Developing the clinical research professionals of tomorrow is a CTSC priority. Clinical and translational research has developed into a specific scientific discipline, however, requiring specific content expertise and a highly developed skill set. Therefore, clinical and translational investigators need specialized training to transform concepts into a feasible and valid study design, develop and execute study protocols, and analyze and effectively communicate the findings.

Persons interested in furthering their research education might consider two options: The Master's Degree Program in Clinical Research (Clinical Research Scholars Program) and the new Graduate Certificate Program in Clinical Research at Case Western Reserve University. To date, more than 90 students have matriculated into CRSP and 73 scholars have graduated with a MS degree.

The Master's Program in Clinical Research consists of three parts: formal didactic modular and semester-long course work; a seminar series focused on scientific communication skills; and an intensive mentored clinical research thesis. It is
expected that individuals so trained can meet the challenges in clinical investigation of the next decade, particularly the new translational opportunities being developed. As such, they should be attractive candidates for positions in clinical science departments, research institutes, industry and more. Take a look at the CRSP website and the 2013 Course list for more information. You may also be interested in the CRSP curriculum found here.

The Graduate Certificate Program in Clinical Research was created to provide foundational grounding in the method and conduct of patient-oriented clinical research. It provides training in clinical research methods to those individuals seeking an alternative to the Master of Science Program in Clinical Research and course credits earned may be applied later to the M.S. Program in Clinical Research and to other graduate programs. It is geared towards clinicians (physicians, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, etc.) and other health-science professionals who are interested in conducting clinical research or collaborating with other clinician-scientists who conduct clinical research. This program is also beneficial to health-science students, basic-science researchers, and other health science professionals who would like to enhance their skills in patient-oriented research.

If you are interested in either the Master's Degree Program in Clinical Research or the Graduate Certificate Program in Clinical Research, we urge you to contact the Center for Clinical Investigation:
E-mail: ccieducation@case.edu I 216-368-2601 or visit them here.

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Richard Rudick, M.D.

Announcing the Opening of Community-Based Research Centers (CB-CRC)

We are pleased to announce the availability of two community-based research sites to expand research opportunity.

The overall objectives are:

1.) To encourage innovative transdisciplinary and translational research, especially high risk/high impact research.
2.) To explore emerging opportunities and to enhance productivity of the research projects in the Barrett's Esophagus Translational Research Network (BETRNet)
3.) To attract new researchers, resources and technologies to conduct translational research on BE and EAC.

Pilot Projects, up to $50,000 direct will be awarded for one year, with possibility of second year of funding based on success of program.

- Pilot Projects must have a transdisciplinary approach and translational research plan focused on BE and/or EAC in one of the focus areas defined by BETRNet.
- Pilot Projects should have at least one investigator and another collaborator from a different discipline to encourage interdisciplinary-transdisciplinary research. To accommodate submission of projects from investigators who may not be familiar with complementary investigators, pilot projects may be submitted by individual investigators representing either basic or clinical science.

For more information and to view the Full RFA click here.

Comparative Effectiveness Research: From All Angles", 3rd annual two-day conference
resources available to UH academic and community-based research programs and the CWRU Clinical & Translational Science Collaborative (CTSC).

With the objective being to improve the health of Northeast Ohio through research, these sites located in community settings are designed to:

- provide the full range of integrated clinical translational research capability of the UH Dahms Clinical Research Unit in a community setting;
- provide an alternative setting for patients in research studies to be seen without having to travel to the academic medical center; and
- provide research-focused community education programs.

**University Hospitals Bedford Medical Center**, located at 44 Blaine Avenue, Bedford, OH 44146, is a 110-bed, private, non-profit, full service, acute-care community hospital. The Research Suite is located in the Multi-Specialty Clinic and consists of 2 exam rooms with a mini lab (centrifuge and refrigerator for sample processing) dedicated specifically for research use. The center features a patient waiting area and close-in free parking. ([http://www.uhhospitals.org/bedford](http://www.uhhospitals.org/bedford))

**University Hospitals Otis Moss Jr. Health Center**, located at 8819 Quincy Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44106. Established in conjunction with the Olivet Institutional Baptist Church in 1997, the University Hospitals Otis Moss Jr. Health Center provides high quality patient care in a spiritually supportive environment. The center offers a wide range of primary and specialty care medical services. Fully-equipped exam rooms for adult and pediatric participants, consult rooms, fee-for-service lab processing facilities, and a community room that seats 50 are available. ([http://www.uhhospitals.org/otis-moss](http://www.uhhospitals.org/otis-moss))

**Space available for:**

- Blood collection and processing
- Chart review
- Electronic data capture
- Internet access
- Medical examinations
- Obtaining informed consent in a private setting
- Participant interviews/surveys
- Screening/recruiting
- Study record completion
- Telephone follow-up

**Services:**

*May 22-23, 2013*

The Comparative Effectiveness Research: From All Angles Conference will be held May 22-23, 2013 at Case Western Reserve University.

