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### What does the CCTST do?

Established in 2005, the CCTST provides guidance, information, support, resources and training to researchers across and beyond the Academic Health Center, with the support of a NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA). Whether you're at UC, Cincinnati Children's, the Cincinnati VA Medical Center, UC Health University Hospital, or in the Greater Cincinnati community, we're here to help. Can't find what you're looking for? Call 513-803-1044, email [Susan Moore](#), or [visit our website](#).

### Upcoming Events & Deadlines: click links for details!

**Feb. 15, 11 AM-12 PM: [CTRC Clinical Research Forum](#).** CCHMC cardiologist **Bradley Marino, MD**. CCHMC Loc. D, 2.46.

**Feb. 17, 11 AM-1 PM: CCTST Grand Rounds: [Participant Compensation](#).** E-351 UC MSB. See article at top left.

**Feb. 27, 12-1:30 PM: CCTST Research Ethics Brownbag: [Community Acceptance of Exception from Informed Consent Research](#).** CCHMC Loc. S, 5.125. See article below left.

**March 1, 12 noon: CCTST [Clinical Research Feasibility Fund \(CREFF\)](#) pilot grant application deadline.**

**March 1, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM: [REDCap User Group Meeting](#).** Topic: **TBA**. CCHMC Loc. S, 5.125. Registration not required.

**March 5, 4:30 PM:** UC Center for Environmental Genetics (CEG) [Pilot Projects Program \(PPP\)](#) application deadline.

**March 17, 8:00 AM-12:30 PM:** 8th annual public forum [Looking Upstream for Environmental Links to Breast Cancer](#). Keynote speaker **Julia Brody, PhD**, executive director, Silent Spring Institute. Presented by the Cincinnati Breast Cancer & the Environment Research Program and Breast Cancer Registry of Greater Cincinnati. UC Reading Campus.

**March 29, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM: [Appalachian Health Summit: Neurological Disorders: Quality of Life and Potential for Recovery](#).** Lexington Convention Ctr.

[Click here](#) to request an addition to the CCTST events calendar.

### CTSAs now part of NCATS

The NIH has established the [National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences \(NCATS\)](#) to re-engineer the process of translating scientific discoveries into new drugs, diagnostics, and devices. The Center's \$575 million annual budget includes the Clinical & Translational Science Awards (CTSAs), formerly managed by the National Center for Research Resources (NCRR), which was dissolved.

The [CTSA Consortium](#) is a national network of the 60 institutions (including our Academic Health Center) that have received CTSAs to improve human health by transforming their research and training environment to enhance quality and efficiency.

### New NIH Clinical Trials Website

The NIH has unveiled a new website, [NIH Clinical Research Trials and You](#), to help people learn more about clinical trials, why they matter, and how to participate. View it at <http://clinicalresearchtrials.nih.gov>

## CCTST Grand Rounds on Participant Compensation February 17

Issues related to compensation of clinical research participants will be discussed at the next CCTST Grand Rounds on **Friday, February 17 in Room E-351 (entrance level) of the UC Medical Sciences Building (MSB)**.

From 11 AM to 12 PM, **Participant Compensation: Ethics, Taxes and Common Practices** will be presented by **Lauren V. Hoctor, MSN, BSBA, RNII, CIP**, human protections analyst with Cincinnati Children's ORCRA/IRB and **Melinda Muenich, RN, MBA**, director of the UC Health and CCHMC clinical trials offices.

From 12 to 1 PM, a panel discussion will follow entitled **Participant Compensation: The Community Perspective**. Panelists will include a research participant, parent of a participant, and study recruitment coordinator.

Free of charge and open to the public. Lunch is available to [CCTST members](#) who RSVP by Feb. 15 to [Elizabeth Heubi](#). An event flyer is [available here](#).

## CCTST "T1" Awardees Announced

The Pilot & Collaborative Studies (PCS) core of the CCTST announced \$1.3 million in FY2013 awards to facilitate T1 research on February 3. T1 (Translation 1) research seeks to apply clinical or basic research knowledge in an identifiable pathway towards the development of trials and studies in humans.

Included were 11 full T1 awards of up to \$100,000 (including one renewal); 4 Junior T1 awards of up to \$25,000 (for full-time faculty below the rank of associate professor); and 2 innovative core service awards of up to \$50,000. Four of the T1 awards and one of the Junior T1 awards included UC-CCHMC cross-institutional/interdisciplinary collaborations.

This was the fourth annual funding round of T1 grants, which expanded the highly successful Translational Research Initiative (TRI) at CCHMC to investigators across the AHC and UC main campus.

Awards are for one year starting July 1. T1 and innovative core awards are potentially renewable for one additional year. Junior T1 awards are for one year only, as grantees are encouraged to subsequently apply for a full T1 with the ultimate goal of independent extramural funding.

The next funding round and request for letters of intent will be announced in fall 2012. For more information, contact [Katie Scharf](#).

Congratulations to our awardees!

### T1 principal investigators:

- Raouf Amin, MD, pulmonary medicine, CCHMC
- Hermine Brunner, MD, MSc, rheumatology, CCHMC
- Pankaj Desai, PhD, pharmacy, UC
- Sonata Jodele, MD, bone marrow transplantation & immune deficiency, CCHMC
- Michael Jordan, MD, immunobiology, CCHMC
- Robert McNamara, PhD, psychiatry, UC
- Marshall Montrose, PhD, molecular & cellular physiology, UC
- James Mulloy, PhD, experimental hematology & cancer biology, CCHMC
- Charles Quinn, MD, MS, hematology, CCHMC
- Kimberly Risma, MD, PhD, allergy & immunology, CCHMC (2nd year)
- Takuji Suzuki, PhD, pulmonary biology, CCHMC

### Junior T1 principal investigators:

- Aimee Dietz, PhD, allied health sciences, UC
- Yu Li, PhD, radiology, CCHMC
- Karen Ryan, PhD, endocrinology, diabetes & metabolism, UC
- Yuhang Zhang, pharmacy and dermatology, UC

### Innovative core directors:

- Prasad Devarajan, MD, nephrology, CCHMC
- Charles Dumoulin, PhD, radiology, CCHMC

A table of awards including project titles and co-investigators is [available here](#).

## New CTRC Director Named

[Mark Mitsnefes, MD, MS](#) has been named program director of the Clinical Translational Research Center (CTRC) component of the CCTST. He succeeds James Heubi, MD who directed the CTRC (formerly the General Clinical Research Center, or GCRC) since 1988. Dr. Heubi will continue as co-director of the CCTST, in which role he will now have additional time to work on strategic program development.

Dr. Mitsnefes trained as a pediatric resident in Gorky, Russia and Miami Children's Hospital and completed a fellowship in pediatric nephrology at CCHMC. He is an established investigator in the complications of chronic renal disease with extramural NIH support, and is also professor of pediatrics in the Division of Nephrology and Hypertension. He will be responsible for the medical oversight of the CTRC, including its inpatient/outpatient units, cores and pilot grant program, the Clinical Research Feasibility Fund (CREFF).

## CCTST Research Ethics Brownbag Feb. 27

**Community Acceptance of Exception From Informed Consent Research** is the topic of the CCTST Research Ethics Brownbag Seminar on **Monday, February 27 from 12-1:30 PM in Room 5.125 of CCHMC Location S**.

Featured speaker is **Jason McMullan, MD**, assistant professor, UC department of emergency medicine. He will cover the tenets of exception from informed consent (EFIC) research, and share recent experiences in conducting community consultation and public disclosure activities to provide the background and context for discussion of his recent work exploring what the community thinks about this process.

For more information, contact [Katie Scharf](#).

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