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REGISTER NOW: Empirical Bioethics Conference Feb. 21-22

The CCTST will host the conference *Empirical Bioethics: Emerging Trends for the 21st Century*, February 21-22, 2013 at the Kingsgate Marriott Conference Center. Sessions run from 1:00-5:15 PM Thursday (followed by a reception for attendees), and 8:15 AM to 4:20 PM Friday. [Online registration](#) is now open and [required](#) by February 15.

Empirical bioethics involves the measurement and evaluation of ethical principles. During this 2 day conference, participants will learn about cutting edge research that defines the ethical framework guiding clinical and translational studies. Speakers include internationally recognized experts in the application of ethics to clinical research and medicine:

- Keynote speaker Feb. 21 is [Daniel Sulmasy, MD, PhD](#), professor of medicine and associate director of the MacLean Center for Medical Ethics, University of Chicago. He will discuss *Ethics and Evidence: What Data Can and Cannot Do for Bioethics*.
- Feb. 22, [Peter Ubel, MD](#), professor in the Fuqua School of Business and Sanford School of Public Policy of Duke University, will discuss *Is Human Nature Ready for Autonomy: What Behavioral Science Teaches Us About the Limits of Shared Decision Making in Medicine*.
- Also Feb. 22, [Rebecca Pentz, PhD](#), professor research ethics with the Winship Cancer Institute, Emory University School of Medicine, will discuss *Ethics Companion Studies: Strategies, Successes and Setbacks*.

Additional presenters will cover empirical vs. normative ethics; the interface between clinical care and research; issues related to informed consent; publication of empirical bioethics findings; and advances in community consultation.

Ten CME and 10.75 OPA ethics credits are available. Registration fee is \$100, which includes conference materials, Thursday's reception, Friday's breakfast and lunch, breaks, and parking. A limited number of guest rooms are available at the UC business rate of \$145+tax.

For more information see the [program brochure](#), or contact [Bettie Durant](#). Co-sponsoring the event with the CCTST are Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and the CCHMC Ethics Center. Please print and post our [promotional flyer!](#)

UK-UC Collaborative Grant Program Announced

The University of Kentucky Center for Clinical and Translational Science (UK CCTS) will announce details of its next Partners Pilot Collaborative Grant program with the University of Cincinnati on Friday, January 25. One award of up to \$50,000 in total direct cost will be made to catalyze the development or enhance the maturation of a multi-institutional research team capable of performing highly innovative, extramurally fundable research contributing to human health and well-being. Co-PIs from UK and UC (or its affiliates CCHMC or VAMC) are required, and must be full-time faculty.

Letters of intent are due February 18. For more information, visit the [CCTST website](#) or email [Katie Scharf](#).

CCTST Grand Rounds on Clinical and Public Health Indicators Feb. 15

The origins, use and scientific utility of major clinical and public health indicators will be discussed at CCTST Grand Rounds on Friday, February 15. Featured speaker [Russell Kirby, PhD, MS](#), Professor and Marrell Endowed Chair of the Department of Community and Family Health at the University of South Florida, will also identify links between theory and practice relative to clinical measures as public health indicators, and illustrate a methodology for developing and evaluating new clinical indicators.

His talk is entitled "*We Count What We Can Count, We Measure What We Can Measure: Are Traditional Perinatal Indicators Relevant in the 21st Century Context?*" To find out, join us from 11 AM to 1 PM in Room 4051 of the UC Medical Sciences Building (MSB).

Additional details/speakers to be announced. Free of charge and open to the public. Lunch is available to CCTST members ([join free of charge](#)) who RSVP to [Elizabeth Heubi](#) by Feb. 13.

CReFF Pilot Funding Available for Junior Faculty

The CCTST is now accepting applications from junior faculty for the next round of **Clinical Research Feasibility Fund (CReFF)** pilot grants. Instructors or assistant professors based at UC, Cincinnati Children's or the Cincinnati VA Medical Center utilizing the resources of the [Clinical Translational Research Center](#) (CTRC) are generally eligible; funding restrictions apply. Fellows anticipating a faculty appointment during the grant period may also be eligible. Applicants must be CCTST members. [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 Friday, March 1, 2013. For the complete Request for Applications (RFA), [click here](#), call 513-636-4273 or email [Amy Hartkemeyer](#).

NewsBrief

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Need assistance with your clinical/translational research project? [CCTST membership](#) (free of charge) is required for service. We now have over **1,730** members (and counting!).

Already a member? Please [log in from our home page](#) and click "Request Assistance with Your Research Project." The CCTST provides up to 10 hours of support per investigator per grant year (April 1–March 30), funded by the CTSA grant; 1 Research Central hour equals 1 hour of doctoral-level methodologic support or 2 hours of master's-level support. Additional hours, if needed, are billed at established rates.

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? [Contact us](#) or [visit our website](#).

More Events! click links for details

Jan. 25, 12 midnight: [CCTST Research Ethics, Methods grant application deadline.](#)

Jan. 31, 10:30-11:30 AM: [CEG Career Development Program. Writing Curriculum Vitae– Template to Content.](#) Dawn Kleindorfer, MD, UC neurology. 4051 UC MSB.

Feb. 7, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM: [REDCap User Group Meeting. Preview: New Features in Survey for Version 5.](#) CCHMC Location S, Room 5.125.

Feb. 7, 12:30-1:30 PM: [UC Dept. of Communication Colloquium: The Public in Bioethics and Bioethics in Public: Rhetorical and Normative Facets of the Embryonic Stem Cell Debate.](#) John Lynch, PhD. 205 McMicken Hall, UC west campus.

Feb. 12, 3:00-4:45 PM: [BERD Monthly Seminar Series. Traffic-Related Air Pollution in Cincinnati: From Exposure Assessment to Children's Health.](#) Patrick Ryan, PhD, assistant professor, biostatistics and epidemiology, CCHMC. 610 University Hall.

Feb. 14, 9-11 AM: [Ready, Set, Go! Workshop for research faculty: Time Management.](#) Amy Bunger, PhD, UC COM. 450 University Hall. [Register online.](#)

Feb. 15, 11 AM-1 PM: [CCTST Grand Rounds](#) on clinical and public health indicators. **Russell Kirby, PhD, MS, University of South Florida. 4051 UC MSB. See article at left.**

Feb. 20, 11 AM-12 PM: [CTRC Clinical Research Forum. "Inner City Asthma: Is it Different and What Can We Do About It?"](#) Carolyn Kerckmar, MD, director, CCHMC Asthma Center. CCHMC Location D, Room 2.46.

Feb. 21-22: [Register Now! Empirical Bioethics: Emerging Trends for the 21st Century.](#) Marriott Kingsgate Conference Center. See article above left.

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