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 - 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
Save the Date: 12th Annual Department of Medicine Research Day
Friday, 11/1 | Cox Hall Ballroom | 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
The 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.

Registration for the event will open shortly. For questions about Research Day, please contact Hannah Joy, at hannah.joy@emory.edu.

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
The Electronic Medical Records and Genomics (eMERGE) Genomic Risk Assessment and Management Network Awards:

- **eMERGE Coordinating Center (U01 clinical trial required)**
  **Deadline: Tuesday 7/2 (LOI)**
  This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications to participate as a Coordinating Center (CC) in eMERGE: Genomic Risk Assessment and Management Network, in collaboration with Clinical Sites and additional CS with enhanced diversity. This network will use biorepositories linked with electronic medical records (EMRs) for genomic research by developing, evaluating, and disseminating genomic risk assessment and management tools for clinical use. [Read more](#)

- **eMERGE Clinical Sites (U01 clinical trial required)**
  **Deadline: Tuesday 7/2 (LOI)**
  This FOA invites applications to participate as Clinical Sites (CS) in eMERGE: Genomic Risk Assessment and Management Network, in collaboration with additional CS with enhanced diversity, and one CC. This network will use biorepositories linked with electronic medical records (EMRs) for genomic research by developing, evaluating, and disseminating genomic risk assessment and management tools for clinical use. [Read more](#)
- **eMERGE Enhanced Diversity Clinical Sites (U01 clinical trial required)**  
  **Deadline: Tuesday 7/2 (LOI)** This FOA invites applications to participate as Enhanced Diversity Clinical Sites (CS) in eMERGE: Genomic Risk Assessment and Management Network, in collaboration with additional CS, and one CC. This network will use biorepositories linked with electronic medical records (EMRs) for genomic research by developing, evaluating, and disseminating genomic risk assessment and management tools for clinical use. [Read more](#)

**2019 BARDA Division of Research, Innovation and Ventures (BARDA DRIVe) Accelerator Network Expansion**  
**Deadline: Tuesday 7/23** The purpose of this FOA for the 2019 DRIVe Accelerator Network Expansion is to solicit applicants interested in working with BARDA DRIVe on projects related to strengthening infectious disease surveillance networks. [Read more](#)

- **Immunobiology of Xenotransplantation (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**  
  **Deadline: Friday 8/16** This FOA invites applications from institutions to participate in the Immunobiology of Xenotransplantation Cooperative Research Program (IXCRP), for the development of preclinical porcine-to-nonhuman primate (NHP) models of pancreatic islet, kidney, heart, lung, or liver xenotransplantation. [Read more](#)

- **Research Starter Grants – Informatics**  
  **Deadline: Friday 8/30** The goal of the Informatics Research Starter Grants program is to promote development and use of novel informatics methods/techniques in an integrative approach toward understanding normal processes of human biology and disease. [Read more](#)

- **Understanding Senescence in Brain Aging and Alzheimer's Disease (R01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**  
  **Deadline: Tuesday 9/17 (LOI)** This FOA encourages research on the molecular and cellular mechanisms of senescence in brain aging that may lead to AD. [Read more](#)

- **Adipogenesis, Adipocyte Function and Obesity Following HIV Infection, Antiretroviral Therapy, or Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)**  
  **Deadline: Monday 10/7 (LOI)** This FOA seeks mechanistic projects to elucidate the contributions of HIV, antiretroviral agents used for therapy or pre-exposure prophylaxis, or the combination of HIV and antiretroviral agents on fat structure and function; the immunobiology of fat, fat fibrosis, and their contribution to the development of obesity; and HIV- or antiretroviral drug acceleration of obesity-related comorbidities within the mission of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK). [Read more](#)
Madeleine Hackney, Ted Johnson and Camille Vaughan (General Medicine) received funding from NORC at University of Chicago for a project entitled “Evaluating the cost effectiveness of STEADI older adult fall prevention in primary care settings”.

Anshul Patel (Cardiology) received funding from Biosense Inc., for a project entitled “Safety and effectiveness evaluation of the multi-electrode radiofrequency balloon catheter for the treatment of symptomatic paroxysmal atrial fibrillation (STELLAR)”.

Susan Wall (Renal Medicine) received a subcontract from the University of Maryland entitled “OXGR1 in renal intercalated cells, salt transport and diuretic efficacy”.

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

Lucian Marts, David Guidot, Viranuj Sueblinvong (Pulmonary)

Qiang Cai (Digestive Diseases)

Guillermo Umpierrez (Endocrinology)

Would you like to highlight a recent notable publication?

Submit a recent notable publication
Emad Qayed, MD  
Division of Digestive Diseases

What is your professional background?
I received my medical degree from the University of Jordan in 2004. I completed my internal medicine residency and fellowship training in Gastroenterology at Emory University in 2012. I joined the Division of Digestive Diseases as a faculty member in 2012. I completed my masters of public health from the Emory Rollins School of Public Health in 2016.

In what division do you work, and who is your mentor?
I am an assistant professor in the Division of Digestive Diseases. I was fortunate to work with Dr. Roberd Bostick as my mentor for my MPH thesis. Currently, I mentor students, residents, and fellows during their clinical training and research projects.

Briefly describe your research. Why is it important?
My research focuses on analyzing large administrative databases and studying the rates and factors related to readmission in various gastrointestinal and pancreaticobiliary disorders. Recurrent hospital admissions are a major cause of morbidity in patients, and they pose a significant burden on the healthcare system. Reduction in hospital readmission is a major initiative for the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMMS) and other government and private insurance companies. Understanding the factors related to early readmission provides the opportunity to implement and test interventions to decrease readmission rates.

What do you like most about Emory?
Emory creates a supportive environment for all learners of different backgrounds and levels of training to grow and become accomplished in their fields. Emory understands that the strength of the organization stems from its people and provides numerous resources to support students and faculty.

What do you like to do in your spare time?
In my spare time, I enjoy working out, exploring nearby places for road trips and hiking with my wife and two kids (5-year-old boy and 3-year-old daughter), and yes, Netflix.
"What's Up" is brought to you by the Emory University Department of Medicine's Research Community.

View the DOM Research website here.