



April, 2012 Edition

Welcome to the monthly newsletter of the **Buffalo Clinical and Translational Research Center**.

The purpose of the newsletter is to update leadership, faculty, trainees, and community partners of the Buffalo Translational Consortium on activities.

Message from the CTRC Director




Buffalo will be well represented at the Clinical Research Forum and the Society for Clinical and Translational Science meetings this week in Washington. We hope to learn more about the direction and priorities of the National Center for Advancing Translational Science.

The opening of the CTRC in May is fast approaching. We will soon have our "home" for clinical and translational research in Buffalo! The Gates Vascular Institute has opened and is fully functioning. This partnering of Kaleida and UB and the

NEWS UPDATES & UPCOMING EVENTS


[Pilot Studies Grants in Clinical and Translational Research Awarded](#)

Six pilot projects totaling \$200,000 were awarded to research teams in the Buffalo Translational Consortium.

 [Click for titles of projects, investigators and their institutional affiliations](#)

[PET/CT Scanner Installed in Clinical and Translational Research Center](#)

An NIH Shared Instrumentation grant (Principal Investigator John Canty MD) supported a new GE Discovery PET/CT 690 which was recently installed in the Imaging Center on the 7th floor of the CTRC.

 [Click for more details and a photo](#)

[Two UB Medical Students Receive Fellowships to Support a Research Year](#)

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adjacency of clinical care and research create enormous potential for our translational research enterprise in Buffalo.

Timothy F. Murphy MD
Director, Buffalo Clinical and Translational
Research Center

Featured Key Function: Tracking and Evaluation

Director: Dagobert Soergel, PhD

- Professor and Chair
- Department of Library and Information Studies
- UB Graduate School of Education

The Tracking and Evaluation Key Function is responsible for:

- Making sure that the CTSA/CTRC activities work together to achieve the overall project objectives
- Making sure that each activity is on track and providing the data that managers can use to make adjustments as needed
- Proving to UB administrators and NIH that the project delivers the desired results

In an effort to accomplish these goals recent activities have focused in 4 areas:

1. For each of the key functions, a member of the Tracking and Evaluation committee has been assigned to work closely with the committee designing and conducting that section and will share responsibility for the evaluation activities of that section.
2. The Tracking and Evaluation committee is developing a logic model, a diagrammatic representation of the activities their inputs and outputs and their interconnections, for each Key Function.
3. Our high-level logic model of the entire CTSA/CTRC project will be integrated with individual Key Functions.
4. We are updating the description of the innovative Resource Discovery, Tracking, and Evaluation system


Timothy Thayer, Class of 2014, are part of a select group of 13 medical students nationwide who have been awarded a scholarship from the Sarnoff Cardiovascular Research Foundation. As Sarnoff fellows, they will receive support for one year of mentored laboratory research.

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[Core Curriculum/Seminar Series Continues on the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus](#)

The series continues every Wednesday from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. A three part series on Community Engagement and Cultural Diversity will begin April 18 led by Laurene Tumiel-Berhalter, PhD, Vice Chair of Research, Department of Family Medicine.

Titles of the sessions, location and other details are posted on the School of Medicine calendar at [this link](#).

 [Click here to see the slides of each of the seminars](#)

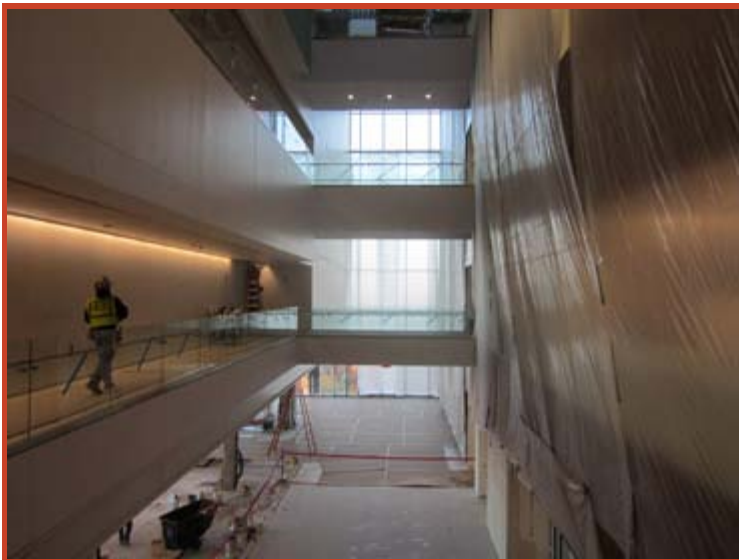
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CTRC Building Update



Sixth Floor: Completed workstation area adjacent to labs

Construction continues on schedule for a May opening. Installation of the paneling on the south wall of the large atrium that spans from the fifth through eight floors is complete. The sixth floor labs, offices, clinical research center and biorepository are completed. Progress on floors five, seven and eight is progressing rapidly.



View of atrium looking north from sixth floor bridge



Left Photo: Exam room in Clinical Research Center on sixth floor; Right Photo: Laboratory bench installed in sixth floor laboratory