

CCTST NEWSBRIEF

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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

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April 24-25 CCTST Community Engagement Speaker Series. See article below left.

April 26, 7:30 AM-4:30 PM: [Research 2012: We're Not in Kansas Anymore](#). Sponsored by the CCHMC Office of Clinical and Translational Research. 5/3 Auditorium, Sabin Education Center. [Waiting list only— join here](#).

May 3, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM: [REDCap User Group Meeting](#). Topic: *TBA*. CCHMC Loc. S, 5.125. Registration not required.

May 10, 12:00-1:00 PM: CCTST K Club for current and potential career development grant awardees. E-151 UC MSB. RSVP for lunch by May 8 to [Susan Moore](#).

May 18, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM: [CCTST Grand Rounds on medical device innovation](#). Presenters: **Bala Haridas, PhD**, co-director, UC Medical Device Innovation and Entrepreneurship Program (MDIEP); **Sanjay Shrivastava, PhD**, director of technical marketing, ev3/Covidien; and **Andrew Ringer, MD**, professor, UC neurosurgery. Rieveschl Auditorium, Vontz Center, UC Col. of Med. Details TBA.

May 18, 8:00 AM-5:00 PM: [OSU CTSI 3rd Annual Scientific Meeting](#), Columbus. Keynote speaker: **Christopher Austin, MD**, scientific director, NIH Center for Translational Therapeutics (NCTT).

May 22, 8:00 –9:00 AM: CCTST Special Seminar on treatment effects. Presenters: **Sheldon Greenfield, MD** and **Sherri Kaplan, PhD, MPH**, University of California-Irvine. See article below left.

Did you know?

Archives of [CCTST events](#) and past issues of the CCTST [NewsBrief](#) are available on our website. An [informational video](#) on each of our core service areas is available from its respective home page, accessible from the Programs tab.

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New Fee Structure for Research Central Services

As the 3rd year of the CTSA grant closes, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all who are a part of the CCTST community. With your participation and that of over 1,000 other CCTST members, faculty, and staff, we believe that clinical and translational research at UC, CCHMC, the Cincinnati VA, UC Health, and the Greater Cincinnati community has benefited tremendously.

To help ensure that the limited resources of the CTSA grant are used wisely, we have created a new fee structure for Research Central services. **As of April 1**, the CCTST will continue to provide 10 Research Central hours of support per investigator per grant year, funded by the CTSA grant— where 1 Research Central hour equals 1 hour of doctoral-level methodologic support (e.g., for study design) or 2 hours of master's-level support (e.g., for REDCap databases) – but in the case that an investigator receives more than 10 Research Central hours of support in a grant year, we will charge for the additional time at a rate of \$129/hour for doctoral-level support and \$77/hour for master's/staff-level support.

As such, at the time of submitting a Request for Consultation, we will ask the submitter for a division, department, or grant account number (if known) in the event that he/she exceeds the 10 Research Central hours over the course of the year. In this most recent grant year, the median number of Research Central hours used per investigator per year was 1.5, the 75th percentile was 5.2, and only 11% exceeded 10 hours. Based upon these historical data, we anticipate that few researchers will exceed the 10-hour limit over the course of a year. The cumulative number of Research Central hours used will be shown on the Request for Consultation form, and we will issue monthly usage reports to your business administrator.

We expect that the new fee structure will enable us to continue providing the excellent service you expect from the CCTST. We also plan to roll out additional services. For example, we recently added a "Find a Collaborator" feature to [our website](#), which members can use free of charge. If you have suggestions for other services you would like us to provide, or ways to improve the services we currently provide, please let us know.

Thanks again for all that you do to foster clinical and translational research!

James Heubi, MD Joel Tsevat, MD, MPH
CCTST Co-Directors

CCTST Community Engagement Speaker Series April 24-25

The CCTST Community Engagement core continues its Speaker Series on **Tuesday, April 24 in Room 3051 of the UC Medical Sciences Building (MSB).**

From 12:00 to 1:00 PM, "Engaging Communities in Research & Policy: Decreasing Health & Equity Disparities" will be presented by **Meredith Minkler, DrPH, MPH**, professor and director, health and social behavior, school of public health, University of California, Berkeley and **Sheryl Walton, MPH**, community health educator, Walton & Associates. They will describe the process of engaging communities in policy-focused research and health promotion; discuss challenges and effective strategies for engaging communities to address health inequities; and provide examples of environmental justice, community research, or public policy strategies that have been used effectively by communities and health partners to improve health outcomes.

