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## Translational Science Today



Relief for Parkinson's May be as Close as a Patient's Ankle

Dr. Craig van Horne's procedure grafts a piece of the patient's ankle nerve tissue into their brain during the same operation where Deep Brain Stimulation is done. Results are encouraging, but not uniform.

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## Member Feature

### University of Utah Announces Precision Medicine Symposium



The University of Utah Center for Clinical and Translational Science would like to announce *Frontiers in Precision Medicine 3 – Will Personalized Medicine Improve Population Health* that is scheduled for **March 16, 2018** in Salt Lake City, UT.

Learn more [here](#).

### PhRMA Foundation Awards in Translational Medicine and Therapeutics

The PhRMA Foundation offers competitive pre and post doctoral fellowships, sabbatical fellowships, and research starter grants to advance science in Clinical Pharmacology, Health Outcomes, Informatics, Pharmaceuticals, Pharmacology/Toxicology, and Translational Medicine and Therapeutics.

Take a look at their Translational Medicine & Therapeutics [brochure](#) for more information, as well as their awards page [here](#).

## Journal of Clinical and Translational Science

The fourth issue of the Journal of Clinical and Translational Science has been published. [Volume 1 / Issue 4, November 2017](#) is available for viewing!

JCTS's mission is to provide a forum for the rapid communication of topics of interest and relevance to the large and diverse community of clinical and translational scientists with the goal of improving the efficiency with which health needs inform research and new diagnostics, therapies, and preventive measures reach the public. The Association for Clinical and Translational Science has partnered with the American Physician Scientists Association (APSA) and the Clinical Research Forum (CRF) to support the growth and development of JCTS.



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## News From the Hill

### News From the Hill: December 15, 2017

As the 115<sup>th</sup> Congress wraps up its first session, Republican legislators continue to work to finalize a comprehensive package of tax cuts. While numerous competing priorities have emerged and details are still being hashed out, the final proposal looks to be a mixed bag for healthcare.

See the full newsletter on the [ACTS Advocacy Page](#).



## Grants & Grant News

### [International Research Scientist Development Award \(IRSDA\) \(K01\) Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed](#)

[K01](#) Research Scientist Development Award - Research & Training  
National Cancer Institute ([NCI](#))

The purpose of the International Research Scientist Development Award (IRSDA) is to provide support and protected time (three to five years) to advanced postdoctoral U.S. research scientists and recently-appointed U.S. junior faculty (applicants must be at least two years beyond conferral of doctoral degree) for an intensive, mentored research career development experience in a low- or middle-income country (LMIC), as defined by the World Bank (<http://data.worldbank.org/about/country-classifications/country-and-lending-groups>, including "low-income," "lower-middle-income," and "upper-middle-income" countries) leading to an independently-funded research career focused on global health. This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications from postdoctoral research scientists and junior faculty from any health-related discipline who propose career development activities and a research project that is relevant to the health priorities of the LMIC under the mentorship of LMIC and U.S. mentors.

[NINDS Faculty Development Award to Promote Diversity in](#)

## [Neuroscience Research \(K01 Clinical Trial Required\)](#)

[K01](#) Research Scientist Development Award - Research & Training  
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke ([NINDS](#))

The purpose of the NINDS Faculty Development Award to Promote Diversity in Neuroscience Research (K01) is to diversify the pool of independent neuroscience research investigators by providing junior faculty with research cost support, protected research time and career stage appropriate professional development mentorship in neuroscience research. Individuals from backgrounds underrepresented in biomedical research are eligible for support under this award if they have doctoral research degrees (Ph.D. or equivalent) and are in the first 3 years of a faculty tenure track or equivalent position at the time of application.

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## [Improving Implementation of Seek, Test, Treat & Retain Strategies among People Who Inject Drugs in Low to Middle Income Countries \(R01 Clinical Trial Required\)](#)

[R01](#) Research Project Grant  
National Institute on Drug Abuse ([NIDA](#))

This FOA supports developing and testing implementation approaches that scale-up evidence based interventions in low to middle income countries among PWID where they form an important component of the national HIV epidemic, including countries where PWID are a relatively emergent population for HIV cases. Projects need to align with national HIV/AIDS plans and provide models for large scale implementation, including QA/QC systems. Collaboration with local or regional PEPFAR and Global Fund programs is encouraged. Recently introduced syringe services and drug treatment settings should be leveraged as well as new health financing systems, criminal justice reforms or other local innovations that can be used to expand HIV prevention and treatment for PWID. Collaboration with NIH initiatives such as leDEA (NIH's cohort of cohorts co-funded by NIDA) and existing NIDA-funded projects is encouraged.

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