



June 2014 Newsletter

University of Massachusetts Center for Clinical and Translational Science

NEWS:

Updates from the NIH, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS):

Petra Kaufman, M.D., M.Sc., joins NCATS as Clinical Innovation Director beginning May 4, 2014 – Full announcement at: <http://www.ncats.nih.gov/news-and-events/features/kaufmann.html>

On May 14, 2014, an **NCATS Advisory Council Working Group issued a draft report** in response to the Institute of Medicine's findings regarding the Clinical and Translational Science awards program. Read the complete report at: <http://www.ncats.nih.gov/files/CTSA-IOM-WG-Draft-Report.pdf>

NCATS has issued its first Annual Report from 2012-2013. Read the complete report at: http://www.ncats.nih.gov/files/NCATS_2012-2013_Report.pdf

"IRB Reliance: A New Model for Accelerating Translational Science" <http://www.ncats.nih.gov/news-and-events/features/irb-reliance.html>

Congratulations to Drs. Lemon and Houston!

UMMS has received a 5-year grant funded by the National Cancer Institute, titled **"Implementation Research Training Program in Cancer Prevention and Control"** (grant # R25CA172009). The project is co-led (multiple PIs) by **Stephenie C. Lemon, PhD**, Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Preventive and Behavioral Medicine, Department of Medicine (Co-Director of the CCTS Community Engagement Section) and **Thomas Houston, MD, MPH**, Professor and Division Chief, Division of Health Informatics and Implementation Science, Department of Quantitative Health Sciences (Director of CCTS Biomedical Informatics Component), University of Massachusetts Medical School.

There are well-documented gaps between the discovery of knowledge in cancer prevention and control and the application of this knowledge in clinical practice, public health practice and health policy to benefit population health. Implementation research has emerged as a multi-disciplinary field that seeks to alleviate these gaps. To move this field forward, innovative training models are needed.

This award will establish an interdisciplinary research education and training program for post-doctoral fellows focused on implementation science research in cancer prevention and control, including tobacco, obesity, diet, physical activity, skin cancer prevention and cancer screenings. It will be among the first fellowship programs in implementation science across the country.

Faculty from numerous departments and centers across UMMS are involved, as well as several collaborative partners including UMass Boston, UMass Amherst, UMass Memorial Health Care, the Cancer Center of Excellence the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, the Bedford and Central Massachusetts VAs, the Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center and the NCI-sponsored Cancer Research Network.

CONGRATULATIONS!

UMCCTS Community Engagement & Research Section 2014 Pilot Project Awardees:

UMass and Community PIs:	Project Title:
<p>Alok Kapoor, MD Assistant Professor of Medicine Hospital Medicine, UMMS</p> <p>Keren Diamond Senior Vice President of Clinical Operations VNA Care Network</p>	<p><i>Show Back: A Partnership with the VNA Care Network to Improve on the Teach Back Paradigm when Assessing Older Adult Medication Self-Management</i></p>
<p>Carl Fulwiler, MD, PhD Associate Professor and Director Center for Mental Health Services Research Department of Psychiatry, UMMS</p> <p>Ms. Clementina Chery Executive Director Community Organization: Louis B. Brown Peace Institute</p>	<p><i>A Culturally Appropriate Mindfulness Intervention for Survivors of Homicide: A Community-Based Participatory Research Project</i></p>
<p>Kathleen Biebel, PhD Research Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and the Assistant Director of Operations Center for Mental Health Services Research Department of Psychiatry, UMMS</p> <p>Brenda Vezina, MSW Executive Director Central Massachusetts Recovery Learning Community</p> <p>Jonathan Delman, PhD, JD, MPH Research and Evaluation Director Central Massachusetts Recovery Learning Community</p>	<p><i>The Impact of Participation in Recovery Learning Communities on the Social Integration of People with Serious Mental Illnesses: Developing a Conceptual Framework</i></p>

DID YOU KNOW?

