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Director's Message

Susanna McColley, MD, Director of the Clinical & Translational Research (CTR) Program of Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and Associate Clinical Director for Child Health at NUCATS, highlights the clinical trial initiatives happening for children in the CTR program.

Highlights include:

- New Mission Statement, Research Scientist Navigator, and Research Support Staff Pool
- Collaboration with the NUCATS Institute and Northwestern University

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NUCATS Point of Contact Interview

With a name, a face and contact information, you'll be able to connect with NUCATS better than ever. This month get to know...

Kelly Carroll, PhD
Research Scientist Navigator

Meet Kelly Carroll, PhD, NUCATS Point of Contact for the Clinical & Translational Research Program of Stanley Manne Children's Research Institute at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago. If you are interested in learning about the research resources available at Lurie Children's, Kelly is your contact.

Read Interview>
Collaboration

Galter Library Director Nominated to Serve Four Year Appointment on NLM's BLIRC

Kristi Holmes, PhD, Director of Galter Health Sciences Library and Associate Professor in Preventive Medicine-Health and Biomedical Informatics, was nominated to serve on the Biomedical Library and Informatics Review Committee (BLIRC) of the National Library of Medicine (NLM), the only charted study section of the NLM. The Extramural Programs (EP) of the NLM offers grants for research projects and research training in biomedical informatics. The majority of NLM's applications are reviewed by the BLIRC and reviewers are chosen primarily for their subject domain expertise. Dr. Holmes will serve a 4 year term starting in November 2014. Learn more about NLM Extramural Programs>

Galter Library Needs Your Input on a New eBook Collection

Galter Health Sciences Library's current eBook platform, MD Consult, will be retired by Elsevier in the coming months. Elsevier's replacement for MD consult is Clinical Key which provides access to over 1,100 books, 500 journals, medical images, procedural videos, drug monographs, point of care tools and more. Galter Library invites Northwestern University to trial the beta Clinical Key site and provide feedback on the experience. If you are on the NU network, you can explore Clinical Key here. If you are off-campus, please first connect to the NU VPN. Please note that this is a beta version of Clinical Key and you may experience limited functionality. For more information, please contact Mark Berendsen, MLIS. Complete Clinical Key Trial Survey>

Community

Stakeholder Spotlight: Access Living

Access Living, a new member of the Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) steering committee, is a change agent committed to fostering an inclusive society that enables Chicagoans with disabilities to live fully-engaged and self-directed lives. Judy Reis, MA, MS, Health Care Policy Analyst for Access Living, discusses their research interests in addressing health care disparities for people with disabilities and their current research project on the value of peer health navigation for Medicaid recipients with disabilities in a managed care environment. Judy also discusses how their qualitative research project focused on identifying health care barriers for people with disabilities, funded by the ARCC, generated another community-based research project funded by the American Cancer Society examining breast and uterine cancer screening experiences of women with disabilities. Read Interview>

ARCC Seed Grant Partnership Awarded NIH Grant Using Seed
**Grant Research**

Congratulations to the South Asian Heart Lifestyle Intervention (SAHELI) partnership including **Namratha Kandula, MD/MPH**, Assistant Professor of Medicine-General Internal Medicine and Geriatrics, and **Preventive Medicine**, her team, and **Metropolitan Asian Family Services (MAFS)** for receiving a grant award from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. The project, "Community-Clinical Partnership to Promote Physical Activity in South Asian Women", will pilot a culturally-salient physical activity intervention among underserved and overweight South Asian women at high risk for developing type 2 diabetes mellitus. The award included research from SAHELI's **Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC)** seed grant. To learn more about the partnership's research in improving the health of South Asians, please click [here](#). To learn more about ARCC seed grants, please click [here](#).

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**Education**

**FSM Faculty Leader Joins NUCATS Education to Co-Direct GCP and Research Staff Training**

The NUCATS Institute is pleased to welcome **Sharon Rosenberg, MD**, Assistant Professor in Medicine-Pulmonary, to the Education and Career Development arm of the Institute. Dr. Rosenberg will serve as the co-Director of Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and Research Staff Training within the Education and Career Development area. Dr. Rosenberg’s first priority in this new role will be to work with NUCATS Education's Associate Director, **Michael Fleming, MD/MPH**, on the Institute’s newly awarded National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) administrative supplement grant. The nine month project, "Enhancing Clinical Research Professionals' Training and Qualifications", involves working with the University of Michigan and other Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) members to develop and implement standardized GCP training that will be mandated throughout the CTSA. [Read Interview>](#)

**NUCATS Spotlight: MSCI Student - Waheeda Samady, MD**

NUCATS highlights Master of Science in Clinical Investigation (MSCI) student, **Waheeda Samady, MD**, Clinical Instructor in Pediatrics-Hospital-Based Medicine. In her interview, Waheeda discusses exploring how to utilize hospitalists and hospitalized patients in a simple prospective study. She believes hospitalists can be key clinical researchers due to their versatile role in the hospital, especially as collaborators with other subspecialties, and that it would be efficient and timely to invite patients to participate in research during their inpatient hospitalization with the hope that the data collected will improve care during subsequent hospital visits. [Read Interview>](#)
**MSRC Instructor Recipient of Prestigious Award in Quality Advancement**