From 1:00-2:00 PM, Dr. Minkler and Ms. Walton will participate in an **interactive session/panel discussion** focused on implementing policy-focused research and health promotion, challenges in conducting community engaged and translational research, and identifying strategies for developing equitable and assets-based community –academic partnerships to improve health outcomes.

Continuing education credit is available for physicians and psychologists. To reserve a box lunch, RSVP to ctsaa@cchmc.org by April 20. [Click here for an event flyer](#).

Additional Speaker Series events (click links for details):

Tuesday, April 24, 6:00-9:00 PM : [Community Reception and Dinner "The Power of Health Partnerships & Policy"](#)

Paul Brown Stadium, Club East Lounge (RSVP by April 20)

Wednesday, April 25, 9:00-10:30 AM: [Community Forum and Coffee Hour "Building Alliances to Improve Health and Transform Communities"](#)

Mayerson Academy, 2650 Highland Ave, 45219 (RSVP requested)

For more information, contact [Teresa Smith](#), 513-803-0917.

Made possible by a National Institutes of Health Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), the CCTST Community Engagement Speaker Series is free of charge and open to the public.

KL2, BIRCWH Career Development Awards Announced

The CCTST has announced the latest recipients of mentored career development awards through its [KL2 Research Scholar](#) and [BIRCWH \(Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health\)](#) programs. The CTSA-supported KL2 is designed for junior faculty pursuing careers in clinical and translational research. The BIRCWH K12 is designed specifically for those interested in an interdisciplinary scientific career that will benefit the health of women. The programs generally provide 75% salary support (up to \$75,000/year) plus \$25,000 in expenses for up to 2 years to highly qualified MD, PhD, or PharmD full-time junior faculty. During the award period, Scholars are expected to pursue their own K23 or similar individual career development awards.

Two awards of each type were made in the current cycle (applications closed January 20). New KL2 Scholars are:

- **Aimee Dietz, PhD**, communication sciences and disorders, College of Allied Health Sciences, UC
- **David Hooper, MD**, nephrology and hypertension, CCHMC

New BIRCWH Scholars are:

- **Neera Goyal, MD, MSHP**, neonatology, CCHMC
- **Lisa Privette Vinnedge, PhD**, oncology, CCHMC

The next request for applications (RFA) for both programs will be announced in Fall 2012. For more information, contact [Susan Moore](#).

CCTST Special Seminar May 22

Mark your calendars for a CCTST Special Seminar on Tuesday, May 22 from 8:00-9:00 AM in Room E-351 (entrance level) of the UC Medical Sciences Building (MSB).

"Who can respond to treatment? Methods in addressing heterogeneity of treatment effects" will be presented by **Sheldon Greenfield, MD** and **Sherrie H. Kaplan, PhD, MPH**, executive co-directors of the [Health Policy Research Institute](#) at the University of California, Irvine. HPRI is an interdisciplinary faculty research organization dedicated to quality of care, the doctor-patient relationship, and measuring the outcomes of care, with an emphasis on chronic disease in minority populations.

Registration is not required. For more information, contact [Katie Scharf](#).

CCTST Ethics, Methods Grants Announced

The CCTST has announced its FY 2013 grant awards for innovative research addressing ethical issues in clinical and translational research and biostatistical, epidemiological and other methods developments. Each project receives one-year funding of up to \$10,000.

The Research Ethics Grant Program aims to develop, inform, or apply morally, socially and culturally acceptable frameworks that maximize the ethics of conducting clinical and translational research. Funded this round are principal investigator **Melanie Myers, MS, PhD**, director of the UC/CCHMC principal counseling graduate program and co-investigator **Cynthia Prows, MSN, RN** of the CCHMC division of human genetics for the project **Exome sequencing and incidental findings: the experience and expectations of parents of children with rare genetic disorders**.

The Methodologic Research Program advances the fields of biostatistics, epidemiology, bioinformatics and related disciplines in order to enhance the capacity to conduct and analyze data from clinical and translational studies. Four projects are funded this round. Principal investigators are:

- **Lili Ding, PhD**, asst. professor, biostatistics and epidemiology, CCHMC
- **Long (Jason) Lu, PhD**, asst. professor, biomedical informatics, CCHMC
- **Marekall Rao, PhD**, professor, environmental health, UC
- **Rakesh Shukla, PhD**, professor, environmental health, UC

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

Applications for the current funding round closed in January 2012. The next request for applications will be issued in Fall 2012. Additional program details are [available here](#). For more information, contact [Katie Scharf](#).

Questions or comments? [Email us](#) or call (513) 803-1044.

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