UMMS and UMMC Office of Global Health Travel Registration Compliance

All members of UMass Medical School and UMass Memorial Medical Center (faculty, staff, students, residents, fellows, etc.) traveling under UMMS auspices must register for travel with the Office of Global Health (OGH) and the in-country US Embassy **at least one month prior to departure**. UMMS and University of Massachusetts Memorial Health Care (UMMHC) insurance and travel insurance policies cover authorized activities. OGH approval for travel is provided following successful travel registration and is **required** for coverage by the UMass-sponsored AIG travel insurance policy.

Please go to the Office of Global Health website for further information:
<http://www.umassmed.edu/globalhealth/index.aspx>

Contact Deborah Noble, Project Coordinator, Office of Global Health, for any questions/concerns or for assistance, deborah.noble@umassmed.edu or 508-856-2840

EVENTS:

UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science Community Engagement & Research Section Webinar Invitation

**“E-CIGARETTES...ARE THEY SAFE? ARE THEY A CESSATION DEVICE? WHAT IS THEIR IMPACT?
AN EXPLORATION OF RESEARCH GAPS”**

**Wednesday, June 11, 2014
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm**

Tina Grosowsky, MA
Project Coordinator

Central MA Tobacco Free Community Partnership
Department of Psychiatry, UMass Medical School

Greg Seward, MSHCA, LADC-I, CTTS-M
Director, Tobacco-Free Initiative

Director, Tobacco Consultation Services

Instructor, Department of Psychiatry, UMass Medical School and UMass Memorial Medical Center

To register: www.umassmed.edu/ccts/community It is free and open to all!

3rd Annual Deshpande Symposium: Innovation & Entrepreneurship in Higher Education

June 10-12, 2014

**UMass Lowell Inn & Conference Center
Lowell, MA**

This two and a half day Symposium is a gathering of like-minded higher education professionals focused on accelerating innovation and entrepreneurship across the college and university environment.

Over 20 panel sessions will cover a variety of entrepreneurial and commercialization topics. An optional tour of Boston and Cambridge Innovation Ecosystems will also be available on Thursday afternoon of the Symposium.

Audience:

Higher education professionals including college and university Presidents, Chancellors, Provosts, Deans, Department Chairs, Faculty, Administrators, and Directors of Entrepreneurship and/or Academic Research.

For complete details and registration: <http://continuinged.uml.edu/deshpande> (save over 20% when you register by May 15)

Greater Boston Chapter of the Society of Physician Entrepreneurs (SoPE) and Harvard Business School Healthcare Alumni Association

“BIG DATA – OPPORTUNITIES IN HEALTHCARE”
(With live IBM “Watson” demos)

**Thursday, June 19, 2014
5:30 – 8:30 pm**

**IBM Innovation Center
1 Rogers Street, Cambridge, MA**

Registration and complete information at: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/sope-gbc-big-data-opportunities-in-healthcare-with-ibm-watson-demos-tickets-11574237857?aff=es2&rank=1&sid=490e9175da0411e39ad722000aa821d4>

Harvard Catalyst Seminar

“SUBMITTING RESULTS TO CLINICALTRIALS.GOV: PRACTICAL HELPFUL HINTS”

Heather Dobbins, PhD

Lead Results Analyst, ClinicalTrials.gov
National Library of Medicine, NIH

Tuesday, June 24, 2014

9:00 – 11:00 am

Simches 3.110, Massachusetts General Hospital

Wednesday, June 25, 2014

9:00 – 11:00 am

Countway Library, Minot Room, Harvard Medical School

Learn how to register and submit results to the ClinicalTrials.gov database, including specific details about what information needs to be submitted for results at one of the two seminars.