Manu Vora, PhD, MBA, instructor for the Master of Science in Regulatory Compliance (MSRC) quality systems track, will be the recipient of this year's prestigious Harrington/Ishikawa Medal. This award is given annually to an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the advancement of quality in the Asia Pacific region. Dr. Vora will receive the medal at the 20th Asia Pacific Quality Conference in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on November 23, 2014. [Read Interview >]

**October Clinical Research Educational Opportunities**

The NUCATS Institute Good Clinical Practice and Research Staff Training programs include a full complement of instructor-led and online educational opportunities for clinical research professionals at various stages in their professional development. [Learn about upcoming clinical research educational opportunities >]

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**Infrastructure**

**eNOTIS Releases New Features and Information Sessions**

The Enterprise Open Trial Information System (eNOTIS), a clinical trial management system that helps improve safety and security for enrolling participants in research studies, has released new features that expand beyond its standard research subject tracking log and billing accuracy tools. The new features include a built-in study calendar function, data capture form, and a recruitment tool. The study calendar allows you to alert coordinators to important study dates and events/activities so that you can see the upcoming study events as a whole or specific to a participant. The data capture form offers the ability to create customized forms in conjunction with a screening tool. eNOTIS is a tool that will allow you to centralize your participant tracking, study budget, data capture, and study schedule tracking in one place. If you are new to using eNOTIS or are interested in learning more about the new features, NUCATS is hosting eNOTIS New Features Sessions on the 1st Wednesday of every month and eNOTIS Basics Sessions on the 4th Wednesday of every month. These sessions are also offered in effort to help you comply with the Dean's Office FSM Clinical Research Participant Tracking Policy. To learn more about how NUCATS can help you manage all aspects of your study data from study conception and design, to data collection, through analysis, please click [here].

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**Unified Culture**

**Chicagoland Chapter of ACRP Invites Clinical Research Professionals to Networking Event**

Clinical research professionals are invited to the attend the Chicagoland Chapter of ACRP’s first networking event hosted by the Clinical Research Exchange on Thursday, October 9th, from 6-8pm at 222 S. Riverside Plaza in downtown Chicago. Guest speaker Trish Anen, RN, MBA, NEA-BC, Vice President ACRP.
of Clinical Services at Metropolitan Chicago Healthcare Council, will present "Drug Trials and the Windy City: The State of Clinical Research in Chicagoland" at the event. Admission is free and includes door prizes, networking activities, appetizers, and beverages. Additional information on the event can be found here. To learn more about the Chicagoland Chapter of ACRP and how to become a member, please click here.  RSVP for Chicagoland Chapter of ACRP Networking Event>

Funding Opportunities

**NUCATS Voucher and Pilot Data Programs**
The NUCATS voucher and pilot data programs are a new funding mechanism designed to accelerate research by providing rapid, targeted funding to address small, but critical gaps in clinical and translational research work that is otherwise at present not funded by other sources. **Learn more>**

**NU-Interdisciplinary Program 1-2-3**
The Office for Research and the Deans are pleased to announce a new seed-funding platform to cultivate investigator-initiated visionary "Big Ideas". The NU-Interdisciplinary Program 1-2-3 was developed in response to gaps and needs that were identified as possibly hindering the pursuit of bold research at Northwestern University. The program consists of 3-tiers of non-sequential, seed funds that will support Ideas (I1), Innovative Initiatives (I2) and Innovative Initiatives Incubators (I3) by providing funding and guidance to bring together new teams and shepherd "Big Science" from the inception of an idea to securing external funding and possible maturation into a University Research Center, focusing on interdisciplinarity, innovation, and societal impact. In addition to funds, the program will provide project management, assistance in finding funding opportunities, proposal development and Team Science guidance. For more information please contact Fruma Yehiely, Director, Office of Research Development (yehiely@northwestern.edu). **Learn more>**

Save the Date

October 6 - First Mondays Faculty Development 2014/2015 Seminar Series

October 9 - Center for Molecular Innovation and Drug Discovery's 19th Annual Drug Discovery Symposium

October 9 - Local Chapter of ACRP Networking Event

October 10 - Building Health Equity throughout Chicago through Community Engaged Research

October 10 - 2014 Chicago LGBT Health and Wellness Conference

October 21-23 - 16th Annual NIH SBIR/STTR Conference

October 23 - Chicago HealthTECH Summit

October 30 - 19th Annual James E. & Bonnie L. Eckenhoff Lecture

November 3 - 5 - CRC Basic Training Live

November 6 - ARCC Workshop with Kendall Stagg: Role of Researchers in the Policy Development Process
Did you know...

The Pediatric Research Group (PPRG) is the oldest pediatric practice-based research network (PBRN) in the country. PBRNs focus on issues important to improving the health and healthcare of patients in the community. PPRG is part of the Practice-based Research Program in IPHAM's Center for Community Health (CCH) and includes 48 practices with 79 clinic sites and 415 medical providers.

Become familiar with CCH's Practice-based Research Program opportunities.

The NUCATS Institute is a member of the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), an initiative led by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The Institute is currently funded by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) of the NIH research grant 8UL1TR000150-05. The same research award was previously funded by National Center for Research Resources (NCRR) of the National Institutes of Health and recognized as research grant UL1RR025741.