Save the Date | Translational Science 2017

Translational Science 2017 will be held April 18-21, 2017 at the Washington Marriott Wardman Park in Washington, DC. Registration for TS17 is expected to open in December 2016.

Translational Science Ancillary Meetings

Are you interested in hosting a meeting in conjunction with Translational Science 2017? Visit the ACTS Website to submit your request by filling out the Ancillary Meeting Request Form.

Translational Science Today

University of Kentucky Awarded $19.8M

Mallory Powell | October 26, 2016

The University of Kentucky CCTS announced that it received a four-year, $19.8 million CTSA from the National Center for Advancing Clinical and Translational Sciences at the National Institutes of Health. This is the second CTSA grant that the UK CCTS has competed for and received.

Skin Patch to Treat Peanut Allergy Shows Benefit in Children

Hillary Hoffman | October 18, 2016

A wearable patch that delivers small amounts of peanut protein through the skin shows promise for treating children and young adults with peanut allergy, with greater benefits for younger children, according to one-year results from an ongoing clinical trial. Read the full article here.

Credit: DBV Technologies

Northwestern Leads Patient-Reported Outcomes Consortium

Marla Paul | October 25, 2016

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A $6.3 million grant to accelerate the use of patient reported outcomes in research and clinical care has been awarded by NCATS to a coalition of nine universities, led by Northwestern University.

The project will make it easier for researchers and clinicians to collect patient reported outcomes information and use it to improve clinical care and research.

**Journal of Clinical and Translational Science**

**Reminder: JCTS Submissions Now Open!**

Reminder that submissions are now open for *Journal of Clinical and Translational Science (JCTS)*. Submit by following this link: journals.cambridge.org/cts/submit.

*Journal of Clinical and Translational Science* is an international peer-reviewed journal that will publish papers capturing the spectrum of research from T1 (translation from research lab bench to bedside) through T4 (translation to populations). JCTS aims to provide a forum for the rapid communication of relevant topics of interests to the large and diverse community of clinical and translational scientists. The ultimate goal of JCTS is to improve the efficiency with which research and new diagnostics, therapies, and preventive measures, informed by health needs, are bale to reach the public.

Specifically, JCTS will highlight outstanding work in the following areas:

- Basic Translational Research
- Clinical Research
- Education
- Research Methods
- Implementation
- Policy and Community Engagement
- Translational Research Design and Analysis

**NIH Job Opportunity**

**National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center, Office of Clinical Research Training and Medical Education (OCRTME) Seeking Clinical Pharmacology Program Director**

This Medical Officer position will support the NIH Clinical Center’s mission to train the next generation of biomedical researchers and clinician-scientists by providing superior clinical research training to individuals of varying educational levels and professional backgrounds. The ideal candidate should have expert knowledge and experience in developing and implementing new training and educational programs, including academic content, and administering a range of training and educational courses and programs. S/he should possess skills in applying Clinical Pharmacology concepts, principles, and methodology to new developments aiming to solve complex healthcare problems not susceptible to treatment by accepted methods and making decisions or recommendations significantly changing, or developing, important policies or programs. S/he should also possess broad and well-defined experiences with clinical research protocols, including as a clinical trialist, and should have been directly involved with the full range and types of clinical trials. Additional formal training in clinical pharmacology is strongly desired.

To learn more, follow this [Announcement Link](#). The posting will run from 11/1/16-11/10/16.

For more information about the Clinical Center’s Office of Clinical Research Training and Medical Education, click [here](#).

**News from The Hill**

**Dale Dirks & Dane Christiansen**

See full CCTS update on [ACTS Advocacy home page](#).

Stay current on NIH Funding and Translational Science happenings in Washington, DC by visiting [MayoClinicRadio](#). This week on #MayoClinicRadio, the topic is Precision Medicine: the future of health care. Follow [here](#) for more information.
Grants & Grant News

New Grant Opportunities

Opportunities for Collaborative Research at the NIH Clinical Center (U01)

**PAR-15-287**

**U01**  Research Project - Cooperative Agreements

NIH Clinical Center (CC)

The goal of this program is to support collaborative translational research projects aligned with NIH efforts to enhance the translation of basic biological discoveries into clinical applications that improve health. It encourages high quality science demonstrating the potential to result in understanding an important disease process or lead to new therapeutic interventions, diagnostics, or prevention strategies within the research interests and priorities of the participating NIH Institutes/Centers (ICs).

Awards up to $500,000 in direct costs per year are granted, plus applicable indirect costs. Qualifying applications must include teams of extramural and intramural NIH collaborators, and some of the proposed work must take place at the NIH Clinical Center. The program is innovative in that it provides extramural researchers with access to the Clinical Center's specialized resources and patient populations. Recently, the project period was expanded from three to four years, thanks to successful early outcomes, providing collaborative teams with additional time and funds to conduct their translational research projects. In addition, the program's continued funding provides the opportunity for successful grantees to continue research by submitting competing continuation (renewal) applications. During the fourth cycle, a number of renewal applications were submitted and await funding decisions.

Pediatric Scientist Development Program (K12)

**RFA-HD-17-023**

K12  Physician Scientist Award (Program) (PSA)

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

This FOA invites applications for the pediatric scientist development program (PSDP). This program constitutes a national network of mentors and scholars, in contrast to K12 programs that are based solely at a single applicant institution. The program will be responsible for identifying pediatricians who have completed their clinical training and who have promising research potential, and for matching them with established mentors with strong records of research productivity. The program will develop guidelines for mentoring and career development in order to promote the successful transition of the candidates into independent research careers in academic settings.

Rehabilitation Research Career Development Programs (K12)

**RFA-HD-17-021**

K12  Physician Scientist Award (Program) (PSA)

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) invites applications to coordinate the mentoring and career development of rehabilitation researchers in relevant clinical domains, which may include any one of the following: physiatrists, physical/occupational therapy and allied health professionals, clinicians involved in neurological rehabilitation, or bioengineers. Unlike some other NIH K12 programs, this FOA seeks applications for a national network rather than a program exclusively located at the applicant institution. The applicant will be responsible for identifying qualified candidates (scholars) and supporting them in appropriate research environments throughout the country. The NICHD plans to support K12 programs representing relevant academic disciplines, especially those listed above.

Platform Delivery Technologies for Nucleic Acid Therapeutics (R41/R42)

**PAR-17-036**

R41/ R42  Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) Grant - Phase I, Phase II, and Fast-Track National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS)

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

The purpose of this initiative is to incentivize small businesses to generate new technologies and products for delivering nucleic acids into cells and tissues for the purpose of treatment or prevention of human disease.
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