Specialized research nurses who work with the UK Center for Clinical and Translational Science provide outpatient, inpatient, and off-site care for research participants, along with an array of other research support services.

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Join the brightest minds from across the spectrum of Translational Research April 19-21, 2017 in Washington, DC.

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Nurses have long been at the heart of health research, but only in late 2016 did the American Nurses Association (ANA) recognize clinical research nursing as nursing specialty practice.

For Linda Rice, a registered nurse and director of clinical operations for the clinical services core (CSC) of the UK Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS), ANA's designation of a clinical nursing specialty for research recognizes the unique demands, expertise, and contributions of the type of nursing she's been practicing for 28 years.

Rice oversees and trains a team of specialized nurses who assist in conducting research in the CCTS inpatient and outpatient research units for adults and children. They also provide additional clinical research services, like study coordination. Over the last three years, the CCTS CSC has averaged between 1,200 and 1,500 inpatient bed-nights per year, 1,600 to 1,800 outpatient days per year, and 500 to 700 offsite visits per year.

Read Mallory Powell's full article on ACTS member Linda Rice and her team of specialized nurses here.
WSU Medical Students to Learn *Personalized Medicine*

*April 12, 2017 | Spokane Public Radio*
*By Doug Nadvornick*

Washington State University’s College of Medicine says it is partnering with a Seattle company to teach its students about the concept of personalized medicine.

The college on Tuesday announced its initial class of students will be given the chance to enroll in a program that includes a mapping of their individual genetic data.

See Doug Nadvornick’s full article here.

WebMD, Scripps Translational Science Institute launch ResearchKit study on pregnancy

*March 20, 2017 | Mobi Health News*
*By Heather Mack*

Scripps Translational Science Institute and WebMD are launching a new smartphone-based Apple ResearchKit study on pregnant women to improve research as well as resources for expectant mothers.

The Healthy Pregnancy Study is built on a newly updated version of WebMD’s popular Pregnancy app, and participants will be asked to anonymously answer questions and share connected device data with researchers in effort to help them better understand what makes pregnancies - and their outcomes - healthy.

See more about this Pregnancy App here.

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News from The Hill

*Dale Dirks & Dane Christiansen*

*House FY18 HHS Budget Request Hearing*

*#RTSM tech, #MedidataBalance, is alleviating for @TESAROBIO buff.ly/2p6H9de #CARE2017*

*A #TuschiLab study shows how one molecule allows eggs and sperm to develop properly: ow.ly/kx9n30aPVxU*

*Our very own Edith Parker Dares to Boost Health by focusing her research on community health promotion! #DaretoDiscover*

*Physicians’ misunderstanding of genetic test results may hamper mastectomy decisions for breast #cancer patients: stan.md/p7zjT*

*Our @NCI_CCR_SB is seeking a Sr IND Manager to join their team for #clinicaltrials support. #CCRJobs bit.ly/2p7hmW*
the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Tom Price, appeared before the House Labor-Health and Human-Services-Education (LHHS) Appropriations Subcommittee to answer questions on the administration's "skinny" budget request for fiscal year (FY) 2018. Secretary Price's testimony was incredibly brief and drew numerous comments from the Subcommittee members related to his brevity. He did state ..."(see the full writeup here).

Stay current on NIH Funding and Translational Science happenings in Washington, DC by visiting the ACTS Advocacy home page.

**Budget, Appropriations, and Health Reform Update**

**Health Reform-Repeal/Replace**

When pulling the House leadership health reform package late last week, both House Speaker Paul Ryan and President Trump then declared that the White House and Congress would move to other things, such as tax reform. After having the opportunity to consider the situation, there has been more discussion in Congress and by the administration this week about the ongoing prospects for moving forward on a package. No plan has solidified.

*See the quick summary of key developments here.*

**Grants & Grant News**

**Lasker/NIH Clinical Research Scholars**

The NIH announces this year's Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program. This is a competitive opportunity for early-stage physician-scientists to conduct independent clinical and translational research as tenure-track investigators at the NIH and in academia. It was established in 2011 to create career research opportunities for physician-scientists (it also includes dental and nurse scientists) and is targeted to outstanding post-fellowship physicians and other clinicians with strong research interests and credentials. Funding provides full research and salary support for 5+ years at the NIH followed by three years in academia (up to $500,000/year) or continued appointment in the NIH intramural program.

This program also allows for the opportunity for academic institutional affiliation while at the NIH. The deadline for applications is August 25, 2017. The general start date for the positions is summer 2018, but this is flexible.

More information can be found here. For questions, email Dr. Chuck Dearolf at LaskerScholar@nih.gov.

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**IU receives grant to help female, minority scientists become entrepreneurs**

March 24, 2017 | IUSM Newsroom

Andrea Zeek | Indianapolis
INDIANAPOLIS - Indiana University, the University of Louisville and Missouri University of Science and Technology are working in partnership to help female and minority faculty, staff and student innovators improve their success in securing money to commercialize their inventions.

The National Science Foundation (NSF) has awarded the institutions, led by the University of Louisville, a $225,000 grant for a pilot program called AWARE: ACCESS: Building Innovation Capacity through Diversity.

See the full article here.

Member Feature

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