Announcements

Reminder: Do you know a faculty member who goes above and beyond in their role? Nominate them for a 2019 Department of Medicine Faculty Award!
Deadline for nominations: Monday, 5/20 Learn more | Submit a nomination
Research focused awards:
1. Outstanding Scientific Citation
2. R. Wayne Alexander Excellence in Research

Reminder: Nominate a colleague for a 2019 Department of Medicine staff award!
Deadline for nominations: Monday 6/3 Now is your chance to recognize the achievements of those who work alongside you every day and have made significant contributions to their divisions, the department and the School of Medicine. Read more

Reminder: Presenter slots are limited! Speed networking about sepsis at Emory University, Tuesday 6/25, James B. Williams Medical Education Building, Room 130, 5:30 -7:30 p.m.
Deadline to register: Friday 5/31 Join faculty from across the Georgia CTSA for an energetic and dynamic evening of networking at our version of The Gong Show! Dean Vikas Sukatme will emcee this event as attendees present their research about sepsis in 3 minutes or less with the goal of seeking new collaborators. Read more | Register now

Register Now! Postdocs, Research Fellows and Investigators: MANDATORY Fall 2019 Ethics Course
Deadline: Wednesday 6/5 The Office of Postdoctoral Education will again offer the Responsible Conduct of Research Ethics courses GAH:601A, starting in September 2019. Designed especially for Postdocs, Medical Research Fellows, and Early Career Researchers to complete NIH Ethics training requirements for federal funding and proposals. The Ethics course has an online and classroom component with classroom sessions in the School of Medicine from 2:45 p.m. to 4:40
p.m. on the following days: September 11 & 25 and October 9 & 23

This Ethics course is required for:
1. Those with funding from individual federal fellowships (NIH, NSF, DOD, etc.) such as the NIH F32
2. Those supported by T32, K12 or similar training grants
3. Those with K career awards

Need help navigating the Department of Medicine Research Administration Service (RAS) Unit? The DOM RAS Unit has issued a one-page document to assist you in working your way through the grant submission process starting with pre-award. Download PDF

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**Highlighted Resource**

**Proposal Development and Grant Writing Support:** Emory offers proposal development and grant-writing support to full-time faculty in the Department of Medicine. Support includes:

1. Restructuring and preparing an NIH K or similar career development award
2. General assistance with overall grant writing and critical feedback on a full application
3. Critical feedback preparing the introduction and structuring the A1 proposal for a grant resubmission
4. Strategy to make a strong case for a request for Applications (RFA)
5. Large, multi-centered or multi PI grants with several authors who need assistance in “writing with one voice” and overall feedback regarding internal consistency and responsiveness to the RFA. Read more
Funding & Award Opportunities

Weekly NIH funding opportunities and notices
Federal funding opportunities for public health faculty
Searchable database of internal medicine funding opportunities

American Academy of Sleep Medicine Foundations awards:

1. **American Board of Sleep Medicine (ABSM) junior faculty award**  
   **Deadline: Friday, 5/31**  
   The ABSM Junior Faculty Award is for physicians (MD or DO) with faculty appointments who have completed an Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) approved sleep medicine fellowship within the last 10 years. This award provides an opportunity to support a 2-year mentored sleep and circadian research project for early-career faculty who are physician scientists in sleep medicine. [Read more](#)

2. **Physician scientist training award**  
   **Deadline: Friday, 5/31**  
   This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) provides an opportunity to support a one-year mentored sleep and circadian research project following a clinical sleep medicine fellowship. Through the PSTA program, the AASM Foundation seeks to address this gap year and provide mentored research training for physicians who wish to pursue careers as physician scientists in sleep medicine. [Read more](#)
3. **Bridge to Success Award for early career investigators**
   **Deadline: Friday, 5/31** These awards are designed to provide bridge funding to promising early-career sleep scientists who have applied for a career development award such as a K-award grant from the NIH, a Career Development Award from the VA, or an equivalent career development grant from another federal or non-federal entity. Individuals who previously submitted an application for review, but whose applications are unlikely to be within the funding range, are eligible to apply. [Read more](#)

4. **Focused projects award for junior investigators**
   **Deadline: Monday 9/30** The Focused Projects Award for Junior Investigators is investigator-initiated and intended to support projects across a wide variety of topics and research questions relevant to sleep medicine that align with the mission of the AASM Foundation. Focused Projects proposals can involve patient outcomes, quality metrics or other aspects of health services research but are not limited to these topics. [Read more](#)

**The Doris Duke Sickle Cell Disease/Advancing Cures Award**
**Deadline: Friday 5/31** The purpose of this FOA is to advance curative approaches for sickle cell disease, including gene modification and drug therapies to restore hemoglobin function. [Read more](#)

