Did You Know?

CCTS Child Health Research Unit Co-Director and Director of the Gregory Fleming James Cystic Fibrosis Center Dr. Steven Rowe is lead author of a recent paper in *The New England Journal of Medicine* describing an effective two-drug treatment for cystic fibrosis. Dr. Rowe’s study found the combination of tezacaftor and ivacaftor improved lung function by nearly 7 percent compared to a placebo and by 2 percent compared to ivacaftor alone. The treatment would improve the quality of life for up to half of all CF patients. Rowe is "extremely excited about the next generation of medications currently under development, which could constitute a triple-combination therapy approach" that would positively affect up to 90 percent of people with CF. [More](#)

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**News/Announcements**

### December CCTS Forum: Research Data Management Tips and Techniques

Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 6, when we will discuss the latest ways to organize, protect, and disseminate your research data. Ensure your data are ready to share with sponsors, journals, and collaborators, quickly and easily. Bring your questions for our experts, doors open at 4pm. [More](#)

### Who Has the Data? Strategies for Successful Research Data Management

Our new workshop drew a standing room only crowd of postdocs, trainees, grad students and faculty members alike. We reprise the highlights, including the whys and hows of data management and who to ask for help (don’t miss our Dec. CCTS Forum for an upcoming chance to connect with CCTS data management experts). [More](#)

### i2b2 Abstract Contest Deadline Extended to Jan. 7, 2018

You still have time to take a [CCTS i2b2 training](#), query nearly 500 million rows of data, submit a one-page abstract on your findings, and possibly win $500-1000. Even better, you will master a powerful new research skill. **There is no downside!** [More](#)

### CCTS Builds Houses, Too

In the spirit of the season, several staff and faculty from the CCTS recently volunteered half a day to put the finishing touches on a house in which a family will soon move.
Habitat for Humanity House: building porches, hanging blinds, painting, and cleaning. Not only did the experience help deliver a new home for local resident Ms. Tiffany Wells and her baby son Morgan, but it also strengthened the team spirit that is the foundation of all we do at CCTS. More

It's Not Too Late to Apply to Our Career-Boosting Clinical and Translational Science Training Program!
CCTS encourages graduate students, postdocs, and faculty interested in becoming certified in clinical and translational research to apply for our free six-month training. Classes meet for two hours every Wed. morning from January to June. The application deadline has been extended to 5pm on Friday, Dec. 1. More

Funding Opportunities

NSF EPSCoR Research Infrastructure Improvement (RII) Track 2 FEC
The 2018 RII Track-2 FEC topic area is "Understanding the Relationship between Genome and Phenome," with funding ranging from $5 million to $7.5 million. At least one co-PI from a separate EPSCoR jurisdiction is required. Support for non-lead collaborating institutions are requested as subawards. Separately submitted collaborative proposals are not allowed. Each participating EPSCoR jurisdiction must have at least one co-PI on the project. Letter of Intent due Nov. 27 by 5pm. More

Mechanistic Ancillary Studies to Ongoing Interventional Clinical Trials
NIAMS RFAs on Mechanistic Ancillary Studies to Ongoing Interventional Clinical Trials R01 and R21 have accelerated review and award process, and are intended to fund time sensitive, mechanistic studies (justified by the PI) within the NIAMS mission, ancillary to ongoing interventional clinical trials. Questions? Contact Dr. Lee Alekel or Dr. Faye Chen. Application due Dec 4, 2017, by 5pm. More

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. Learn more at the LOI info session Nov 29 at 1pm via webinar. LOI due Dec 15, 2017, by 5pm. 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
**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.

**UAB SOPH Epidemiology Seminar Series**
S. Louis Bridges, MD, PhD, Professor of UAB Department of Medicine, Immunology and Rheumatology, will discuss "Rheumatoid Arthritis in African Americans: Lessons Learned from the CLEAR Registry."

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

**Case Studies in Mentoring: Cultivating Ethical Behavior**
Participation in case-based discussions around key aspects of the mentor-mentee relationship can prepare you to deal smoothly with a variety of common and less common mentoring challenges. Registration requested, walk-ins welcome.

**Cardiac Outcomes in Cancer Survivors--Current State of Science**
UAB School of Medicine Division of Cardiovascular Disease hosts Smita Bhatia, MD, MPH, Director of the Institute for Cancer Outcomes and Survivorship at UAB, for this upcoming research seminar.

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**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.**

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**Reviews, meta-analyses, outcomes research and implementation research. Application due Jan 17, 2018, by 5pm.**
Upcoming Events

UAB SOPH Epidemiology Seminar Series: Insights in Cancer Epidemiology from the Cancer Prevention Studies
Dec. 4 | 12-1pm | Ryals Rm 407

Case Studies in Mentoring: Articulating Your Mentoring Philosophy & Plan
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
Dec. 6 | 8-9am | PCAMS | Register
Dec. 8 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | Register

CCTS Forum: Research Data Management: Tools and Techniques
Dec. 6 | 4:45-6pm | PCAMS | GTM available

CCTS Research Seminar Series: Alliance for Clinical Research Excellence and Safety (ACRES)
Dec. 7 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | GTM available

World AIDS Day Celebration: Pathway to Achieving the 90-90-90 Goal in Alabama
Registration required
Dec. 7 | 12pm | DoubleTree Ballroom | Birmingham, AL

Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2
Registration required. Attendees encouraged to obtain i2b2 access prior to training.
Dec. 7 | 1-3pm | Cudworth 305 | Register
Dec. 19 | 1-3pm | Cudworth 305 | Register

CCTS Research Seminar Series: Building a Budget Follow Up
Dec. 11 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | GTM available

CCTS Research Seminar Series: Round Table Brown Bag: Never Enough Money!
Dec. 12 | 12-1pm | West Pavilion Conference Center-B

UAB-HudsonAlpha Bioethics Seminar Series: Intellectual Property
Dec. 13 | 3-4pm | Kaul Rm 266

Trial Innovation Network: STRIDE & eConsent: Moving Towards Personalized Informed Consent
Dec. 14 | 11am | Webinar

CCTS Training Interdisciplinary & Emerging Research Scholars (TIERS): Time Management and Work-Life Balance
Dec. 14 | 2:30-4:30pm | Shelby 318

CCTS Clinical Trials Lunch & Learn
Registration required
Dec. 19 | 11:30am-12:45pm | Spain Auditorium

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