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From the Directors

Practice-Based Research Networks (PBRN) are a strong and vital component of our CTSC, Ohio CTSA's and CTSAs across the country. PBRNs link clinicians and researchers to cultivate and build relationships within communities. It is through these relationships that PBRNs are developing and fostering the capacity and capabilities of a participatory research culture.

We are pleased to share that The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) recently awarded Case Western Reserve University with a grant to create one of 8 Primary Care Practice-Based Research and Learning Centers in the country. The Collaborative Ohio Inquiry Networks (COIN) will bring together many of Ohio’s Practice-Based Research Networks (PBRNs), supported by Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) consortiums from Case Western Reserve University, The Ohio State University, and University of Cincinnati, along with Northeast Ohio Medical University.

COIN will work in collaboration with: The Research Association of Practices (RAP), Safety Net Providers' Strategic Alliance (SNPSA), Cleveland Clinic Ambulatory Research Network (CLaReN), Rainbow Office-Based Clinical Research Network (RRC), Better Health Greater Cleveland (BHGC), Ohio State University Primary Care PBRN (OSU-PCPBRN), Cincinnati Area Research Group (CARinG Network), Cincinnati Pediatric Research Group (CPRG) and The Northeast Ohio Network (NEON®).

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RDCRN's 3rd Conference on Clinical Research for Rare Diseases

Oct. 2, 2012 Rockville, MD

Registration for ALL attendees is $100

The conduct of clinical research in rare diseases is essential.

In order to assure the future of this research, the training of the next generation of investigators in this field is important.
Together these institutions have conducted 144 externally funded and 60 internally funded studies, totaling more than $47 million. The new statewide establishment will be led by Principal Investigator and Director James Werner, PhD, MSSA, Director of the CTSC’s Practice Based Research Network Share Resource Core.

With this new opportunity, COIN will work to increase the PBRN’s research and development capacity, and aid in the translation of the research into real-world practice. By leveraging common resources, the newly funded AHRQ centers are expected to improve productivity and produce results that are more substantial than they would as separate PBRNs.

It is important to emphasize the significance of this award as we unite the various research practices throughout the region as part of our ongoing mission to establish the state of Ohio as a worldwide medical research epicenter. Congratulations to Dr. Werner and all of those who worked to achieve this milestone.

Please click here to learn more about this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

Pamela B. Davis, M.D., Ph.D.

Richard Rudick, M.D.

Attendees have the opportunity to:

- Meet key leaders in rare diseases research
- Engage in networking and idea generation and explore research collaborations
- Discuss career development and strategic planning

Click HERE for more information

**EMBL-EBI Roadshow: Now Open to Bionformatics Investigators From All CTSAs**

October 16-18, 2012
Chicago, IL 60611

**Registration Deadline:**
September 28, 2012
Fee: $100

The October 2012 Roadshow at Northwestern University will focus on Small Molecules in Bioinformatics (ChEMBL, ChEBI), Protein Sequence Databases (UniProt), Interactions and Pathways (IntAct, Reactome), Standards and Ontologies (GO/GoA) and the European Nucleotide Archive (ENA).

Click HERE to view a flyer.
Click HERE to register.

For more information contact:
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**CTSC KL2 Application Deadline: October 22, 2012**

The deadline for applying to the CTSC KL2 program is October 22, 2012.

The CTSC KL2 is a post-doctoral training program with an emphasis on multidisciplinary clinical and translational research. This is an opportunity to apply to an innovative career development program for clinical investigators.

Christopher P. Austin, M.D., will serve as director of the NIH’s newest center, the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS). National Institutes of Health Director Francis S. Collins, M.D., Ph.D., made the announcement at the inaugural meetings of the NCATS Advisory Council and Cures Acceleration Network (CAN)
Review Board. Austin will succeed NCATS Acting Director Thomas R. Insel, M.D., on Sept. 23, 2012.

Austin had been serving as director of NCATS Division of Pre-Clinical Innovation since the NCATS launch in December 2011.

"Dr. Austin's accomplishments in virtually every stage of the translational science spectrum make him an ideal choice to continue building on NCATS' momentum and successes," Collins said. "From his clinical experience to his work in the public and private sectors, he is poised to lead the center in revolutionizing the science of transforming laboratory discoveries into new therapies for patients."

Read more

Help With Research Just A Phone Call Away

Did you know that the CTSC's Research Concierge Service was established for one reason: to help you with your research?

The Research Concierge Service can assist with ad hoc requests from researchers including identifying recruitment resources, providing education on the overall research process, navigating the nuts and bolts of designing study infrastructure and more.

You can get information over the phone, online or in person.

Contact:

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The CTSC KL2 is designed to train the nation's future leaders in clinical and translational research.

Qualified candidates

- Hold an M.D., Ph.D., D.D.S., Pharm.D., Psy.D. or an equivalent degree
- Have demonstrated a keen interest in clinical research
- Have an appointment in one of the Departments in the University or medical centers
- Are U.S. citizens or have permanent resident status

Applications are encouraged from physicians, nurses, dentists, social and behavioral scientists, engineers, biostatisticians, epidemiologists, bioethicists and more.

Please visit our website for more information

For questions or assistance, please contact Beth Spyke, MPA at spykeb@ccf.org or 216-444-2702.

Save The Date

Comparative Effectiveness Research Half-Day Symposium

When: Friday, December 14, 2012, 7:30am-noon
Where: Wolstein Auditorium
Featured Speakers: Siran Koroukian (large databases), Mendel Singer (decision analysis), Dave Kaelber (HER) and Shari Bolen (systematic reviews/meta analysis).

More Information to follow in the CTSC newsletter.

Justin White
Clinical and Translational Science Collaborative

If you have a suggestion for a story in the CTSC Newsletter email justin.white@case.edu