Many expert speakers are featured covering: methods, policy, physician practice, public acceptance, economics of payment, health care organizations, and other issues. This is followed the next week, May 29-31, by a 3-day crash course in Cost-Effectiveness Analysis (EPBI/MPHP 467 Sections 101-102).

Discounted registration for interns, residents, fellows, full-time students not taking for academic credit and employees of public health departments.

(Also available for course credit EPBI/MPHP 467 Section 100)

**Featured speakers include:**

**Jessica Berg, JD, MPH** - Professor of Law, Bioethics, and Epidemiology & Biostatistics, CWRU; Associate Director, CWRU Law-Medicine Center

**Barbara J. Daly, PhD, RN, FAAN** - The Gertrude Perkins Oliva Professor in Oncology Nursing; Professor, Biomedical Ethics, CWRU School of Medicine; Director, Clinical Ethics, University Hospitals Case Medical Center

**Gregory S. Cooper, MD** - Professor of Medicine, Department of Gastroenterology and Liver Disease, University
How to Access the CB-CRC:
To request use of either of the CB-CRCs, please contact:

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The Community-Based Clinical Research Centers are supported by the William T. Dahms MD Clinical Research Unit (DCRU) and utilize the research network of the Cleveland Clinical & Translational Science Collaborative of Cleveland (CTSC), UL1TR000439, from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) component of the National Institutes of Health, to expand clinical/translational research resources available to both academic and community-based research programs.

Research Concierge Can Help You With Your Research

The RCS offers the researcher a single point of contact to 1) assist them, quickly and efficiently, at the initial project design stage and strategize the path forward; 2) shorten the amount of time researchers spend searching for valuable information; and 3) match researchers with the CTSC cores where core personnel can identify specific research needs and connect the researcher with the person whose specialized expertise can best support the project. The RCS also helps identify non-CTSC resources as well as provide education about the CTSC, the research process, and proposal development.

2nd Annual Ohio Health Data Symposium

SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday June 5, 2013

2nd Annual Ohio Health Data Symposium-Bridging Health Information Exchanges and Public Health

Registration 9 a.m.
Program 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
The services of the RCS currently provided, both in-person and virtually, are:

- Answer questions about CTSC services
- Match research needs to core services
- Navigate inexperienced researchers on the nuts and bolts of getting a study underway (e.g., discussing formats and sections for protocols, data tools, managing data, locating needed data resources)
- Assist data flow design and identification of data tools for studies (not database development but help to find the appropriate database and support for this activity)
- Administer CTSC Pilot Funding Program
- Provide guidance on regulatory requirements as well as data safety and monitoring
- Provide education on the overall research process
- Link researchers across disciplines and institutions

Reaching out for new ideas and collaborations! How can we help you?

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Antihypertensive and Lipid-Lowering Treatment to Prevent Heart Attack Trial (ALLHAT) Provides Research Opportunities

The Antihypertensive and Lipid-Lowering Treatment to Prevent Heart Attack Trial (ALLHAT) is the largest anti-hypertensive treatment trial ever conducted. ALLHAT was initiated in 1994 and data collection was completed in 2002. Its large size and diversity of participants, varied practice settings, and primary and secondary outcomes make the ALLHAT data set very useful for epidemiological investigations. In the past, ALLHAT data were available primarily to ALLHAT investigators. Now this resource is available to the wider scientific community. New research to use this valuable data collected since 1994 is encouraged,

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SUNY 'Conversations in the Disciplines' Workshop
A conference on creativity and innovation

When: June 10-11, 2013
Where: Getzville, New York (SUNY Buffalo)

The SUNY 'Conversations in the Disciplines' Workshop on Creativity and Innovation in the Biomedical Sciences is a workshop hosted by The University at Buffalo to help you reach the future ahead of your peers.

- Is the next big breakthrough yours?
- With research dollars becoming harder and harder to come by, truly transformational ideas are the wave of the future.
- Where will those ideas come from? How do you get there?
- Do you have an idea for a TR01 grant?
- Do you want to improve the innovation score on your next NIH proposal?

See the list of speakers
Registration and more information

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Spanish Translation Service Available
especially for new investigators early in their research careers.

Jackson T. Wright, Jr., MD, PhD, is vice chair of the ALLHAT steering committee and can help get investigators started. If you or any of your fellows/trainees have an interest in using the ALLHAT database to look at racial differences in renal outcomes or CV outcomes in patients you can contact him here or go to the ALLHAT website for information.

Please read this article for more details on ALLHAT.

CTSC Director of Communications Resigns

Justin White, the Clinical and Translational Science Collaborative Director of Communications since 2011 has resigned to pursue an opportunity in marketing and business development with Oswald Companies. His last day with the CTSC will be April 12, 2013. We wish him well and thank him for his significant contributions to the program.

The Case Center for Reducing Health Disparities offers a Spanish Translation Service. The service is offered to researchers in need of Spanish translations/adaptions and English back translations. Examples include: questionnaires, study instruments, fliers and consent forms. All translations are handled on an individual basis and tailored to meet your specific needs.

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