From the Directors

Our CTSC is known for the success of its educational programs. Our scholars represent a broad array of disciplines from Medicine and Nursing to Materials Science Engineering and Dentistry. A surprising 73% of our KL2 scholars have obtained R-level grants or the equivalent. We believe that our scholars benefit greatly from our mentorship program, directed by Al Connors, MD, which provides each KL2 scholar with one career mentor and one research mentor. One unique element of the KL2 program is the ability of past scholars to serve as mentors for new scholars. This year, Jayme Knutson will begin mentoring; he began as a scholar with the first cohort in 2005.

We held our Annual CTSC KL2/TL1 Reception on Tuesday, May 8 at the Cleveland Clinic's Foundation House. The reception honored the scholars and mentors who are exiting and entering our program. On behalf of the CTSC community we would like to offer our congratulations to our exiting scholars: Vikas Gulani, MD, PhD, (Radiology); Sonja Harris-Haywood, MD, (Family Medicine); Rebecca Boxer, MD, (Medicine); Kurt Lu, MD, (Dermatology); Ron Hickman, PhD (Nursing) & Ruth Farrell, MD (Women's Health). In addition, please join us in welcoming Michael Fu, PhD.

REAL team at Asian Festival
May 19th and 20th

The CTSC REAL Team will be taking part in the upcoming Cleveland Asian Festival this weekend. The festival is coordinated by volunteer leaders within the Asian Pacific communities to foster, educate, and promote Asian culture and traditions, while celebrating Asian Heritage Month. The team will be on hand to educate festival participants about clinical research and the importance of participating in research studies.
(Electrical Engineering), Gunnur Karakurt, PhD (Family Medicine/Marriage Counseling), Dan Ontaneda, MD (Neurology), Federico Perez, MD (Infectious Disease) & David Zidar, MD, PhD (Cardiology) as the new scholars of our program.

With graduates and entrants of this quality, we expect that our education program will remain one of our great ongoing achievements.

Pamela B. Davis, M.D., PhD.
Richard Rudick, M.D.

New Research Concierge Service Informational Sessions!

The Research Concierge Service (RCS) is offering educational opportunities for researchers and research study teams.

Seminars, short courses, and programs may take the form of webinars, regularly scheduled seminars, small group discussions, one-on-one meetings, or other approaches to meet the requester's needs.

See the CTSC RCS Informational Sessions page for more information or call or email the Research Concierge Service to make the request.

Email: ctsc-research-concierge@case.edu
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Clinic's Hazen Receives Top Honors From The Clinical Research Forum

Stanley Hazen, MD, PhD, recently was honored as part of the Clinical Research Forum's Top 10 Clinical Research Accomplishments of 2010-2011. The Clinical Research Forum awards are given nationally to projects that are compelling examples of the scientific innovation that results from the nation's investment in clinical research that can benefit human health and welfare.

Click here for more information

Second Annual Comparative Effectiveness Research Conference May 21-22

"Comparative Effectiveness Research: From All Angles", the 2nd annual two-day conference (CME application pending), will be held May 21-22, 2012 at Case Western Reserve University. Many expert speakers are featured covering: methods, policy, physician practice, public acceptance, economics of payment, health care organizations, and ethical/legal/social issues. This is followed by a 3-day crash course in Cost-Effectiveness Analysis.

Discounted registration fees for interns, residents, fellows, full-time students and employees of public health departments.

For more information about the program and registration fees, or how to register for academic credit, visit: http://www.CERCME.wordpress.com.

Applications for Master of Science Program in Clinical Extended to May 31

The Clinical Research Scholars Program (CRSP) at CWRU is accepting applications for the Master of Science Program in Clinical Research and recently extended the deadline to May 31. This flexible 2-5 year program is designed for post-doctoral trainees and faculty who seek training in the design and implementation of high-quality clinical research involving human subjects. Admission requirements include a degree in Medicine, Dentistry, a doctorate in Nursing, or allied sciences.
The Hazen-led study "Using Gut Metabolism to Identify Health Risks" won the "Novel Approaches" category by the Clinical Research Forum. Within the study, conducted at the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University and other institutions, researchers identified three digestion byproducts as predictors of cardiovascular disease using metabolomics, a technique that involves the products of various chemical processes in the body. Further studies suggest that diet and metabolism in the gastrointestinal tract could add to genetic factors in producing cardiovascular disease.

The Clinical Research Forum was formed in 1996 to discuss the unique and complex challenges to clinical research in academic health centers. Through its activities, the Forum has enabled sharing of best practices in clinical research and increasingly has played a national advocacy role in support of the broader interests and needs of clinical research.

Read more on this distinguished honor.

REAL Team Takes Part in Ohio Hispanic Social Service Workers Association (OHSSWA) Conference

The CTSC Research Education, Awareness and Learning (REAL) team participated in the 10th annual Ohio Hispanic Social Services Workers Association Health Fair on April 14th at the Michael J. Zone Recreation Center in Cleveland.

The conference, entitled "Opening Paths towards the Horizon in Good Health" offered various workshops to address health concerns such as diabetes, epileptic seizures, health disparities, and the importance of participating in medical research.

The REAL program's mission is to educate the community about the process and importance of taking part in medical research.

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One Day Summit: Personalized Healthcare For the Practicing Clinician

On May 31 at the Intercontinental Hotel, the Cleveland Clinic's Center for Personalized Healthcare will hold their 2nd annual Personalized Healthcare Summit. The 1-day CME conference aims to educate about clinically-relevant applications of personalized healthcare, the research behind these discoveries, and solutions to incorporate personalized healthcare into clinical practice.

Click here to register or for more Information.

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