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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

[click links for details](#)

**Sept. 13, 12:00-1:00 PM:** [CCTST K Club Meeting](#) for current and potential career development awardees. **Topic: Conflict of Interest.** E-151 UC MSB.

**Sept. 14, 12:00-1:00 PM:** [CTSA Tool Shop Webinar: Patient Refined Information Services Manager \(PRISM\)](#). Improve patient safety, outcomes and cost. **John Spertus, U. of Kansas Med Ctr.**

**Sept. 19, 9:00-10:30 AM:** [Clinical Research Training– Device Accountability](#). Rieveschl Auditorium, Vontz Center, UC COM.

**Sept. 21-22:** [2012 Regional Faculty & Health Care Educators Conference](#). CCHMC Sabin Education Center, 5/3 Bank Auditorium. Keynote speaker: **Richard Gunderman, MD, PhD**, Indiana University School of Medicine.

**Sept. 25, 9:00-10:30 AM:** [Clinical Research Training- How to Avoid Deviations and Violations](#). Rieveschl Auditorium, Vontz Center, UC COM.

**Oct. 1-2, Louisville KY:** [Ohio Valley Affiliates for Life Sciences \(OVALS\) 2012 Conference](#). Keynote speaker: **Elizabeth Dougherty**, Office of Innovation Development, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

**Oct. 4, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM:** [REDCap User Group Meeting](#). **Topic: TBA.** CCHMC Loc. S, 5.125. Registration not required.

**October 5, 8:00 AM-4:30 PM:** [Human Subject Protection: With a Little Help from Our Friends](#). Keynote speaker: **Seth Mnookin**, MIT, author of *The Panic Virus*. N. Ky. Convention Center. Sponsored by UC, CCHMC, UK, and Schulman Associates IRB. [Click here to register](#). Faculty and staff may enter discount code of CCHMC or UC (as appropriate) for the discounted rate of \$100.

#### Please Complete CCTST Survey

The University of Cincinnati and its partners Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Cincinnati VA Medical Center and UC Health have been funded by a National Institutes of Health Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) to offer resources through the Center for Clinical and Translational Science and Training (CCTST).

Our annual survey helps us design and improve services that will transform the research enterprise in the University, Academic Health Center and community. **Please take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire linked below:**

[CTSA/CCTST General Survey 2012](#)

Contact [Liz Heubi](#) if you have any questions.

**THANK YOU!**

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#### "T1" Grants Available for Clinical and Translational Research

The CCTST announces the next competition cycle for its "T1" grant program. Proposals are requested to fund T1 translational research, which seeks to apply clinical or basic research knowledge in an identifiable pathway towards the development of trials and studies in humans.

Grants are available for:

- **new T1 research proposals:** one year of support, up to \$100,000 in direct costs
- **competing T1 renewal proposals** for a second year of support
- **junior T1 investigators:** up to \$25,000 in direct costs, one year only
- **innovative cores:** assistance to build local infrastructure supporting clinical and translational research (up to \$50,000/year for 1-2 years)

UC faculty with 80% or greater FTE (any campus), including those based at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and Cincinnati Veterans Affairs Medical Center are generally eligible to apply. Applicants must be [CCTST members](#) (free of charge).

**Letters of Intent (LOI) must be received before midnight Wednesday, October 3, 2012.** Those invited to apply will be notified by November 14, 2012. Full proposals, by invitation only, will be due December 12, 2012. Award notices will be made in February 2013, and funds available July 1, 2013. For complete details see the [request for applications](#), or email [Katie Scharf](#).

#### CCTST Grand Rounds on Translational Research Ethics September 21

**An Ethics Roadmap to Translational Research** will be presented at CCTST Grand Rounds on Friday, September 21 from 12-1 PM in Room 4051 of the UC Medical Sciences Building (MSB). Featured speaker is **Lainie Friedman Ross, MD, PhD**, the Carolyn and Matthew Bucksbaum professor of clinical ethics at the University of Chicago, where she serves as associate director of the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics and co-director of the Institute for Translational Medicine.

Ross will define the translational research pathway and the ethical challenges that arise; present published case studies along the translational pathway that did not adequately address ethical challenges; and discuss the ethical challenges raised by health policies.

