. The expansion will open up new opportunities for rigorous clinical and translational research in childhood diseases.

May 12 | 1-3pm | 3rd Floor Dearth Tower | More

Upcoming Events

Computational Genomics: An Advanced Level Immersion Course for Investigators at UAB
Registration required
May 15-18 | 8:30am-12:30pm | Finley Conference Center

I-Corps™ South Spring Regional Training Informational Webinar
May 15 | 12-1pm | Webinar

CCTS Lunch & Learn
Registration required
May 16 | 11:30am-1pm | Spain Auditorium

Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2
Registration required. Attendees encouraged to obtain i2b2 access prior to training.
May 16 | 1-3pm | Cudworth 305 | Register
June 1 | 1-3pm | Cudworth 305 | Register
June 20 | 1-3pm | Cudworth 305 | Register

UAB-HudsonAlpha Center for Genomic Medicine Seminar
May 17 | 3-4pm | Finley Conference Center

CCTS Research Seminar Series: STEMI Study Challenges: Enrolling in the Emergency Department
May 18 | 1-2pm | PCAMS

UAB Research Orientation Program
May 25 | 8am-12pm | PCAMS

CCTS Research Seminar Series: Protocol Deviations: How They Can Work for You
June 1 | 1-2pm | PCAMS

I-Corps™ South Spring Regional Training Kickoff
Registration required
June 6 | 8am-4:30pm | UAB

CCTS June Forum
June 7 | 4:45-6pm | PCAMS

2017 Southeastern Pediatric Research Conference
June 9 | Georgia Aquarium | Atlanta, GA