Announcements

Nominate a colleague for a 2019 Department of Medicine staff award!
Nomination deadline: 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: Do you know a faculty member in the Department of Medicine 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

Call for mentors: New Translational Education and Mentoring for Science (TEAMS) Program.
Deadline to submit an interest form: Friday, 5/31. The Georgia Clinical & Translational Science Alliance TEAMS Program is seeking community mentors, one on one mentors and content experts to participate in the inaugural 2019-2020 academic year program. Submit interest form | Read more

Presenter slots are limited! Speed networking at Emory University, Tuesday 6/25, James B. Williams Medical Education Building, Room 130, 5:30 -7:30 p.m.
Deadline to register: Friday May 31. Join faculty from across the Georgia CTS 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 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 and
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]

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]
The Aldrighetti Research Award for young investigators

**Deadline: Monday 6/17 (LOI)** The focus of this research grant is to support the career of a young investigator who is likely to make a strong and sustained impact in PAH research. Proposals should investigate the pathophysiology of PAH, toward elucidating mechanistic pathways and identifying novel therapeutic targets or biomarkers in adult or pediatric pulmonary hypertension. The project should have potential applicability to human pulmonary vascular diseases. Investigators are also encouraged to connect through PHA's professional network, PH Clinicians and Researchers, during the course of their research. [Read more](#)

**ATS Foundation/Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome Network research grant**

**Deadline: Monday 6/17 (LOI)** The focus of this research grant is proposals that have a high likelihood to advance the understanding of Hermansky-Pudlak Syndrome-associated lung disease. Applications are encouraged from faculty members at any stage of their academic career. [Read more](#)
American Thoracic Society Foundation unrestricted grants
Deadline: Monday 6/17 (LOI) The focus of these research grants is to support junior investigators interested in research that advances the knowledge and understanding of the three pillars of the ATS: pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. A primary goal of the ATS Foundation Research Program is to enable junior investigators the chance to make the transition to careers as established investigators. Read more

ATS Foundation/Foundation for sarcoidosis research
Deadline: Monday 6/17 (LOI) The focus of this research grant is proposals that advance research in the area of sarcoidosis. Read more

Limited competition: interdisciplinary complementary and integrative health clinical research training. (T90/R90 independent clinical trial not allowed)
Deadline: Wednesday 6/26 The National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH) seeks to support interdisciplinary clinical research training to improve the capacity of the integrative health field to carry out rigorous research. This FOA solicits renewal applications to support training partnerships between institutions with research intensive environments to provide the T90 component for research training for individuals with clinical complementary and integrative health degrees with substantial interest in rigorous clinical research to provide the R90 component for research education and experience for individuals with research-intensive doctoral degrees. Read more

NIH Director’s Early Independence Awards (DP5 clinical trial optional)
Deadline: Tuesday 8/13 (LOI) The NIH Director’s Early Independence Award supports exceptional investigators who wish to pursue independent research essentially after completion of their terminal doctoral/research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training, thereby forgoing the traditional post-doctoral training period and accelerating their entry into an independent research career. Read more

NIH Director’s Pioneer Award Program (DP1 clinical trial optional)
Deadline: Friday 9/6 The NIH Director’s Pioneer Award Program supports individual scientists of exceptional creativity who propose highly innovative and potentially transformative research towards the ultimate goal of enhancing human health. Read more
HIV/AIDS scholars using nonhuman primate (NHP) models program (KO1 independent clinical trial not allowed)

**Deadline: Tuesday 9/10** The purpose of this NIH Mentored Research Scientist Development Award (K01) is to provide salary and research support to investigators who are within ten years of completing their terminal professional degree or residency training. Research and mentorship must be in the field of HIV/AIDS translational studies, using nonhuman primates (NHPs) as pre-clinical models. [Read more]

**Congratulatory Corner**

**Good job!!**

**Mark Czaja (Digestive Diseases)** received funding for a R01 from NIDDK for a project entitled, “Autophagy modulates liver injury and inflammation through cell signaling effects.”

**Arezou Khosroshahi (Rheumatology)** received funding from Janssen Research & Development, LLC for a project entitled, “A multicentered, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of ustekinumab in subjects with active systemic lupus erythematosus”

**Vasilis Babaliaros (Cardiology)** received funding from Tendyne Holdings, Inc. for a project entitled, “Clinical trial to evaluate the feasibility of using the Tendyne mitral valve system for the treatment of mitral regurgitation in subjects with severe mitral annular calcification”.

