Welcome to the thirteenth 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

New KL2 Scholar Awards Announced

The CCTS is proud to announce three recipients of the KL2 Career Development Scholar Awards. These awardees joined the four current awardees on Jan. 1. Each award provides funds for research and travel expenses, research training, career development, and salary support of protected research time. The awardees are Beth Besecker, MD; Abigail Norris Turner, PhD; and Jonathan Slaughter, MD.

Read more about these awardees and their research.

Research Coordinator Training Website Now Available

The Research Coordinator Training website is a cumulative body of knowledge on conducting clinical research at OSU. It links in other training resources around the university including training opportunities and OSU policies and regulations. The site follows the “life of a clinical trial” so that users may quickly jump to areas of interest as well as commonly used templates and forms.

This site was developed in a collaborative effort by representatives from the CCTS, College of Medicine’s Office of Research, Office of Responsible Research Practices, Office of Sponsored Programs, Comprehensive Cancer Center, Heart & Vascular Center Research Organization, Research Billing Office, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, and experienced research professionals.

Please contact Jennifer Niemeyer with any questions or comments.

New Core Focuses on Behavioral and Social Outcomes

The Child Health Behavioral and Social Outcomes Core is a new shared resource available to investigators seeking to incorporate behavioral, social, and economic measures into their research. These methods can be used to characterize samples, measure the effects and side-effects of treatments in clinical trials, track the course of recovery from disease or injury, and/or assess the economic impact of disease.

The Core, directed by Keith Yeates, provides services to investigators holding faculty appointments at OSU, on the main campus and at Nationwide Children's Hospital. The Core will also provide services to graduate students and postdoctoral fellows receiving support from the OSU Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS).

For more information visit the Nationwide Children’s Hospital website.

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Read the Latest Issue of *CTS: Clinical and Translational Science*

The Society for Clinical and Translational Science has released its latest issue of *CTS: Clinical and Translational Science*. Read the latest CTS online

**Webinar on Adaptive Trial Design**

The NIH IC-CTSA Collaborations Group will host a Webinar discussing Adaptive Trial Design on Monday, January 31, 2011 at 11:00 am. Download the original flier

**Researchers and the Community: Working Together to Address Pressing Issues**

Clinical and Translational Science requires not only progression from bench to bedside (i.e., basic and animal studies to human studies), but from controlled settings to the real world. It is no surprise, then, that this process can be difficult, with multiple challenges along the way, including recruitment of research participants and successful community engagement in research.

In an effort to learn how to best overcome these obstacles, the CCTS held their first “You Can Be Part of the Answer” focus group on November 16, 2010. Read more on the CCTS website

**The Tradition of Community-Based Research: From Mentor to Mentee**

Dr. Mary Fristad, Professor of Psychiatry, Psychology, and Human Nutrition at the Ohio State University and 2008 CCTS Community Engagement pilot awardee, and Heather MacPherson, doctoral student, discussed their mentor-mentee relationship and research endeavors in the area of child and adolescent psychiatry.

Through this process, Fristad has been able to not only pass on her passion for research in general, but also her enthusiasm for community-based research. Read more on the CCTS website

**Tools of the Trade Event Returns in February**

Tools of the Trade is a day-long event for early and newly funded investigators who need the tools and resources to get their research up and running. Topics will include participant recruitment, working with mentors, organizing and collecting data, publishing, and mock IRB reviews.

The event will be on February 22, 2011 from 8:00am – 3:00pm in the Ohio Union Cartoon Room and is sponsored by the Center for Clinical and Translational Science. It is free and open to investigators from all disciplines across campus. Lunch will be provided.

Register online or visit the CCTS website for more information. For more information contact Stephanie Vecchiarelli at ccts-education@osumc.edu.

**Save the Date: Second Annual CCTS Scientific Meeting**

*Translational Therapeutics and Diagnostics*

Friday, March 4th 2011
8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Biomedical Research Tower

Look for registration materials coming later this month. For more information, contact Valerie DeGroff. Note: This meeting was originally scheduled for January 28, 2011. Please update your calendar.

**The CTSA Releases January Newsletter**

The CTSA monthly national newsletter has been released. View the newsletter

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Comparative Effectiveness Research Training Program

The Ohio State University has received funding from the NIH to establish a training program for comparative effectiveness research (CER) through the OSU College of Public Health and sponsored by the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS).

The CCTS will operate the training program in collaboration with Nationwide Children’s Hospital. Clinician researchers and other health professionals interested in gaining skills in CER are encouraged to apply to the training program. The CER training program components include online training modules, a 1-2 week summer program, and a field-based capstone experience.

Application Due: March 1, 2011, visit the website for more information and to download the original flier.

StudySearch Registry Now Lists 108 Open Studies at OSU

StudySearch is a searchable research study registry for OSU protocols seeking volunteers. This recruitment tool is available in order to provide a lay-friendly searchable listing of OSU IRB-approved studies for the OSU Community and the general public.

StudySearch includes only basic descriptive information: study title, purpose, eligibility criteria, and study personnel contact information.

To post a study contact Carson.Reider@osumc.edu, or visit the StudySearch page.

CCTS Membership

CCTS members are eligible to use all services provided by the CCTS, including access to the online service request form, as well as receiving timely communication updates, increased collaborative opportunities within the national consortium, and funding and educational opportunities.

Membership is free, and the CCTS website (ccts.osu.edu) has more information on how to become a member. Learn more and register for membership.

FACULTY / STAFF HIGHLIGHT

The CCTS Pilot and Collaborative Translational and Clinical Science Program has awarded James Belknap, DVM, PhD, a pilot grant to be used for his research of equine laminitis.

Laminitis is a crippling disease that affects horses. Similar to organ injury in humans with sepsis, it entails an inflammatory injury of the laminae, a soft tissue (of the same cell types that make up our skin) which interdigitates to support the horses’ third phalanx (coffin bone).

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.

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FEATURED SERVICES / RESOURCES

The Comparative Animal Core (CAC), a resource supported by the CCTS, assists investigators at OSU and Nationwide Children’s Hospital with a variety of translational applications.

The CAC houses the Comparative Pathology and Mouse Phenotyping Shared Resource (CPMPSR), the Clinical Trials Office (CTO), and the Tissue Bank (Biospecimen Repository). Request services from the CCTS.

CONTACT US

Please contact Valerie, our Research Concierge, with any clinical and translational research questions via phone at 614-366-7367, or visit our Request for Research Concierge Services section of the website.

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