Did You Know?
The NIH recently clarified several definitions related to clinical trials, e.g., "prospectively assigned," "intervention," and "health-related biomedical and behavioral outcome." NIH has also posted an FAQ that answers "in what circumstances is a mechanistic study considered a clinical trial?" what is an "ancillary study?" and "what is the difference between an observational study and an interventional study?" Case studies round out the list of new "living" resources to help investigators determine if their human subjects research meets the NIH definition of a clinical trial. More

ClinicalTrials.gov: What’s New?
The CCTS Clinical Research Support Program updated a lunchtime crowd on the recent revision of the ClinicalTrials.gov website and how these changes are affecting investigators. From upload requirements to a helpful new checklist, find out the latest…and what's ahead. More

ADDA Releases Drug Discovery Award RFA
The Alabama Drug Discovery Award − a joint initiative between Southern Research, UAB School of Medicine, the Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the CCTS − will provide up to two pilot grants of $50,000 in funding annually for up to 2 years. Applications due Thur., Nov. 2, at noon. More

How to Share Your Science with the Media
What makes a good news story? At our next TIERS event, UAB Media Specialist Bob Shephard will provide an overview of how the news media works, why scientists should care, and tips for acing a media interview. Mark your calendar for Thur., Oct. 12, 2:30. Register soon, space is limited. More

Last Chance to Attend Our 4th Annual Community Engagement Institute!
Registration will close this Thursday, Oct. 5. Don't miss the chance to share best practices and meet other health equity and social justice change agents at our 2017 CEI, which takes place at the BJCC on Friday, Oct. 6. You must be pre-registered to attend! More
Funding Opportunities

**Call for Proposals: Pfizer's Centers for Therapeutic Innovation (CTI) Program**
Pfizer's CTI program pairs NIH researchers with Pfizer resources to pursue scientific and medical advances through joint therapeutic development. Goals include identifying biologic compounds with activity in a pathway or target of interest to both an NIH intramural researcher and to Pfizer, and moving the compounds into the clinic to test them. **Proposals due October 13. 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 funding opportunity will enable innovative collaborations among CTSA hubs to overcome system-wide barriers to translational effectiveness. **Application due Nov. 9 by 5pm. More**

**Alabama Drug Discovery Alliance (ADDA) Drug Discovery Research Award**
The ADDA is accepting pre-proposals for two pilot grants of $50,000 in funding for up to 2 years. Only small molecule-directed efforts are eligible for funding at this time. All UAB and Southern Research investigators are eligible to apply. **Applications are due Thur., Nov. 2, by noon. More**

This Week's Learning Opportunities

**Case Studies in Mentoring: Open Forum**
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. **Oct. 2 | 8-9am | PCAMS | Register**

**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. **Oct. 2 | 10am-2pm | Edge of Chaos | More**

**UAB SOPH Epidemiology Seminar Series**
Ashley I. Niami, PhD, Assistant Professor at the University of Pittsburgh and Society for Epidemiologic Research, will discuss "G Computation to Adjust for Noncompliance in Randomized Trials: Estimating the Per Protocol Effect of Low-Dose Aspirin on Pregnancy Outcomes."
**Oct. 2 | 12-1pm | Ryals Rm 407 | More**

**CCTS Drop-In Clinics**
Join us for the first Wednesday Drop-In Clinics for free consultations in Biostats, Epidemiology and Research Design (BERD), Biorepository, Bionutrition, and Clinical Research Unit. No appointment necessary. Bring laptop and study related questions. **More**
### UAB-HudsonAlpha Genomic Medicine Seminar Series
Randy Cron, MD, PhD, Director of Pediatric Rheumatology at UAB, will discuss "Macrophage Activation Syndrome - Kill or Be Killed."

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### Health Sciences Entrepreneurship Seminar Series
Glenn D. Prestwich, PhD, Presidential Professor of Medicinal Chemistry, Research Professor of Biochemistry, and Director of Center for Therapeutic Biochemicals at The University of Utah, will discuss "Harnessing Hyaluronic Acid: From Cell Therapy to Reducing Inflammation."

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### CCTS Forum: Innovation by Design: An Introduction to the Strategic Use of Design Thinking
Join us for a demonstration of the Stanford d.school innovation by design thinking process, a human-centered approach to strategic problem solving. Bring your ideas for improving trainings for early stage investigators! GoToMeeting available.

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### Research Methods and Secondary Data Analysis Seminar Series
Nicole Wright, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor in the Department of Epidemiology at UAB, will discuss "Reducing Racial Disparities in Fracture Outcomes."

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### CCTS Research Seminar Series
David Pollio, PhD, Distinguished Professor and Department Chair of UAB College of Arts and Sciences, will discuss "Being a Mentor or Being a Resource: What is the Difference?" GoToMeeting available.

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### 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 encouraged to obtain i2b2 access prior to training.

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### 2017 William Darden Lecture
This year's lecture will feature Dr. Emeran A. Mayer, executive director of the UCLA Center for Neurobiology of Stress; professor, Departments of Medicine, Physiology, and Psychiatry, at the David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA; and author of *The Mind-Gut Connection*. Hosted by CCTS Partner University of Alabama's Department of Biological Sciences. His talk is on "Brain Gut Microbiome Interactions - Clinical Implications."

**Oct. 5 | 5-6pm | North Lawn Hall, UA, Tuscaloosa | More**

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**4th Annual Community Engagement Institute (CEI)**

The CEI is a full day symposium focused on issues related to health equity, social empowerment, and resources for improving the social determinants of health. The theme of the event is "Community Health from Engagement and Environmental Renewal (CHEER) for Civil Inclusion Empowerment."

Registration ends Thurs., Oct 5.