To register for either seminar: <http://bit.ly/1ooNzvv>

Questions? Contact Kelsey Gay: kgay2@partners.org

OF NOTE:

UMass Medical School investigators seeking assistance with ClinicalTrials.gov, including study registration, **can contact Teresa (Terry) Sousa**, Quality Improvement Manager, Clinical Research, in the UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS) for assistance. Terry can be contacted at Teresa.Sousa@Umassmed.edu or 508-856-1960

Duke Translational Medicine Institute 2014 Community Engagement Conference

National Conference on Engaging Patients, Families and Communities in all Phases of Translational Research to Improve Health

Thursday and Friday, August 21 and 22, 2014

Bethesda, MD

Registration and complete details at: <https://www.dtmi.duke.edu/ce-workshop>

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

UMCCTS Small Conference Grants Funding Opportunity

Introduction

The University of Massachusetts Center for Clinical & Translational Science (UMCCTS) is pleased to announce a funding call for **Small Conference Grants**. This funding opportunity is designed to leverage the convening capacity of the UMCCTS to create new, multidisciplinary teams to address a pressing health need. For the purpose of this award, a conference is defined as a symposium, educational program, seminar, workshop, or any other organized and formal meeting.

Purpose

The UMCCTS supports projects that are inter-campus in orientation and directed toward life sciences projects related to clinical and translational research. This fund serves to spur inter-disciplinary collaboration and strengthen the University's research portfolio in clinical and translational research. By providing seed funding to outstanding faculty members, this fund facilitates the development of faculty-to-faculty networks within the University system, thereby leveraging the considerable expertise and resources that exist on the individual campuses. It is assumed that successful conferences will serve as a springboard to attract additional funding from extramural sources.

All UMass faculty (Amherst, Boston, Dartmouth, Lowell, Worcester) with an interest in clinical and translational science may apply. **Project awards of up to \$1,000 can be requested.**

Proposals will be accepted on a "rolling basis" (no due date). Investigators will be notified of award approximately 2-3 weeks post submission.

Complete details, criteria to apply, and the application process are available at the UMCCTS website: <http://www.umassmed.edu/ccts/research/grantopps.aspx>

Call for Proposals for NIH Bench-to-Bedside Program

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Bench-to-Bedside (B2B) Program is currently requesting letters of intent for its 16th cycle of awards. These two-year awards of \$135,000/year (direct costs) are designed to seed new projects that propose to translate basic science to human subjects or vice versa. Bench-to-Bedside proposals can fall into one of seven categories: AIDS; behavioral and social sciences; dietary supplements; minority health; rare diseases; and women's health; and general (intramural-only) projects.

B2B applications must involve an intramural (NIH on-campus) investigator, who may partner with an extramural investigator. Either the intramural or extramural investigator may lead the project, but the intramural investigator is responsible for submitting the application.

Letter of Intent is due: June 18, 2014

Complete information and application details are available at: <http://www.cc.nih.gov/ccc/btb/>

If you have general questions about the extramural investigator's participation in this funding opportunity, please contact Minkyung (Min) Song at songm@mail.nih.gov

Indiana Clinical and Translational Science Institute Indianapolis-based Women's Fund of Central Indiana NEXT Initiative

The Indianapolis-based Women's Fund of Central Indiana is seeking applicants for the NEXT Initiative to support the development and implementation of comprehensive solutions helping women ages 18 to 24 achieve economic stability.

Invited entrepreneurs will spend the first one to two years incubating a solution that the Women's Fund will launch and fund for the subsequent eight to nine years. It is the intention of this initiative to select two to three entrepreneurs who will each receive a salary of \$90,000 and full benefits, during the incubation phase, as an employee of the Central Indiana Community Foundation. (The Women's Fund is a special-interest fund of CICF.)

The NEXT Initiative aims to address the gap in culturally appropriate services for vulnerable women in this age group -- women who have been mired in economic insecurity and are seeking a path to economic stability.

Letters of intent are due **Tuesday, September 2, 2014.**

A webinar for interested individuals will be Wednesday, June 25, 2014. To participate in the webinar, email, womensfund@cicf.org for detailed instructions.

For more information on the NEXT Initiative, visit <http://womensfund.org/next>

Please remember to cite the CTSA Grant # UL1TR000161 in all supported journal publications.

Visit our website for all the latest news, funding announcements, seminars, educational training, sign-up for membership, etc., <http://www.umassmed.edu/ccts>