



November, 2011 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

Progress continues in supporting clinical and translational research with a variety of new and ongoing programs. The First Annual Colloquium was a huge success, the quality of the weekly Core Curriculum has been outstanding and a large range of applications in response to the RFA for Pilot Studies is anticipated. This newsletter highlights a number of upcoming events.



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Featured Key Function: Pilot Studies

Pilot Studies initiatives involve two related Key Functions each with complementary goals:

1. Development of Novel Clinical and Translational Methodologies

NEWS UPDATES & UPCOMING EVENTS

[Mentoring Study Is Enrolling Protégé-Mentor Pairs](#)

The NIH funded multicenter trial entitled "Researcher Resilience through Multidimensional Mentoring-an Upstate New York Initiative" is still enrolling pairs of mentors and proteges. Two protégé training sessions and one mentor training session have been held in Buffalo and have received stellar reviews. Many graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty are eligible.



[Click for more info & eligibility criteria](#)

[Translational Science 2012: National Meeting April 18-20, 2012 in Washington DC](#)

The Society for Translational Science (SCTS), of which UB is a founding member, is sponsoring a national meeting that brings together all of the disciplines involved in clinical and translational science. The meeting is especially valuable as an opportunity to give young investigators and trainees national visibility for their work. Abstract deadline is December 16, 2011.



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Director: Steven Fliesler PhD,
Meyer H. Riwchun Endowed Chair Professor Vice-Chairman
and Director of Research Department of Ophthalmology

2. Pilot and Collaborative Translational and Clinical Studies

Director: Leonard Epstein PhD,
SUNY Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics and Social and
Preventive Medicine

Click here to see the [goals of the programs](#).

Both pilot studies programs are thriving in large part due to the broad-based institutional support of the leadership of [Buffalo Translational Consortium institutions](#). An active RFA (request for applications) has been circulated with proposals due December 1, 2012. [See this link for more details](#).

A total of \$200,000 to support this year's round of pilot studies is a result of the support of the following offices:

- Vice President for Research
- Vice President for Health Sciences
- Roswell Park Cancer Institute
- Dean, School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
- Dean, School of Public Health and Health Professions
- Dean, School of Nursing
- Dean, School of Dental Medicine
- Dean, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences

First Annual Clinical and Translational Research Colloquium

The Pilot Studies program directors hosted the first annual colloquium at which last year's awardees presented updates of their work and were recognized as CTSC Fellows. Approximately 100 people attended the colloquium. [Click here for photos and news about the colloquium](#).

Pilot Studies Proposals Are Due December 1

Two RFAs for Pilot Studies in clinical and translational science have been released. Awards of up to \$50,000 will be made for projects to develop Novel Clinical and Translational Methodologies and for Pilot and Collaborative Translational and Clinical Studies. All investigators in [Buffalo Translational Consortium institutions](#) are eligible to apply.



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Medical Student T35 Training Grant Application Information To Be Released Soon

A T35 Training Grant from the NIH is a new opportunity for first year medical students to perform a mentored research project. The grant supports stipends for students to perform 10 week summer fellowships in the laboratories of UB and Roswell Park faculty in the areas of infectious diseases, microbiology and immunology. The first fellowships will awarded for the summer of 2012. Details and the application information will be released in the next week or so.



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Core Curriculum

The weekly series continues on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 at the Roswell Park Research Studies Center at the corner of Elm and Carlton. The next 2 seminars (November 30 and December 7) are a two part series on how to implement a clinical trial.



Left Photo: *Dr. Leonard Epstein introducing Dr. Wen Wee Ma at the First Annual Colloquium; Right Photo: Dr. Steven Fliesler at the First Annual Colloquium.*



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CTRC Building Update



CTRC Exterior. Main entrance viewed from Ellicott street. Photograph taken November 23, 2011.

Construction is on schedule for an early May, 2012 opening for the UB CTRC. Floors are currently being installed and lab benches will be installed in the next week or two. The Kaleida Emergency Room at ground level has opened and is fully operational.