Made possible by a NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), CCTST Grand Rounds are free and open to the public. CME is offered. Lunch is available to [CCTST members](#) who RSVP to [Susan Moore](#) by September 19.

#### Emmy Award-Winning Journalist to Speak on Research Freedom, Huntington's Disease September 27

The Fellows of the Graduate School and CCTST welcome Emmy Award-winning journalist **Charles Sabine** for a special seminar **Thursday, September 27 at 5:00 PM in Kresge Auditorium of the UC Medical Sciences Building (MSB)**. He will discuss *The Pursuit of Hope and Dignity: Why Every Link in the Medical Chain Matters*.

An international correspondent with NBC News for 26 years, in 2008 Sabine became a pioneering spokesman for freedom of scientific research and sufferers of degenerative brain illnesses - in particular, Huntington's disease, which has ravaged his family. In that role he has spoken at prestigious venues across the world, including the European and British parliaments, Royal Institution in London and World Congress for Freedom of Scientific Research. Sabine's father and brother both died of Huntington's, and genetic testing has revealed that he too carries the gene for the disease.

Registration is not required. A podcast of the presentation will be available at <http://molgen.uc.edu> on October 3. For more information, email [Laura Dickson](#) or event organizer [Dr. Peter Stambrook](#) of the UC Department of Molecular Genetics, Biochemistry and Microbiology.

A program flyer is [available here](#).

#### Ohio CTAs Form Statewide Research Collaboration

The three Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) institutions in Ohio—the University of Cincinnati (UC), Case Western Reserve University and The Ohio State University—and their partnering institutions (including CCHMC) have established a statewide collaborative agreement allowing a single organization's Institutional Review Board (IRB) to assume IRB responsibilities on behalf of multiple institutions when conducting multicenter studies.

This collaborative effort will serve to accelerate research by streamlining human subject protection processes when participating institutions are partnering on research projects requiring IRB approvals.

This is the first reciprocity agreement among multiple CTSA organizations in Ohio and encompasses eight legally separate Ohio institutions.

[Click here to learn more.](#)

For additional information, see:

[Cincinnati Enquirer](#) guest editorial by CCTST regulatory knowledge and support core director **Jane Strasser, PhD**, 8/21/12

[Columbus Dispatch](#) article, 8/17/12

#### Travel Awards Offered for Rare Diseases Research Conference October 3

The 3rd Conference on Clinical Research for Rare Diseases will be held Tuesday, October 2 in Rockville, MD. A limited number of travel awards of up to \$750 are available on a competitive basis to trainees, fellows and junior faculty for abstract and poster presentations from the NIH-funded Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network.

Conference registration (\$100) is required to submit an abstract. Abstracts will be accepted online through September 14. [Click here for more information](#), or email [cmclear@mail.med.upenn.edu](mailto:cmclear@mail.med.upenn.edu).

#### Applications for CReFF Pilot Funding Due November 1

The CCTST is accepting applications from junior faculty for the next round of **Clinical Research Feasibility Fund (CReFF)** pilot grants. Instructors or assistant professors based at UC, CCHMC or Cincinnati VAMC utilizing the resources of the [Clinical Translational Research Center](#) (CTRC, formerly the General Clinical Research Center) are generally eligible; funding restrictions apply. Fellows anticipating a faculty appointment during the grant period may also be eligible. Applicants must be CCTST members. [Click here to join free of charge](#).

Applicants must already have an active CTRC-approved protocol or submit one for review with their proposal. The CReFF provides one-year start-up funding of up to \$20,000 for pilot studies, potentially renewable for one additional year. One or two grants are anticipated this cycle.

A letter of intent is not required. However, potential applicants are strongly advised to contact the program director, [Dr. Mark Mitsnefes](#), prior to submitting an application, and to submit their protocol to the CTRC Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) at least one month before the CReFF review meeting to facilitate resolving scientific or other issues. The approval process for the protocol must be completed before it can be considered for a CReFF award.

**Applications (electronic and hard copies) must be submitted by 12 noon on Thursday, November 1, 2012.** For the complete Request for Applications (RFA), [click here](#), call 513-636-4273 or email [Amy Hartkemeyer](#).

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

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