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

Thursday, 5/9 at 7:30 a.m. in the Wesley Woods Health Center, 5th Floor Conference Room

**Geriatrics Research Seminar:** “The preliminary efficacy of the Tele-Savvy and Healthy Living programs on dementia family caregivers’ self-care behaviors and their positive experiences in caregiving”
(Fayron Epps, PhD, RN)

Thursday, 5/9 at 8 a.m. in the Grace Crum Rollins Building, Rita Anne Rollins Room, 8th Floor, SPH

**Infectious Diseases Seminar:** “The immune response to recombinant vesicular stomatitis virus-based ebola vaccine” (Vanessa Raabe, MD) Research in Progress

Thursday, 5/9 at 8 a.m. in Whitehead, Conference Room 200

**Pulmonary Division Research Seminar:** “Coated in sugar: hyaluronan dictates pulmonary vascular health” (Victor Tseng, MD)

Tuesday, 5/14 at 5 p.m. in School of Medicine, Room 170A

**Renal Grand Rounds:** “Update in telenephrology”
(Janice Lea, MD)
Recent Notable Publications

Bernard Lassegue, Kathy Griendling (Cardiology)

Julie Mitchell (Hospital Medicine)

Laurence Busse, Jonathan Sevransky (Pulmonary)

Would you like to highlight a recent notable publication?
Pediatric Research Alliance: “Harnessing implementation science to realize the promise of evidence-based practice” Friday, 5/10 at noon at Marcus Autism Center, Bellsouth Room, 2nd floor. The keynote speaker for this event is Rinad Beidas, PhD (Associate Professor, Pediatrics, Psychiatry, Perelman School of Medicine, Director, Implementation Research, Center for Mental Health Policy and Services Research). For more information, please contact Tim Ryan, Project Coordinator, Marcus Autism Center.

Pediatric education research (PEARLS) lunch series: “Monitoring, audits and compliance” Friday, 5/10 at noon, Egleston Classroom 5, featuring: Margaret Huber, RN, CHRC (Compliance Manager, Emory Office of Compliance) and Schauna Gillam, CCRP (Research Compliance Coordinator, CHOA). Learn more about preparing for your monitoring visits, good practices, quality assurance for your studies, Data Safety Monitoring Plans (DSMPs), research compliance, and how audits are conducted at Emory and at CHOA. Register | Take pre-survey | View flyer

Reminder: May K-Club: “Best practices in presenting research in different venues and formats” Monday, 5/13 at noon in Egleston, Classrooms 5-7. This seminar features Ihab Haijjar, MD (Associate Professor, Neurology, Emory University) as the keynote speaker. A light lunch is provided. Register | Read more

Reminder: Register Now! 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
Save the date: Microbiome Research Center Inaugural Symposium
Thursday, 8/15 and Friday, 8/16. The goal of this event is to promote and showcase local and outside expertise in microbiota, particularly in applied and mechanistic studies. More details to come. Read more

Highlighted Researcher

Anand Jain, MD
Division of Digestive Diseases

What is your professional background?
I am a dedicated esophageal specialist. I completed gastroenterology fellowship training at the University of Michigan and esophageal fellowship training at Northwestern University. I focus on diagnosing and treating non-surgical esophageal conditions, and I have a specific clinical and research interest in esophageal motility disorders.

In what division do you work, and who is your mentor?
I work in the Division of Digestive Diseases. My mentor is Shanthi Srinivasan. She has been my mentor since residency, and I cannot thank her enough for her support and guidance.

Briefly describe your research. Why is it important?
I perform clinical research focusing on identifying and characterizing esophageal motility pathology in patients with refractory esophageal symptoms. This is important, because the currently known and established disease states such as GERD, achalasia, etc. do not explain symptoms in a huge proportion of patients. Treating the specific physiologic abnormality (e.g. a milder dysfunction of the lower esophageal sphincter) in these patients will improve outcomes.

What do you like most about Emory?
I feel privileged to have trained at an institution with such a diversity of disease states and patient populations. Now, as faculty, the emphasis on multidisciplinary care and support of clinical investigation is what I appreciate most.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
In my spare time, I enjoy spending time with my wife and our 1-year old son.
"What's Up" is brought to you by the Emory University Department of Medicine's Research Community.

View the DOM Research website here.