



News and Updates

"Road Show" welcomes researchers to take advantage of CTSA services



The first CTSA road show presentation was held as part of the School of Nursing's fall "Lunch and Learn" seminar series.

By meeting with faculty in an informal setting on their home turf, University at Buffalo Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) administrators and selected core directors are opening a dialogue with researchers who may not know about the many CTSA services that are available to them. The first CTSA Road Show was held at UB's School of Nursing in September. Upcoming events will be held at the School of Public Health and Health Professions, the School of Dental Medicine, the School of Pharmacy and several departments within the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.

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CTSA BERD core offering statistical consults to investigators

Investigators applying for Genome, Environment and Microbiome (GEM) pilot study awards receive instant feedback from a panel of [Bioinformatics, Epidemiology and Research Design \(BERD\)](#) core faculty in the form of a quick and focused consultation. These "Research on a Napkin" sessions match biostatistics experts from the BERD core with principal investigators who want to discuss statistical considerations associated with their pilot study proposals during brief but information-packed meetings.

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The "Research on a Napkin" model is promoted by the Association for Clinical and Translational Science.

UB CTSA hosts counterparts from New York and Connecticut

In just one year, CTSA clinical research facilitators have big impact



Jami Radtke and Jennifer Delmerico work in the Clinical Research Office of the CTSA.

Buffalo's CTSA hired two clinical research facilitators in the past year, and they're having a big impact on the way clinical studies are launched. In addition to being the initial point of contact for investigators seeking Clinical Research Office and other CTSA support services, they also help investigators move research projects along more quickly and efficiently.

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Pilot project stressing cultural competence in health care gets grant

Workforce Development Core Director Margarita Dubocovich, PhD, was in the news this August when the Office of Inclusion and Cultural Enhancement was awarded a \$10,000 grant through the Explorations in Diversity and Academic Excellence program, sponsored by the State University of New York Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Dubocovich is also senior associate dean for inclusion and cultural enhancement.



Attendees from New York state pose on the steps of the CTRC's 5th floor lobby.

Representatives from CTSA's across New York state and Connecticut gathered this September to discuss implementation of National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) Common Metrics, to share successful strategies in workforce development and community engagement, and to plan possible future collaborations. Tours of CTRC facilities were featured as part of the meeting's agenda.

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Program that trains early-career physician scientists extended by five years



Sarina Meikle, a UB medical student who completed the program, discusses her poster with Dr. Bruce Davidson at the 2014 UB Student Research Day held at the CTRC.

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The goal is a diverse community of faculty, residents, students, staff and health care professionals. Photo: Office of Inclusion and Cultural Enhancement

"MD scientists are more likely to become engaged in patient-oriented research compared to MD/PhD scientists who conduct more laboratory-related research," says Timothy Murphy, MD, senior associate dean for clinical and translational research and principal investigator of the CTSA. Now, thanks to a recently announced NIH grant, a Summer Research Fellowship program that supports potential physician scientists of the future will continue for at least another five years.

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CTSA People

CTSA scholars lauded by university



Photo: UBNow staff

On October 20, five CTSA faculty members who serve in leadership roles with the CTSA were among those selected for recognition at the University at Buffalo's annual Celebration of Faculty and Staff Excellence. They are:

- Margarita Dubocovich, PhD, director of the Workforce Development core, received an Excellence in Graduate Student Mentoring Award
- Jeffrey Lackner, PsyD, associate director of the CTSA's Workforce

BTC board member named SUNY Distinguished Professor



Jean Wactawski-Wende, PhD

Jean Wactawski-Wende, PhD, dean of the University at Buffalo's School of Public Health and Health Professions and a board member of the Buffalo Translational Consortium, has been named a State University of New York Distinguished Professor. It's the highest faculty achievement in the statewide SUNY system.

Development core, received a Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Scholarship and Creative Activities

- Brahm Segal, MD, co-director of the CTSA Pilot Studies core, received an Exceptional Scholar Award for Sustained Achievement
- Anne B. Curtis, a BTC board member, was named a SUNY Distinguished Professor (see [September CTSA newsletter](#) for details)
- Jean Wactwaski-Wende was also named a SUNY Distinguished Professor (see story in this issue)

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Workforce core director is lead author on addiction study



Photo: UBNow staff

A pre-clinical study published in the October 12 edition of [The FASEB Journal](#) reports on a mechanism for using exercise to combat methamphetamine addiction. The study's senior author, Margarita Dubocovich, PhD, is chair of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology in the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences and director of the CTSA's Workforce Development core. The study was reported in news outlets including Futurity, Technobahn, NeuroScientist News, (e)Science News, Breitbart and The Buffalo News.

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Upcoming Events

[Managing Your Grant Workshop](#)

Wednesday, November 2, noon-1 p.m.
339 Cary Hall, South Campus
Strategies to build (pre-award) and manage (post-award) your grant budget

[CTRC Seminar Series](#)

First Thursday of the month, now through June 2017
Next seminar: Global Burden of Diarrhea: Epidemiology, Pathogenesis and Prevention
November 3, 4 p.m., CTRC

[UNYTE Scientific Session](#)

"Accelerating Health Research Innovation through Primary Care Partnerships"

Monday, November 7, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Clinical and Translational Research Center

875 Ellicott Street, Buffalo, NY

Rooms 5019 A & B

The event brings together researchers, clinical leaders and data scientists from across UNYTE institutions to spark interdisciplinary collaborations in practice-based research, clinical innovation, patient engagement and research recruitment.

[Statistical Workshop Series](#)

Wednesdays, now through May 2017

Next session: Sample size and power calculations

November 9, 6 p.m., Location TBD

[Register by November 3](#)

Message from the CTRC Director

It is exciting to see the rapid growth of the CTSA Cores and the increasing number of innovative training modules, workshops and programs initiated and facilitated by the CTSA. Our leadership is actively reaching out to researchers throughout the Buffalo Translation Consortium. We welcome suggestions from researchers and trainees on areas that should be emphasized in education and training sessions. Stay tuned for upcoming CTSA announcements, events and programs in the coming months



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SUNY Distinguished Professor of Medicine, Director of UB's Clinical and Translational Research Center and CTSA Principal Investigator

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