Timmy Lee, MD is the recipient of the Carl W. Gottschalk Research Scholar Grant – a highly competitive and prestigious award from the ASN Foundation for Kidney Research.
Elizabeth Kvale, MD received the only Circle of Life Citation of Honor awarded in the country! The Circle of Life Awards honor innovative programs in palliative and end-of-life care. The award seeks to recognize those programs nationally that 1) provide effective, patient/family-centered, timely, safe, efficient, and equitable palliative and end-of-life care, 2) are striving to implement the domains of the National Consensus Project (NCP) Clinical Practice Guidelines for Quality Palliative Care, 3) utilize innovative approaches to critical needs and serve as sustainable, replicable models for the field 4) seek to address multi-faceted needs of persons living with serious illness throughout the disease trajectory, 5) can demonstrate significant impact on people with life-limiting illness and those around them, and 6) are actively working with other health care organizations, education and training programs, and the community. The Circle of Life reviewers noted as particular strengths the very high level of community engagement at UAB, and the broad-based and innovative nature of the palliative interventions offered. This year UAB is the only program recognized with a Circle of Life Citation of Honor; three other programs were recognized as Circle of Life Award winners. The 2014 awards are supported, in part, by the California HealthCare Foundation, based in Oakland, California, and Cambia Health Foundation.
Fernando Ovalle, MD honored by Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation as the Living and Giving Honoree. Each year, JDRF Alabama honors one or more living and giving honorees during its 2014 Night of Hope Gala. Dr. Ovalle is being honored in recognition of his compassionate care and treatment of many patients living with type 1 diabetes (T1D). He is also being honored for his passionate and cutting edge research conducted in the course of his years as an Endocrinologist. Dr. Ovalle is Director of the Division’s Fellowship Training Program and Director of Diabetes and Endocrine Clinical Research Unit. He is PI of several multi-center studies, both federally and pharmaceutical industry funded in the areas of type 1 and type 2 diabetes. He is also co-investigator in several NIH funded studies investigating the effects of different treatment paradigms in the cardiovascular outcomes of patients with type 2 diabetes, and treatment of diabetes in rural Alabama.
Yuanyuan Li, M.D., Ph.D., assistant research professor in the Division of Hematology & Oncology, received the Mary Swartz Rose Young Investigator Award from the American Society for Nutrition. The award recognizes an investigator who has shown tremendous dedication and promise in advancing nutrition science. Li, whose research focuses on nutritional epigenetics of cancer and aging, has published a number of high-profile papers in scientific journals.
Victor Thannickal and Edward Hook received the Max Cooper for Excellence in Research Award. This research excellence award is awarded to recognize the outstanding research achievements by the Department of Medicine faculty on an annual basis to faculty whose primary appointment is in the Department of Medicine, and whose independent research is recognized nationally. Drs. Thannickal and Hook will be honored at the Faculty Honors Reception on May 20.
Congratulations to Sumant Chugh, MD on the recent start of his NIDDK grant, “Renal Protective Effects of Circulating Angiopoietin-like-4”
Lawrence Lamb, Jr., MN, PhD was appointed to the Regulatory Affairs Committee for the American Society for Gene & Cell Therapy (ASGCT). The mission of the ASGCT is to advance knowledge, awareness, and education leading to the discovery and clinical application of genetic and cellular therapies to alleviate human disease. Dr. Lamb is a Clinical Laboratory Immunologist and Professor specializing in transplantation immunology. He directs the UAB Cell Therapy Laboratory and cGMP Cell Manufacturing Facility in the Section of Bone Marrow Transplant and Cellular Therapy.