NEWS & EVENTS

The American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy Requests Input by November 2nd
The American Society of Gene and Cell Therapy (ASGCT) is developing a roadmap for the Society's research agenda. After polling a number of leaders in ASGCT, the Society has come up with a list of 17 targeted diseases/disorders, from which it hopes to identify a list of ten disorders/diseases that are most likely to have a validated genetic therapeutic in the next 5 to 7 years. With the help of Dean Flotte, an Advisory Council member of the ASGCT, and the UMass CCTS, the Society is reaching out to leading researchers/clinicians to help identify which therapeutic successes would have the most impact for patients and make the most significant contribution to research. Please consider helping identify the “Target 10” by taking the brief survey via the link below.

M2D2 SBIR/STTR Workshop
When: Wednesday, November 2, 2011, 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Where: M2D2 Innovation Hub Board Room, Wannalancit Mills Office and Technology Center, 600 Suffolk Street, 2nd Floor, Lowell, MA 01854
Are you a medical device company thinking of applying for an SBIR/STTR grant from NIH? M2D2 is a Medical Device Innovation Hub between UMass Lowell and UMass Worcester. M2D2 has a history of successfully helping entrepreneurs submit and receive SBIR and STTR grant funds from NIH. Come learn about SBIR and STTR grant opportunities from NIH for medical device development and learn about the things you need to know to apply. The session will feature Dr. Natalie Rudolph, from Rudolph Biomedical Consulting as a distinguished speaker.
Admission fee: $20.00. Email m2d2@uml.edu or call Ruth Dubey at 978-934-3499 to register and pay for this event.

Community Health & Research: Making the Connections Research Symposium
When: November 4, 2011, 8:30 am – 3:30 pm
Where: Hoagland Pincus Conference Center, 222 Maple Avenue, Shrewsbury
This inaugural symposium, sponsored by the Community Engagement Core of the UMass CCTS will focus on the interrelationships between community health centers and community engaged research and feature:
• Keynote Address by State Senator Harriette L. Chandler
• Community Health Center Leadership Panel:
  ▪ Frances Anthes, President & CEO, Family Health Center; Worcester
  ▪ Michael “Mick” E. Huppert, MPH, President & CEO, Community Health Connections Family Health Centers; Fitchburg, Leominster, Gardner
  ▪ Toni McGuire, RN, MPH, President & CEO, Edward M. Kennedy Community Health Center; Worcester
  ▪ Cristina Huebner Torres, Community Programs & Research Director, Caring Health Centers; Springfield
• Keys to Successful Research Partnerships: The Lawrence Experience
• Posters & Networking for Researchers & Community Partners

UMass CCTS Seminar Series Continues-Pilot Project Funding Opportunities
When: November 8, 2011, 12 noon – 1:00 pm
Where: UMass Medical School Faculty Conference Room
Have a great idea for a research project that could use some pilot funding to get started? Come hear about the pilot grant programs sponsored by the CCTS, the schedule for the upcoming year, and success stories from previous awardees. Lunch will be served.

UMass Amherst CCTS Update
When: November 10, 2011, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Where: UMass Amherst Campus Center Room 1001
Please join us Thursday November 10th for a discussion of clinical and translational research and an overview of the UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS). The program includes presentations about various grants
programs offered by the CCTS as well as information about the core research facilities available to UMass Amherst, including: proteomics, mass spec, and bioinformatics. A reception and networking event will follow the presentations so that campus researchers can meet one-on-one with the speakers. This is a great opportunity to network/collaborate with colleagues across the UMass system, one of the key missions of the CCTS. We hope to see you there.

**Commonwealth Fund/Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy for Physicians**

The Commonwealth Fund / Harvard University Fellowship in Minority Health Policy (CFHUF) is a one-year, degree-granting, full-time program starting July 2012, designed to prepare physicians for leadership roles in formulating and promoting health policies and practices that improve the access to high-quality care at the national, state, and/or local levels for minority, disadvantaged, and most vulnerable populations. Up to five one-year, degree-granting fellowships will be awarded per year. Fellows will: 1) complete academic work leading to a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree at the Harvard School of Public Health; and 2) be provided with core fellowship components such as seminars on leadership and health policy, practicum, leadership forums, conferences, site visits, mentoring, journal club, and shadowing.

Physicians who are U.S. citizens and who have completed residency, either Board Eligible or Board Certified in the U.S are eligible for the leadership potential; experience or interest in addressing and improving the health needs of minority, disadvantaged and vulnerable populations; and intention to pursue a career in policy, public health practice, or academia.

The application deadline for the 2012-2013 Fellowship is **January 3, 2012**. For more information, visit the following link: [http://bit.ly/qMSZUC](http://bit.ly/qMSZUC) For application materials, information, and other training opportunities, contact the CFHUF Program Coordinator by phone at (617) 432-2922; fax at 617-432-3834; or e-mail at [mfdp_cfhuf@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:mfdp_cfhuf@hms.harvard.edu)

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