Join us in congratulating the 2019 Department of Medicine faculty and staff award nominees! The Department of Medicine recognizes faculty and staff members who have made significant contributions to their divisions, the department, the School of Medicine and/or Emory University as a whole. We would like to especially recognize our research faculty nominated for the R. Wayne Alexander Excellence in Research Award and the Outstanding Scientific Citation Award! View all nominees

Apply now! Health Services Research course
Deadline: Friday 6/21 The Emory University School of Medicine Office of Faculty Development offers this Health Services Research course to provide a broad overview of health services research questions and approaches, introduce you to key health service researchers, and build awareness of ongoing strategic initiatives. Read more | Apply

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
ACT Network launched at Georgia CTSA
The ACT Network is a real-time platform allowing researchers to explore and validate feasibility for clinical studies across the NCATS Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) consortium, from their desktops. ACT helps researchers design and complete clinical studies, and is secure, HIPAA-compliant and IRB-approved. Read more | Questions
Funding & Award Opportunities

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

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]

Validation of T cell biomarkers and assays for type 1 diabetes - pilot and pilot and feasibility (PNF) and strategic research agreement (SRA)
**Deadline: Monday 8/1 (LOI)** JDRF is soliciting projects to validate high priority candidate T cell biomarkers for T1D and to transition associated assays to fit-for-purpose status. The purpose of this RFA is to encourage the T1D biomarker community to transition widely referenced T1D relevant T cell biomarkers and assays towards validation and standardization for uniform use across the research community. [Read more]

Overcoming obstacles for nucleic acid delivery for cystic fibrosis (research grants, pilot and feasibility award, and collaborative research grant)
**Deadline: Wednesday 8/21** The purpose of these opportunities is to better understand the obstacles, limitations, and challenges for developing a permanent cure for CF, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation held a workshop in February 2019 focused on the delivery of nucleic acid-based therapies. To bring new technologies and expertise to the CF field, investigators without experience in CF research are encouraged to apply. [Read more]
NIH Director's New Innovator award program (DP2 clinical trial optional)
Deadline: Monday 8/26 The NIH Director's New Innovator Award Program supports early stage investigators of exceptional creativity who propose highly innovative research projects with the potential to produce a major impact on broad, important problems relevant to the mission of NIH. Read more

Advancing novel research models to study idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (U01 clinical trial not allowed)
Deadline: Friday 8/30 (LOI) This FOA will support the development of collaborative research projects to establish a set of complementary model systems that reproduce essential disease-defining features of human idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis (IPF). The purpose of this initiative is to unify a series of projects encompassing multiple complementary model systems that each effectively reproduces essential disease features of human IPF. 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

Early-stage preclinical validation of therapeutic leads for diseases of interest to the NIDDK (R01 clinical trial not allowed)
Deadline: Tuesday 11/12 The goal of this FOA is to support translational research that provides strong justification for later-phase therapeutics discovery and development efforts in health-related outcomes relevant to the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases. Read more

Congratulatory Corner
Vasilis Babaliaros (Cardiology) received funding from Transmural Systems, LLC for a project entitled “NHLBI DIR study: early feasibility evaluation of Cerclage, transcatheter mitral annuloplasty for circumferential mitral annuloplasty procedure in right-side of the heart”.

Kunal Bhatt (Cardiology) received funding from Eidos Therapeutics for a project entitled “A phase 3, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled study of the efficacy and safety of AG10 in subjects with symptomatic transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy”.

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

Let us know

**Division Research Seminars**

**Geriatrics Research Seminar:** “Sleep disturbances in caregivers of persons with dementia: what do we know and what can we do” (Glenna Brewster, PhD, RN, FNP-BC)

Thursday, 6/13 at 7:30 a.m. in the Wesley Woods Health Center, 5th Floor Conference Room

Thursday, 6/13 at 8 a.m. in the Grace Crum Rollins Building, Rita Anne Rollins Room, 8th Floor, SPH

**Infectious Diseases Seminar:** “What’s the harm: patient perceptions of antibiotic risks and benefits” (Jennifer Spicer, MD, MPH)

**Recent Notable Publications**
Christina Drenkard (Rheumatology)

Timothy Read (Infectious Diseases)

Vin Tangpricha (Endocrinology)

Would you like to highlight a recent notable publication?

Submit a recent notable publication

Events

Save the Date: 12th Annual Department of Medicine Research Day
Friday, 11/1 | Cox Hall Ballroom | 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
This full-day program includes both oral and poster presentations as well as a keynote address from Gary Gibbons, MD, Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute at the National Institutes of Health.

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Highlighted Researcher

Thomas Ziegler, MD
Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism, and Lipids

What is your professional background?
I have BS and MS degrees in nutrition from Michigan State, and I graduated with my MD degree from Michigan State’s College of Human Medicine in 1983. I received consecutive research/clinical fellowship training in Boston, initially in nutrition/metabolism at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital, and then in endocrinology/metabolism at BWH, Beth Israel, and the Joslin Diabetes Center.

In what division do you work, and who is your mentor?
I have worked in the Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism and Lipids since 1994. Larry Phillips and Bill Mitch were early mentors, and for my entire Emory tenure, Dean Jones has been a wonderful mentor in science and academic rigor. Henry Blumberg has been a critical mentor in global health research and for my roles in our CTSA training programs. I have also received great mentoring from my mentees, most recently from Jessica Alvarez.

Briefly describe your research. Why is it important?
Malnutrition and nutrient depletion are common with acute and chronic illness. My clinical and translational research has focused on the clinical and metabolic effects of various forms of nutritional support in animal models and in catabolic patients with short bowel syndrome, chronic infection, malnutrition, and in hospitalized patients, including in randomized controlled clinical
trials, and in studies in the clinical research center setting. With training by Dean Jones, my research expanded to include redox metabolism and metabolomics.

**What do you like most about Emory?**
Emory is a beautiful and collaborative place, and “team science” is a definite thing here. Every day, we faculty get to interact with wonderful academic citizens, be they fellow faculty, students, or other trainees.

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**
I love spending time with my family, especially at our cottage at beautiful Higgins Lake in northern Michigan, my home state. This will be my 50th summer going “up-north” there, and fly fishing for trout on the local Au Sable river with my sons has been a wonderful tradition. I love Game of Thrones, TV political shows, and 60s music, especially by Bob Dylan and the Byrds.

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