



October, 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 Director

A broad range of new and continuing activity in clinical and translational research in the Buffalo Translational Consortium is underway. The CTRC hosted the First Annual Clinical and Translational Research Colloquium last week. See the News Updates and Upcoming Events in this newsletter for details of the colloquium and updates on the status of many other initiatives.



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Featured Key Function: Community Engagement and Research

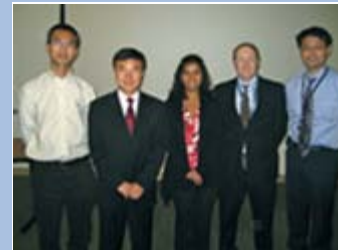
The broad goals of the **Community Engagement and Research Key Function** are:

- Engage the community in clinical research
- Create a bidirectional communication system

NEWS UPDATES

[Inaugural CTRC Fellows Recognized at First Annual Clinical and Translational Research Colloquium](#)

Approximately 100 people attended the first annual colloquium on October 21 in the Zebro Room of the Roswell Park Cancer Institute. Winners of last year's pilot studies awards presented their work and were recognized as "CTRC Fellows".



Colloquium speakers. Left to right Rutao Yao, Jun Qu, Dipti Pawaskar, Nicholas Norgard, Wen Wee Ma.



Pilot Studies Key Function Directors Drs. Leonard Epstein (left) and Steven Fliesler.



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between researchers and community partners

- Recruit and retain minorities in clinical trials
- Expand service learning opportunities
- Integrate research and policy

Areas of Progress

1. [Roswell Park Cancer Institute](#) was awarded a [Community Network Program Grant from the National Cancer Institute](#). Principal Investigators are Drs. Willie Underwood and Deborah Erwin. The grant includes a training component to increase community based research.

[Click here](#) for more information on the proposed community network program.

2. The [P2 Collaborative](#) conference was held Oct 13-14, 2011 in Washington DC. The conference included the First Annual Community Poster Session at which 30 posters were presented. Several presentations highlighted community based participatory research.

[Click here](#) to see list of conference presentations.

3. The [Primary Care Research Institute](#) was awarded 3 Title VII grants from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) to increase primary care workforce and develop curriculum to educate medical students, residents, and providers about the patient centered medical home.

4. The [New York State Area Health Education Center \(AHEC\) System](#) continues to expand its evaluation of community-academic partnership programs that increase the supply and diversity of the health professions workforce.

CTRC Building Update

[Seminar Series in Research Ethics Gets Underway](#)

Dr. Sean Philpott of the Bioethics Program at Union Graduate College-Mount Sinai School of Medicine was the guest speaker at the first seminar of the academic year. He presented an excellent overview of the global history of research ethics and discussed the evolution and development of current guidelines in this country.



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[UB Is Awarded Two Multicenter NIH Grants as Part of SUNY REACH Consortium](#)

UB is partnering with other SUNY institutions in the areas of neuroscience and pediatric pharmacology on two large multicenter studies. The projects are part of SUNY REACH, a collaborative research network of SUNY's four academic health centers and the College of Optometry.



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[Mentoring Study Is Still Enrolling Protege-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 trainees. The inclusion criteria have expanded so that graduate students, postdoctoral fellows and junior faculty women of all racial and ethnic backgrounds are now eligible.



CTRC Exterior. Photograph taken October 21, 2011.

Casework for the incubator labs on the 5th floor and the CTRC laboratories on the 6th floor will be delivered soon. Installation of the wood paneling for the wall of the open atrium which extends from the 5th floor to the roof will begin in November. Construction continues with an anticipated occupancy of early May 2012.

 [Click for more information and for eligibility criteria](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

[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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[Data Management Conference To Be Hosted by University Libraries on November 14](#)

A free, day-long conference on the challenges and opportunities involved in managing research data will be held on Monday November 14, 2011 at the Center for Tomorrow on the UB North Campus. The program, entitled "Research Data: Management, Access and Control" is being hosted by University Libraries.

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