**Summer research training in aging for medical students (T35 clinical trial not allowed)**
**Deadline: Friday 6/21** The primary goal of this Institutional Research Training Grant is to provide a short-term training for medical students to obtain necessary aging research experiences and technical expertise and skills early during their education to encourage them to pursue careers in research. [Read more](#)

**Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America: Research starter grants- informatics**
**Deadline: Friday 8/30** The goal of this program is to promote development and use of novel informatics in an integrative approach toward understanding normal processes of human biology and disease processes. Informatics awards support career development of scientists engaged in research that significantly integrates state-of-the-art information technology developed with advanced biological, chemical, and pharmacological sciences. [Read more](#)

**The Kenneth Rainin Foundations Synergy Award**
**Deadline: Monday 9/16** This FOA is designed to encourage collaboration among health researchers from across disciplines to advance the study of Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD). It funds groundbreaking or unconventional methodologies, whose risky outlook is justified by the possibility of a major breakthrough. [Read more](#)
Adam Greenbaum (Cardiology) received funding from Edwards Lifesciences, LLC for a project entitled, “Edwards PASCAL CLASP IID Pivotal Clinical Trial”.

Frances Eun-Hyung Lee, Colin Swenson and Merin Kuruvilla (Pulmonary) received funding from Gassamer Biosciences for a project entitled “A phase 2b, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, dose ranging, multi-center study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of GB001 as maintenance therapy in adult subjects with moderate to severe asthma”.

Have you or a colleague recently received an award or grant funding?
Division Research Seminars

Thursday, 5/16 at 8 a.m. in the Grace Crum Rollins Building, Rita Anne Rollins Room, 8th Floor, SPH

**Infectious Diseases Seminar:** “Poo unto others: fecal microbiota transplantation for eradication of MDRO colonization” (Michael Woodworth, MD)

Monday, 5/2015 at 9 a.m. in Emory University Hospital, Hurst Conference Room, E450

**Cardiovascular Biology Seminar:** “Towards regenerative immunotherapy: using biomaterials for local delivery bioactive lipids and pro-resolving lipid mediators” (Edward Botchwey, PhD, Georgia Tech)

Monday, 5/2015 at 5 p.m. in Woodruff Memorial Research Building, Room 317

**Endocrine Conference:** (Camille Stanback, MD, and Gregory Zora, MD)

Recent Notable Publications

Joseph Daniel Lutgring (Infectious Diseases)
Joel Wedd (Digestive Diseases), Denise Lo (Endocrinology), Ruth Parker (General Medicine), Rachel Patzer (Renal Medicine)


Would you like to highlight a recent notable publication?

Events

**Reminder:** 6th Annual Health Services Research Day

**Wednesday, 5/15 in the School of Medicine Auditorium 110.** Join Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance colleagues at this 6th annual health services research symposium and networking opportunity. Oral and poster presentations will be selected from submitted abstracts. Read more

**Clinical Outcomes Research and Public Health (CORPH) Seminar: “Biology to Behavior: Low-calorie Sweeteners, Diet and Metabolic Health”**

**Monday 5/20 in Egleston Classroom 4 at noon.** The keynote speaker for this event is Allison Sylvetsky, PhD (Assistant Professor, Department of Exercise and Nutrition Sciences, George Washington University, Milken Institute School of Public Health). Register | Read more
What is your professional background?
Following my PhD, I was a postdoctoral researcher in cardiovascular physiology and bio-chemistry at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation Research Institute with F. Merlin Bumpus. I subsequently established an independent group at the Cleveland Clinic and rose to the position of associate staff faculty. In 1997, I moved to the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute in Sydney, Australia, where I was the deputy director, head of the cardiac enzymology, and professor of biochemistry at the University of New South Wales. In 2003, I relocated to the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where I was the director of heart failure research and professor of physiology. In 2008, I moved to Emory University School of Medicine, where I currently am a professor in the Department of Medicine.

In what division do you work, and who is your mentor?
I work in the Division of Cardiology/Department of Medicine. I am a mentor to several junior faculty members in the School of Medicine.

Briefly describe your research. Why is it important?
Ischemic heart disease is the most common cardiac illness and the leading cause of death in Western civilizations. Our research efforts are focused at building heart muscle in diseased hearts. Our approach involves coaxing existing cardiac muscle cells in adult hearts to proliferate in a controlled fashion. We have been able to build stronger hearts in normal mice, but are now focused on achieving this in diseased hearts. Ultimately, we wish to use this approach to design a “cure” for heart failure.

What do you like most about Emory?
The cultural and scientific diversity is impressive.
What is your favorite book, movie, or TV show?

*I Wish I'd Made You Angry Earlier: Essays on Science, Scientists, and Humanity* by Max F. Perutz, former Chairman and Member of the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Cambridge, England, is a favorite.

What do you like to do in your spare time?

I enjoy cooking meals at a community kitchen.

"What's Up" is brought to you by the Emory University Department of Medicine's Research Community.

View the DOM Research website [here](#).