Welcome to the eighth edition of the CCTS Investigator! This e-newsletter is sent to the OSU Research Community, faculty, staff, and students on a monthly basis. Scroll down for news and updates from The Ohio State University Center for Clinical and Translational Science. Visit us at ccts.osu.edu.

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LATEST NEWS AT THE CCTS

OSU CCTS Awards Pilot Comparative Effectiveness Research Grants

Two researchers have each been awarded one-year pilot grants

The purpose of The Ohio State University Center for Clinical & Translational Science (CCTS) Pilot and Collaborative Translational and Clinical Studies Program is to stimulate new research at OSU. The CCTS was awarded additional funding under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) to create more research opportunities under the Pilot and Collaborative Translational and Clinical Studies Program.

The specific goal of this award cycle is to assist principal investigators with projects relating to Comparative Effectiveness Research (CER) and to generate preliminary data to ultimately launch new nationally funded research grant submissions. New resources and training opportunities are being developed within the CCTS which will be available to facilitate CER research.

The two awardees selected were Gayle Gordillo, MD and Celia Wills, PhD.

Read more on the CCTS website...

REDCap Overview Session

Tuesday, July 20 from 2:30 - 4:00 pm at the Prior Health Sciences Library, Room 240

REDCap (Research Electronic Data Capture) is a secure, web-based application designed exclusively to support data capture for research studies.

The 90-minute session offers a brief overview of the REDCap and REDCap Survey tools (http://www.project-redcap.org/software.php), which are supported by the CCTS Biomedical Informatics core and offer functionality for creating web-based data collection forms and surveys, respectively.

RSVP to Tara Payne, Director of CCTS Research Informatics Services to attend the session
OSU CCTS Awards NCTMP Computer, Mathematical, Biostatistical, Computational Methods Grants

Four researchers have each been awarded one-year pilot grants

The overarching goal of the Novel Clinical and Translational Methodologies Program (NCTMP) is to enable the development and dissemination of innovative methodologies and technologies that facilitate clinical and translational research.

To achieve this goal, three integrated processes are involved: identification of innovative testbed areas where investment would result in enabling a methodological platform that is widely applicable in clinical and translational research; incentivize a plan to disseminate the novel methodology through core services such that it may have a broad user base; and catalog and build a resource inventory of expertise (research networking) that will facilitate incorporation of novel methodologies into research endeavors.

The four awardees selected were Jeffrey Chalmers, PhD, Ching-Shan Chou, PhD, Raghu Machiraju, PhD, and Victor Jin, PhD.

Read more on the CCTS website...

Speaker Presentations and Posters Available Online

The speaker presentations and posters from the 3rd Annual CTSA Clinical Research Management Workshop are now available on the CTSAweb.org website.

View the presentations and posters

New RFA Pilot Awards to be Released in August

There will be new RFA Pilot Grant Awards released in the first week of August. More information will be available at that time.

Tools of the Trade

Monday, September 13 from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm in the Ohio Union Cartoon Room

This one-day event will provide new investigators with the tools and resources needed to get their research up and running. Topics will include: participant recruitment; working with mentors; organizing and collecting data; publishing; and a mock IRB review. The event is free and open to investigators across campus. Lunch will be provided.

Learn more about Tools of the Trade and register to attend

Conference on Clinical Research for Rare Diseases (CCRRD)

The CCRRD, co-sponsored by the CTSA Rare Disease Workgroup and the Rare Disease Clinical Research Network, will be held Tuesday, Sept. 21 in Bethesda, MD.

The focus of the one-day conference is the training and support of the new rare disease investigators and includes a series of short lectures, panel discussions, and a question-and-answer session with expert researchers in rare diseases. Attendees will have the opportunity to present their work and receive feedback and advice from rare disease investigators.

There is a registration fee of $100, which includes meals, refreshment breaks, and meeting materials. Travel awards are available on a competitive basis to eligible trainees or junior faculty.

Learn more about the 2010 CCRRD

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Registration is still open for the Discovery, Innovation and Commercialization Workshop Series

The CCTS is collaborating with the Fisher College of Business and the OSU College of Medicine for the Discovery, Innovation and Commercialization Workshop series, which focuses on innovation in healthcare and medicine.

The series provides clinical and translational investigators with enhanced capabilities and support in translating scientific discoveries into products and services that lead to improved patient outcomes.

At the conclusion of the series, participants can request consultation from a business team that will provide additional guidance and support in translating discoveries into new products and services.

The remaining workshops will occur on Fridays, 1:00 – 4:00 pm, July 30, Aug. 20, Oct. 8, and Oct. 29, 2010.

Registration and tickets are free and can be ordered on-line.

Compliance with NIH Public Access Policy

This is just a reminder that as investigators funded by the NIH, you are required to ensure that the National Library of Medicine's PubMed Central has an electronic version of your final, peer-reviewed manuscripts upon acceptance for publication, to be made publicly available no later than 12 months after the official date of publication.

View the CCTS website to access the NIH Public Access Policy

FACULTY / STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Jeremy Neal, PhD, CNM, RN,  (pictured) was awarded a supplemental pilot award, which he is using to conduct research about the diagnosis of active labor. Specifically, his research focuses on finding markers that can predict active labor in first-time, low-risk mothers.

Read more on the CCTS website…

UPCOMING EVENTS

To view a list of upcoming lectures and seminars at the OSU CCTS, visit our Education and Training page and click on Seminars & Lectures.

NEW SERVICES / RESOURCES

CCTS protocol development office hours listed. CCTS and CRC Managers will be available to review investigators’ clinical research ideas Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. in room 243 of the Prior Health Sciences Library. Managers can help materialize concepts and identify additional resources.

Webcasting/Video Conferencing Services are now located in the Collaboratory. This technology allows researchers to interact with other individuals by video or phone conferences. Please contact Ruth Miller at Ruth.Miller@osumc.edu well in advance to book a session in the Collaboratory.

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RESEARCH CONCIERGE / REQUEST CCTS SERVICES

Valerie DeGroff (pictured) provides the CCTS staff with more than 30 years of research and administrative experience. As Research Concierge, she can assist researchers with their projects by helping to navigate the research infrastructure, matching requests for specialized expertise with faculty, assessing research needs, making recommendations for services, and facilitating access to CCTS resources.

Please contact Valerie about any clinical and translational research question via phone at 614-366-7367, or Request for Research Concierge Services.

For information about Requests for Applications (RFAs) or other deadlines related to CCTS Awards, visit the CCTS Awards Calendar.

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