Tuesday, August 4, 2020

Announcements

**Policy Update – Results Information Reporting for Applicable Clinical Trials (ACTs)**
The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) Amendments Act requires submission of results information for applicable clinical trials (ACTs) that were initiated after September 27, 2007, or that were ongoing as of December 26, 2007, if the product studied in the ACT is approved, licensed, or cleared by the FDA at any time, including after the ACT’s primary completion date. [Read more](#)

**Participants Needed for COVID-19 Vaccine and Therapeutic Trials**
Adults 18 and older, from all races and ethnicities, are needed to participate in COVID-19 trials. Please spread the word to help recruit minorities, especially for vaccine trials. [Register](#)
Or contact Hope Clinic (Decatur) vaccine@emory.edu, 404-712-1371; Emory Children’s Center (main campus) ecc.vaccine@emory.edu, 404-727-4044; or Ponce CRS (Downtown/Grady) atl.ponce.crs@emory.edu, 770-286-3327.

**VECD Fogarty Global Health Fellowship**
Applications due November 2
This outstanding program offers a year-abroad opportunity for US and LMIC postdocs and doctoral students to develop research skills in a global health research setting. The entire spectrum of science is possible and relevant in LMIC settings, including basic, clinical, translational, population, and implementation science. [Questions](#) | [Flyer](#)

**2021 Schmidt Science Fellows, in partnership with the Rhodes Trust**
**Deadline: Monday, November 30 at 5 p.m.**
Schmidt Science Fellows, in partnership with the Rhodes Trust, aims to develop the next generation of science leaders to transcend disciplines, advance discovery, and solve the world’s most pressing problems. Successful Fellows are expected to combine scientific curiosity with extraordinary academic achievement. [Learn more](#)

**CFDE Remote Writing Group for the Fall 2020 Semester**
**Deadline: Monday, August 10**
The Center for Faculty Development and Excellence invites all faculty to participate in a special
fall 2020 semester-long program of remote writing groups. The groups will be structured around participants' preferences for goals, groupings, frequency, and format. Register | Questions

**Dr. Richard Allen Williams Scholarship for Medical Students**
**Deadline: Friday, August 28**
The Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc. (ABC) is pleased to announce the Dr. Richard Allen Williams Scholarship **for African American and other minority 1st or 2nd year medical students** who show promise in medical research, cardiology and academic medicine. This scholarship honors Richard Allen Williams, MD, FACC, FAHA, founder of the Association of Black Cardiologists and was created to promote diversity in medicine, encourage commitment to eliminating health care disparities, and support future cardiologists, while helping to alleviate medical student debt. Learn more

**Georgia Department of Public Health Daily Status Report**
Here you will find information on COVID-19 in the State of Georgia including, confirmed cases, ICU admissions, hospitalizations, and deaths. Charts present the number of newly confirmed COVID-19 cases over time and are meant to aid understanding whether the outbreak is growing, leveling off, or declining to help guide COVID-19 response. Check it out!

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**Highlighted Resource**
**Woodruff Health Sciences Library Informationists**
WHS Informationists provide a wealth of services for busy researchers including; literature reviews for your next manuscript/grant/systematic review, guidance regarding PubMed searches to easily identify manuscripts you've authored and ensure an accurate H-Index, and 1:1 training for Endnote reference manager software. Click the Ask a Librarian button on the website to get started.

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**Anti-Racism Action Series**

On Monday, July 13, the DOM hosted a Town Hall for research faculty, staff, and trainees to discuss the impact of the many recent instances of racism and violence against people of color. As an outcome, this NEW series was created to share and encourage the Emory Research community to take part in weekly anti-racism action steps.
Read and Reflect

A key part of effecting change is educating ourselves about racial inequality and biases, including ways white individuals benefit from privilege associated with the color of their skin. However, many people are not taught to recognize ways that this privilege manifests in society. Read more on everyday effects of white privilege. After reading, pause to reflect: Which examples resonated for you? With this lens, what examples can you more clearly see in your everyday life?

For more resources and information, please visit DOM DEI/RYSE

RAS News

FY21 University Fringe Rates
begin September 1, 2020

Faculty/Staff/Post-Doc
Federal = 28.60%
Non-Federal = 27.25%

Physicians
Federal = 14.90%
Non-Federal = 17.40%

Resident
Federal = 12.70%
Non-Federal = 23.00%

Part-Time
Federal = 7.65%
Non-Federal = 7.65%

Remember to notify the team of any upcoming applications at least 30 days in advance.
Funding & Award Opportunities

A searchable [External Funding Opportunities Database](#) has been compiled from FOAs in the weekly *What's Up in DOM Research* newsletter.

*Emory credentials required to view.*

**Telehealth in Postmenopausal Patient Care**

**Deadline: Thursday, September 3**

The purpose of this FOA is to support programs focused on the education of healthcare practitioners (HCPs) to better leverage technology and utilize telehealth to optimize the hormone therapy benefit/risk discussion with postmenopausal patients. [Learn more](#)

**Physician Scientist Training Award**

**Deadline: Monday, September 7**

The purpose of this FOA is to support a one-year mentored sleep and circadian research project following a clinical sleep medicine fellowship to provide mentored research training for physicians who wish to pursue careers as physician scientists in sleep medicine. [Learn more](#)

**American Academy of Sleep Medicine Bridge to Success Award**

**Deadline: Monday, September 7**

These awards are for investigators in sleep and biological rhythms who need ‘bridge’ funding while re-applying for research support.

**Early Career Investigators:** These awards are for promising early-career sleep scientists who have applied for a career development awards (i.e. K-award grant CDA-VA, or an equivalent career development grant.)

