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NEWS



Thank you to those of you who attended the **UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science 6th Annual Research Retreat** on **Friday, May 20, 2016** at the Albert Sherman Center, University of Massachusetts Medical School. It was a great success!

Thank you also to the presenters and moderators who provided superb, educational presentations during the Mini Symposia component of our retreat. Our keynote speaker, [Vasan Ramachandran, MD, FACC](#), gave an engaging and informative talk addressing the current trends in translational medicine that impact the future of epidemiology. And finally, we had a tremendous reply to our call for poster abstracts with 108 posters presented from all 5-UMass campuses, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and community engagement organizations.

We look forward to next year's UMCCTS Retreat - **SAVE-THE-DATE for Tuesday, May 16, 2017!**

Presentations and poster abstracts for this year's retreat (*pending completion*) and for past retreats, can be accessed at the UMCCTS eScholarship@UMMS website.



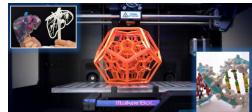
Alternative Metrics ARE Common Metrics

Sally Gore, MS, MSLIS
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I presented a webinar for the digital science company, Altmetric, several months back and then posted the slides and my script online. The marketing group at Altmetric asked me this week if they could repost on their blog. I agreed and thought I'd share it here as my column for this month. Read it to learn more about NCATS Common Metrics Initiative and the benefit of tracking alternative metrics to measure research impact.

[Read Blog](#)

DID YOU KNOW?



3D Printing - You Think It...We Print It

The University of Massachusetts Medical School (UMMS) is excited about bringing new and innovative tools and technologies to UMMS as it is an important element in the overall scope of UMMS Information Technology Services. In collaboration with our partners in Lowell and Amherst, the UMMS IT Department is exploring the concept of bringing 3D Printing technology and services to UMMS in order to support and advance your research and science.

With 3D Printing, we hope to be able to provide the ability for you to take your imagination and ideas and make them real with physical 3D models. Whether you need a customized approach to attach a video camera to a microscope, or are looking for a way to improve experiments in the lab, 3D Printing could be the way of your future.

[Learn More](#)

For more information, please email [UMMS Information Technology](#).

EVENTS

July 2016 Events



Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) Upcoming Educational Opportunities

Clinical Research Professionals Group (CRPG) Meetings:

Thursday, July 14, 2016

1:00 - 2:00 pm

Hiatt Auditorium, S1-608, UMMS, Worcester



Friday, August 19, 2016

10:00 - 11:00 am

Hiatt Auditorium, S1-608, UMMS, Worcester

Wednesday, September 14, 2016

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Albert Sherman Center, ASC7-2072-7th floor conference room, UMMS, Worcester

[Learn More](#)

HIPAA and Human Subjects Research

Please save the following dates for an exciting panel discussion series on HIPAA and Human Subjects Research.

Wednesdays, Amphitheater I, S2-102, UMMS, Worcester

November 2, 2016

4:00 - 5:00 pm

November 9, 2016

8:00 - 9:00 am

November 16, 2016

8:00 - 9:00 am

November 30, 2016

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Research Coordinator Trainings

The Basic and Intermediate Clinical Research Coordinator trainings will not be offered during the summer months, but stay tuned for upcoming dates in the fall of 2016!

Questions? Please email HRPEducation@umassmed.edu

Academic Job Search Series

Provided by the [UMMS Center for Biomedical Career Development](#)

Part 2: Writing Your Statement of Teaching Philosophy

Monday, July 18, 2016

12:00 - 2:00 pm

S2-310, 2nd floor conference room, UMMS



Part 3: Preparing for the Interview Visit Part 4: Negotiating Your Startup Package

Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Part 3, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Part 4, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

S2-310, 2nd floor conference room, UMMS

Questions or Comments? Please email GSBScareer@umassmed.edu



You're Invited!

Distilling Your Message

A Special Interactive Workshop
by the
Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science



Save the date:
Friday, November 18, 2016
9am -11am on the UMMS campus
Room and registration TBA



The Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science at Stony Brook University is dedicated to helping scientists more effectively communicate with the public, with funders, with policymakers, and with fellow scientists. The UMass Medical School workshop will be led by Dr. Evonne Kaplan-Liss, medical program director at The Alda Center. Dr. Kaplan-Liss (pictured, right) is a clinical associate professor in the Program in Public Health, Preventive Medicine and Pediatrics at Stony Brook Medicine and a former network journalist.

Sponsored by the Office of Communications with support from the Office of Research, Office of Advancement, Office of Faculty Affairs, Office of Innovation & Business Development, UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science and the GSBS Center for Biomedical Career Development.



