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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



In moving toward our mission to serve as the hub of clinical and translational research in Buffalo, the CTRC is now hosting a number of regularly scheduled seminars and events. The Second Annual Clinical and Translational Research Colloquium will be held at the CTRC in April. We will be initiating a monthly seminar series beginning next month and will continue hosting the monthly seminar series on clinical and research ethics. We welcome faculty, trainees and community partners to attend these programs.

NEWS UPDATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

[Clinical and Translational Research Colloquium to be held April 12](#)

The Second Annual Clinical and Translational Research Colloquium will be held at the CTRC on Friday April 12 from 2 to 4 PM. [The Pilot Studies awardees](#) from last year will present their work. In addition to the research presentations, Drs. Steven Fliesler and Leonard Epstein will give an overview of the pilot studies program with a presentation entitled "What we are looking for: How to win a Pilot grant award." Faculty and trainees are welcome to attend. Admission is free.



[Click here for the program](#)

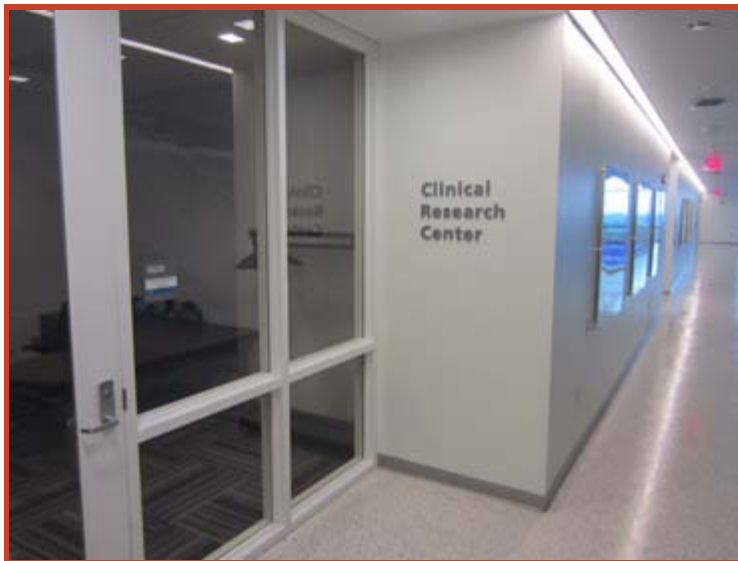
[Gates Foundation Deputy Director and UB Graduate Stephen Becker to Give Keynote Address at UB Global HIV Research Day](#)

A graduate of UB School of Medicine, Dr. Stephen Becker is an international authority on clinical development of antiretroviral therapies and

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CTRC Building Update

The Clinical Research Center on the sixth floor is moving closer to opening. Exam rooms are being equipped, the specimen-processing lab is taking shape and supplies enabling the CRC to begin operations are being delivered. It is anticipated that the CRC will be able to accept clinical studies in the next month or so.



Main entrance of the Clinical Research Center



is currently Deputy Director, HIV/TB of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. He will give the Keynote Address at the UB Global HIV Research Day on Monday March 11 at 9 AM at the Center of Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences.



Dr. Stephen Becker

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[UB Ontologists to Lead National Effort on Bioinformatics Integration of Immunology Data](#)

A team of UB researchers led by Dr. Barry Smith has received major NIH funding to provide ontology expertise and support for the collection, analysis and exchange of data related to research in immunology and immunological diseases. They will work as part of a multidisciplinary, international team.



*SUNY Distinguished Professor
Barry Smith*

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Exam room in the Clinical Research Center



[UB Catalyst Fund Awards
\\$200,000 to Translate UB
Research into New
Therapies and Commercial
Products](#)

The UB Catalyst Fund is providing support to 5 teams of researchers and inventors to conduct efficacy studies and related research to move promising technologies closer to commercialization. These funds are intended to bridge the "valley of death" between the laboratory and the market so new innovations to improve healthcare can be realized.



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