**Mid-Career / Senior Investigators:** This award is to assist investigators whose grant proposal to the NIH or other federal agency (e.g., VA) for a large research grant (e.g., R01 or VA Merit Review) was submitted and not funded.

**Development of Cost-Effective and Customizable Training and Education Platform for AD/ADRD Caregivers that Focus on Addressing Financial Management and Legal Planning (R43/R44 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

**Deadlines: Monday, October 12 (LOI); Thursday, November 12 (Full application)**
The purpose of this FOA is to encourage small business research and development (R&D) of tools and technologies to support individuals, families, and care partners of individuals with Alzheimer's disease (AD) and AD-related dementias (ADRD) in dealing with financial and estate-related activities and responsibilities, which are often challenging and expensive to address and manage successfully. Tools and technologies designed in response to this FOA should be accessible to and appropriate for use by diverse populations across the socioeconomic spectrum. Learn more

Francis Family Foundation Fellowship
Deadlines: Monday, October 12 and Monday, January 4
The purpose of this FOA is to provide research support to clinical and basic scientists embarking on careers in clinical, laboratory or translational science related to Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at a U.S. or Canadian university or research institution. Learn more

Congratulatory Corner

Ishan Mehta (Pulmonary) received funding from Syneos Health, LLC for a project entitled, “A double blind, placebo controlled phase 2 study to evaluate the safety, tolerability, pharmacokinetics, and efficacy of OP-101 (dendrimer n-acetyl-cysteine) in patients with severe COVID-19.”

Anshul Patel (Cardiology) received funding from Coherex Medical, Inc for a project entitled, “Wavecrest vs. Watchman transseptal left atrial appendage closure to reduce atrial fibrillation-mediated stroke.”

Heba Iskandar (Digestive Diseases) received funding from Janssen Research & Development for a project entitled, “A phase 3b, randomized, double-blind, multicenter study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of intravenous re-induction therapy with ustekinumab in patients with moderately to severely active Crohn's disease.”

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

Let Us Know
Recent Notable Publications

Michael Koval (Pulmonary)
Lynn KS, Peterson RJ, Koval M. Ruffles and spikes: Control of tight junction morphology and permeability by claudins. Biochim Biophys Acta Biomembr. 2020;1862(9):183339. Read more

Viola Vaccarino and Amit Shah (Cardiology)

Marina Sorrentino Hernandes and Daniel Seicho Kikuchi (Cardiology)

Georgia Davis, Guillermo Umpierrez, Francisco Pasquel (Endocrinology)

Greg Martin (Pulmonary)

Events

Emory Integrated Genomics Core and 10x Genomics
Wednesday, August 5 | 10 a.m.
Please join us for a virtual scientific seminar providing an overview of single cell experimental design, sample preparation, single cell multi-dimensional profiling, and bioinformatics approaches. Flyer

Pediatric EducAtion Research Series (PEARS)
Friday, August 14 | noon – 1 p.m.
Topic: “Conducting device studies vs drug studies”
Presenters: Amanda Graham and Melissa Burnett
The Pediatric EducAtion Research Series (PEARS) was created specifically for coordinators and research nurses working in Pediatrics Emory and Children’s. Formats for sessions will vary and include panels, single speaker, followed by discussion or questions and answer. Register

14th Annual Women and Heart Disease Virtual Conference
August 15 | 8 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Using clinical based cases, attendees will understand the association between nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and cardiovascular disease (CVD), the clinical presentation of CVD in HIV
patients, sex-based differences in valve replacement, and the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion for women in cardiology. Flyer | Register

Lunch with a Leader: Nathan Spell III, MD - Vice Chair, Quality and Clinical Effectiveness
Monday, August 24 | noon – 1 p.m. via Zoom
Want an opportunity to have an informal lunch with one of our DOM Vice Chairs? These small groups will provide a unique forum to connect with colleagues from across divisions and with departmental leadership. Spots are limited, so registration is required and closes a week prior. Register

BlueSky Group: Adolescent Sexual Health
Thursday, August 27 | noon – 1:30 p.m. via Zoom
Blue Sky Groups are unstructured meetings that provide a unique opportunity for attendees to drive the agenda as well as utilize the session as a catalyst for future collaborations and research opportunities.
Discussion topics may include, but not limited to:
• What are the burning issues regarding Adolescent Sexual Health?
• What are some Ideas for cross-institutional collaborative research projects in this space?
Flyer | Register

Speed Networking on COVID-19
Wednesday, September 23 | 4 – 5:30 p.m.
Join faculty from across the Georgia CTSA for an energetic and dynamic virtual networking session! Emory School of Medicine Dean Vikas Sukhatme will emcee this event as attendees present their research in 3 minutes or less with the goal of seeking new collaborators.
Flyer | Register

Researcher Spotlight

Mikhael El Chami
Associate Professor – Cardiology
What is your professional background?
I am a cardiac electrophysiologist and a cardiologist. I started my residency at Emory in 2000, followed by a year as chief medical resident at EUH-M, and then completed cardiology and electrophysiology fellowships at Emory. I joined the faculty at Emory in 2008.

In what division do you work, and who is your mentor?
I work in the Division of Cardiology. My mentor is Angel Leon.

Briefly describe your research. Why is it important?
My research focuses on the treatment of cardiac arrhythmias with device therapy or with ablation procedures. Our group has been part of several important clinical trials that study innovative therapies for the treatment of brady- and tachy- arrhythmias.

What do you like most about Emory?
I enjoy the work environment, especially the collegiality and the friendships that I have developed throughout the years at Emory.

What is your favorite movie or TV show?
My favorite movies are 'Braveheart' and 'Top Gun.'

What do you like to do in your spare time?
I enjoy spending time with my wife and three kids. I also enjoy exercising and travelling.

What is a fun fact about you?
I am a huge NBA and European soccer fan.

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