Teaching of Tomorrow (TOT) *Enhancing Clinical Teaching Skills through Discourse and Practice*

*Sponsored by the Clinical Faculty Development Center,
UMass Medical School*
4-Day Course to be held on:
November 18-19, 2016 AND March 10-11, 2017

Teaching of Tomorrow (TOT) is a nationally recognized and highly acclaimed Faculty Development Program for preceptors of medical students and residents. First offered in 1994, this program is presented by UMass faculty from the departments of Family Medicine, Internal Medicine and Pediatrics; over 1,500 clinical faculty and preceptors throughout the Northeast and beyond have participated. The course is designed for clinicians from any specialty—anyone who is interested in refining their clinical teaching skills and networking with other clinician educators.

[Read More](#)

FUNDING and TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



Health Resources in Action
Advancing Public Health and Medical Research

Charles H. Hood Foundation
Child Health Research Awards Program

The intent of the Award is to support newly **independent faculty**, provide the opportunity to demonstrate creativity, and assist in the transition to other sources of research funding. **Research projects must be relevant to child health.**

Deadline date: Monday September 19, 2016

[Learn More](#)



National Institutes of Health
Turning Discovery Into Health

**NIH Science of Behavior Change:
Use-inspired Basic Research to Optimize
Behavior Change Interventions and Outcomes**

PA-16-334

The goal of this funding opportunity announcement is to test how and why behavior change interventions produce and sustain desired outcomes when implemented in experimental, clinical, community or population-level settings.

Please contact [Nate Hafer](#) if interested in applying.

Deadline date: November 10, 2016

[Learn More](#)

**NIH Limited Competition:
Exploratory CTSA Collaborative Innovation**

Awards (R21) PAR-16-343

The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement is to support highly innovative, exploratory, collaborative research projects in the NCATS' Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) program, with the goal of assessing utility and feasibility of proposed innovation(s).

Please contact [Nate Hafer](#) if interested in applying.

Deadline date: Rolling Deadlines

[Learn More](#)

NIH Limited Competition: Administrative Supplements to Enhance Network Capacity: Collaborative Opportunities for the CTSA Program (Admin Supp)

PA-16-328

NCATS announces the availability of funds for Administrative Supplements to enhance network capacity in the Clinical and Translational Sciences Awards (CTSA) program. These funds are intended to enhance network capacity through implementing, assessing, and/or disseminating discoveries in methods, approaches, education, and training in clinical and translational science. Funds will allow investigators from two or more different CTSA hubs to form collaborations within the CTSA network and/or with external partners to implement, assess, and/or disseminate discoveries from across the network. These activities must be within the scope of the approval aims of the parent award and provide significant advances across the translational science spectrum.

Please contact [Nate Hafer](#) if interested in applying.

Deadline date: Rolling deadlines

[Learn More](#)

**University of Massachusetts Medical School
Transdisciplinary Training in
Cardiovascular Research (T32)**



UMass has a cardiovascular T32 training grant entitled "Transdisciplinary Training in Cardiovascular Research" under the direction and senior leadership of Drs. Catarina Kiefe and John Keaney. The program represents a wonderful opportunity for the institution to promote the entire spectrum (T0-T2+) of cardiovascular research on our campus. We are writing to request applications from trainees who wish to become part of this exciting program at the postdoctoral level. New trainees will join 4 other current trainees in the program.

Eligibility: Please see <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-14015.html>

Duration of support: Funding for two years of support provided. Trainees may apply for an additional year.

Amount of support: Based upon the NIH stipend schedule as outlined in the link below. Faculty sponsors may, at their discretion and with department and institutional approval supplement the NIH stipend, but only from a non-federal, non-sponsored funding source.
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-15-048.html>

Proposals are accepted on a rolling basis.

[Learn More](#)



Please remember to cite the CTSA Grant # UL1-TR001453 in all [supported journal publications](#).

The U Mass Center for Clinical and Translational Science (UMCCTS) was founded in 2006 to enhance clinical and translational research across the five University of Massachusetts campuses and our clinical partner, UMass Memorial Health Care. With the receipt of an NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) in 2010, and its successful renewal in 2015, the UMCCTS joined a network of 62 NIH-funded centers collaborating to transform the conduct of clinical and translational research across the U.S. Other key partners include our patients and communities, foundations, biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies, and members of the venture capital and philanthropic communities.

We encourage you to browse through our [website](#) to learn more about how the UMCCTS catalyzes clinical and translational research through education and training, pilot funding programs, cores, services and collaboration.