**Oct. 6 | 7:30am-3:30pm | BJCC East Meeting Hall | More**

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**Upcoming Events**

- **Division of Preventive Medicine Grand Round Presentation: Physical Activity and Screen-Time Regulations in Child Care Centers**
  
  Registration required by noon, Oct. 5
  
  Oct. 9 | 12-1pm | Medical Towers Rm 634

- **UAB SOPH Epidemiology Seminar Series: Prescription Drug Abuse and the Emergence of Hepatitis C in Rural Appalachia**
  
  Oct. 9 | 12-1pm | Ryals Rm 407

- **CCTS Research Seminar Series: Round Table: Brown Bag: What Do You Need That You Are Not Getting?**
  
  Oct. 10 | 12-1pm | West Pavilion Conference Center-G

- **Case Studies in Mentoring: Maintaining Effective Communication**
  
  Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
  
  Oct. 11 | 8-9am | PCAMS | Register
  
  Oct. 13 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | Register

- **UAB-HudsonAlpha Bioethics Seminar Series: Vulnerable Populations**
  
  Oct. 11 | 3-4pm | Kaul Rm 266

- **CCTS Training Interdisciplinary & Emerging Research Scholars: Telling the UAB story - and yours - through the media**
  
  Registration requested
  
  Oct. 12 | 2:30-4:30pm | PCAMS | GTM available

- **UAB SOPH Epidemiology Seminar Series: Community Based Approaches to Social and Behavioral Sciences**
  
  Oct. 16 | 12-1pm | Ryals Rm 407

- **Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2**
  
  Registration required. Attendees encouraged to obtain i2b2 access prior to training.
  
  Oct. 17 | 1-3pm | Cudworth 305 | Register
  
  Nov. 2 | 1-3pm | Cudworth 305 | Register
  
  Dec. 7 | 1-3pm | Cudworth 305 | Register
  
  Dec. 19 | 1-3pm | Cudworth 305 | Register

- **Case Studies in Mentoring: Aligning Mentor/Mentee Expectations**
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
Oct. 18 | 8-9am | PCAMS | Register
Oct. 20 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | Register

UAB-HudsonAlpha Genomic Medicine Seminar Series
Oct. 18 | 3-4pm | Kaul Rm 266

CCTS Research Seminar Series: Research 101: Process To Get Started or How To Start a Study Workshop
Oct. 19 | 11am-1pm | PCAMS | GTM available

UAB SOPH Epidemiology Seminar Series: Masked Hypertension: A Surprise That Can Be Surmised?
Oct. 23 | 12-1pm | Ryals Rm 407

Case Studies in Mentoring: Assessing Mentee Understanding
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
Oct. 25 | 8-9am | PCAMS | Register
Oct. 27 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | Register

Alabama Drug Discovery Alliance Symposium
Oct. 25

UAB Research Orientation Program
Oct. 26 | 8-12pm | PCAMS

I-Corps Four Week Training Kickoff
Registration required
Oct. 27 | 9:30-11am | i-Lab at Innovation Depot

UAB Comprehensive Cancer Center Research Retreat and Research Competition: Metabolism and Cancer
Registration requested
Oct. 30 | 7:30am-5pm | Sheraton Hotel | Birmingham, AL

UAB SOPH Epidemiology Seminar Series: Genomics in Diverse Populations - Advantages, Limitations, and Future Directions
Oct. 30 | 12-1pm | Ryals Rm 407

Case Studies in Mentoring: Addressing Equity and Inclusion
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
Nov. 1 | 8-9am | PCAMS | Register
Nov. 3 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | Register

Research Methods and Secondary Data Analysis Seminar Series: Sociodemographic Patterns of Chronic Disease: How the Mid-South Region Compares to the Rest of the Country
Nov. 2 | 11:45am-1:15pm | Medical Towers 634

CCTS Research Seminar Series: Recruitment Workshop: Where Do We Find the Subjects?
Nov. 2 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | GTM available

Heflin Center for Genomic Science Non-Coding RNA Symposium
Nov. 3 | 8am-3:30pm | Finley Conference Center

UAB SOPH Epidemiology Seminar Series: The Medical Monitoring Project
Nov. 6 | 12-1pm | Ryals Rm 407

CCTS Research Seminar Series: Round Table: Brown Bag
Case Studies in Mentoring: Fostering Independence
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
Nov. 8 | 8-9am | PCAMS | Register
Nov. 10 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | Register

ALAHEDO Annual Conference: Seize the Day-Change the Future: The Power of Equity, Inclusion, and Community
Registration required by October 11
Nov. 9-10 | UAB

UAB SOPH Epidemiology Seminar Series: Oil Spill Studies - Past and Present
Nov. 13 | 12-1pm | Ryals Rm 407

CCTS Research Seminar Series: Building a Budget
Nov. 14 | 11am-1pm | PCAMS | GTM available

Case Studies in Mentoring: Promoting Professional Development
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
Nov. 15 | 8-9am | PCAMS | Register
Nov. 17 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | Register

CCTS Research Seminar Series: Preparing for an FDA Audit: What You Should Know
Nov. 16 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | GTM available

UAB SOPH Epidemiology Seminar Series: Rheumatoid Arthritis in African Americans: Lessons learned from the CLEAR Registry
Nov. 27 | 12-1pm | Ryals Rm 407

Case Studies in Mentoring: Cultivating Ethical Behavior
Registration requested, walk-ins welcome
Nov. 29 | 8-9am | PCAMS | Register
Dec. 1 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | Register

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

Applied Statistical Independence in Biological Systems (ASIBS) Short Course
Application due October 15
January 8 - March 2 | 7 weeks online | 5 day in-person in New York City

Complete listing of CCTS events