

September 9, 2016



# CCTS DIGEST

## Center for Clinical and Translational Science

Providing solutions to sharpen science, improve human health, and address disparities and diseases disproportionately represented within the Deep South.



### Did You Know?

Congrats to Dr. Gary R. Cutter, professor of Biostatistics, UAB SOPH, and director of the international multicenter randomized thymectomy trial in non-thymomatous myasthenia gravis patients. His Data Coordinating Center managed and analyzed all of the data from the three-year trial, which found thymectomy plus alternate-day prednisone improved outcomes compared to prednisone alone, as described in a recent New England Journal of Medicine article. [More](#)

## News/Announcements



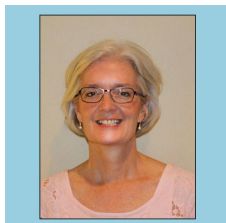
### CCTS Launches 2017 Partner Network Multidisciplinary Pilot Program

Do you investigate health at the community or population level and/or research health challenges across the lifespan? Do you have ideas for a new medical device or an innovative approach to reducing health disparities or improving clinical study recruitment? If so, consider applying for a CCTS 2017 pilot award! Submit your letter of intent by **5pm on Oct. 17, 2016**. [More](#)



### Sept. Forum Highlights Tips for Meeting NIH Reproducibility Requirements

This month's Forum featured panelists from across the CCTS partner network who have served on NIH study sections since the rollout of the rigor, reproducibility, and transparency (R2T) requirements. Participants left armed with ideas to improve their next grant score. [More](#)



### New E-Learning Course on Best Practices in Social and Behavioral Research Now Available

"Good Clinical Practice for Social and Behavioral Research," a 9-module focused on improving efficiency in clinical trial/study implementation, is now available on the C4 website. Suitable for PIs, study coordinators, students, and community partners. Congrats to CCTS Clinical Research Support and Training Director Penny Jester, who helped author the course. [More](#)

## Funding Opportunities

### UAB-HudsonAlpha CGM Announces New Postdoc Training Program in Genomic Medicine

The Center for Genomic Medicine (CGM) is accepting applications



### UAB Medicine Launching SPARC Challenge

UAB Medicine, in conjunction with Medscape, launches its Sourcing Progress & Advancing Research Collaboration, or SPARC, on Monday, Sept. 12. UAB faculty/staff are encouraged to submit ideas that align with AMC21 goals, Health System strategic foci, and/or team performance. Top ideas win part of \$45,000 pilot fund. **Ideas welcome through Sept. 23, 2016.** [More](#)



### NCATS Announces Funding for Repurposing Therapeutics

This new UH2/UH3 award is to support pre-clinical studies to repurpose existing drugs or biologics that have already begun or completed a Phase I trial. Proposals must use innovative processes to identify the therapeutic/indication pair (e.g., crowdsourcing, big data, computational algorithms). **LOI by Oct. 10, 2016.** [More](#)



### CCTS Encourages Applications to NCATS Research Diversity Supplement

Low representation of minority groups in research remains, despite demonstrated benefits of inclusion. This award provides funding to recruit and support students, postdocs, and investigators from nationally underrepresented groups.

**Internal deadline for proposals is Dec. 1, 2016.** [More](#)

## Upcoming Events



### CCTS PSDS: The Ethics of Research Design: Assessing Risk and Benefit

Dr. Thomas Huddle, professor, UAB Department of Medicine, will present. Will examine the concept of clinical equipoise and recent criticisms of this major conceptual tool for determining the reasonableness of risk in human subjects research. GoTo accessible.

**Sept. 14 | 8:00-9:30am | PCAMS | [REGISTER](#)**



### PROMISED Program: Career Coaching Workshop

This Professional Mentoring Skills Enhancing Diversity training is geared toward mentors who are passionate about helping mentees from diverse backgrounds drive their careers forward. Lodging and most meals are covered, travel is not. Limited space is available.

**Sept. 14-16 | Pittsburgh, PA | [RSVP](#)**



### UAB 2016 Microbiome Resource Workshop: Beyond the Basics

Dr. Claire M. Fraser, director, Institute for Genome Sciences, University of Maryland, will present. Available via GoToMeeting.

**[REGISTER](#)**

**Sept. 14 | 12-5pm | Beville Biomedical Research Bldg.**

Sept. 15 | 12-1pm | Margaret Cameron Spain Auditorium



### **Auburn's This Is Research: Faculty Symposium**

This event seeks to promote connections among researchers and creative scholars and kicks off a creative scholarship showcase that runs from Sept. 17-Oct. 2nd. The symposium will take place at the AU Hotel & Conference Center.

Sept. 16 | 8am-6pm | [More](#)



### **CCTS TIERS: Team Conflict Management**

Dr. David A. Rogers, professor, UAB Dept. of Surgery, and senior associate dean of Faculty Affairs and Professional Development, will present. Conflict is inevitable even on research teams; learn how best to handle it.

Sept. 21 | 5:00-6:00pm | PCAMS | [REGISTER](#)



### **Faculty Onboarding Workshop: "Success in Research at UAB"**

Cosponsored by the UAB School of Medicine and Office of Senior Vice Provost, this workshop will provide an overview of best practices associated with conducting research at UAB. Will address IRB, CCTS, and other research entities.

Sept. 26 | 8:00am-2:30pm | Finley Conference Rm | [RSVP](#)



### **4th Annual Immunogenomics: Shaping the Future of Human Health**

HudsonAlpha hosts this conference, which will address the microbiome, single cell approaches, epigenomics of immune cells, systems immunobiology, immunodiversity, and more.

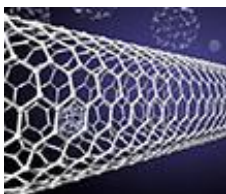
Sept. 26-28, 2016 | Huntsville, AL | [More](#)



### **3rd Annual Community Engagement Institute**

CEI is an annual full-day symposium focused on issues related to health equity and social justice. The CEI examines the importance of why and how community engagement and collaboration are effective in social/behavioral research and essential in community building practices. Student discounts until 9/30. Register soon.

Oct. 14, 2016 | BJCC East Meeting Hall, Birmingham | [More](#)



### **4th NanoBio Summit**

A scientific forum for industry professionals, faculty, students, and postdocs from a broad range of disciplines to collaborate, discover, explore commercialization. Foci include nanobioscience, nanoengineering, nanomaterials, and biotech.

Oct. 13-14, 2016 | Foy Union Bldg, Auburn | [More](#)

**Complete listing of CCTS events**