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**Message from the CTRC Director**



Programs and infrastructure in clinical and translational research continue to grow. A few are highlighted in this newsletter, including the appointment of an international leader as Chair of the Department of Biomedical Informatics, a new grant to support community outreach by faculty in the Primary Care Research Institute, the awarding of NIH research fellowships to 6 medical students, and the upcoming unique Workshop on Creativity and Innovation. The CTRC is continuing to expand the services that we provide to investigators in the Buffalo Translational Consortium.

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**CTRC Building Update**

**NEWS UPDATES &  
UPCOMING EVENTS**

[International Leader  
Recruited to UB as Chair  
of the Department of  
Biomedical Informatics](#)

Following an international search, Dr. Peter L. Elkin has been named Chair of the Department of Biomedical Informatics of the UB School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences. Dr. Elkin was most recently Professor of Medicine at Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Director of The Mount Sinai Center for Biomedical Informatics and Vice-President for Biomedical and Translational Informatics at Mount Sinai Hospital. Dr. Elkin will assume his position at University at Buffalo in July 2013.



*Peter Elkin MD, Chair,*

The CTRC now houses the laboratories of 13 Principal Investigators, including 3 new faculty recruits since the building opened in September 2012. See [this link](#) for a summary of the PIs and their research interests.

As reported in previous newsletters, the Clinical Research Center on the sixth floor is ready for clinical studies and the build-out of the Imaging Center is progressing steadily. Stay tuned for more news on the Imaging Center in the near future.



*Immunology Laboratory on the sixth floor of the CTRC*

## *Department of Biomedical Informatics*

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### [Komen Grant Supports Community Outreach](#)

Two faculty in the Primary Care Research Institute were recently awarded a grant from Susan G. Komen for the Cure as part of the Patient Voices Network, a partnership between the Institute and patients from medically underserved areas in Buffalo. The initiative stemmed from a Patient Action Team formed as part of a previous study to evaluate various cancer screening strategies. Four community-based practice sites are participating in the project:

- Jericho Road Family Practice (2 sites)
- UBMD Family Practice at Jefferson
- Cleve-Hill Family Health Center



*Drs. Laurene Tumiel-Berhalter and Chester Fox, who are overseeing the community outreach project.*

 [Click for more](#) about the project


### [NIH Fellowships Awarded](#)




*Infectious Diseases Laboratory on the sixth floor of the CTRC*

### [to Six Medical Students](#)

As part of a joint institutional NIH Training Grant between the UB School of Medicine and Roswell Park Cancer Institute, six medical students have been awarded research fellowships to perform mentored research projects during the summer of 2013. The program is intended to introduce outstanding medical students to careers as physician scientists.

 [See this link](#) for the list of 2013 awardees and mentors

 [Click for](#) detailed training program info

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### [Workshop on Creativity and Innovation in the Biomedical Sciences](#)

UB will host a unique workshop intended for investigators and trainees on June 10-11, 2013. The agenda includes national

experts on creativity and innovation in addition to winners of NIH Director's Transformative Research Awards that support exceptionally innovative research projects. The workshop, designed under the leadership of Dr. Leonard Epstein, is intended to assist investigators in performing innovative research and enhancing scores for innovation on grant proposals. The workshop is attracting a national audience.



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