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**UMASS CCTS NEWSLETTER**



## HIGHLIGHTS

**Researchers Present  
at AMIA**

Event Topics:

**Housing, Homelessness  
& Health**

and

**Scalable Intervention to Prevent  
Perinatal Anxiety**

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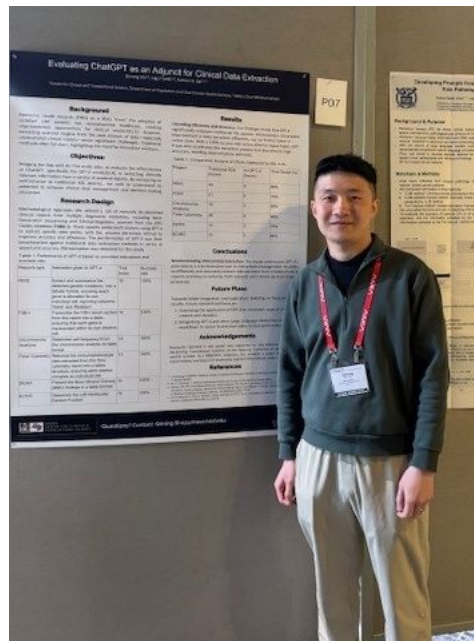
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## Two research scientists, Ugur Celik and Timmy Shi, present at American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) Spring Summit

The conference was held on March 18-21 in Boston. The title of their presentation was, "Predictive Modeling of Surgical Site Infections: Integrating Machine Learning Structured Clinical Data Attributes with EHR Clinical Notes".

*Pictured at top is Ugur Celik, MS, Lead Scientist, UMCCTS 3-D Printing Core, speaking at the AMIA Summit. At right, bottom photo, standing beside their poster is Qiming (Timmy) Shi, MS, Data Scientist, Research Informatics Core.*



## Updates on the National COVID Cohort Collaborative and the N3C Clinical Pilot

The National COVID Cohort Collaborative (N3C) Governance Team has released some important and timely updates (see below).

They would also like to introduce you to the National Clinical Cohort Collaborative (N3C Clinical) pilot activities.

N3C COVID Impact

N3C COVID Extension

Governance for data sharing

N3C Clinical Pilot Phase I  
[Read the report here.](#)

N3C Clinical Phase II pilot

[NCATS\\_N3C@nih.gov](mailto:NCATS_N3C@nih.gov)

[Details Here](#)

# EVENTS

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# HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS AND HEALTH: WHAT CAN COMMUNITIES DO?

TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM EST

Via Zoom (Registration is Required!)

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Hear the perspectives of community experts on housing programs and policies in Massachusetts, how it impacts the health and well-being of communities and how community and grassroots organizing can help shape policy in the domain of housing.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Carolyn Chou** is the Executive Director of Homes for All Massachusetts, a coalition of tenant organizing and housing justice organizations across Massachusetts (HFA MA). At HFA MA, Carolyn supports building organizing infrastructure across the state and building the power of tenants and working-class homeowners to advocate for the housing policies that will keep them in their homes and stabilize their communities. Prior to her time at HFA MA, Carolyn spent 10 years as Executive Director of the Asian American Resource Workshop (AARW).



**Gabe Cohen-Glinick** has been a community organizer with the Lynn chapter of Neighbor-to-Neighbor MA, a statewide power building organization, organizing multiracial working-class and immigrant communities toward our collective wellbeing, with housing justice being a key component of this work in Lynn and across the state. Gabe worked with member leaders to run a successful campaign to win ARPA funding towards community-driven housing solutions in 2022, and is currently working with organizational allies around developing a farther-reaching housing campaign.



**Rose Webster-Smith** started with Springfield Noone Leaves (SNOL) as a member in 2011 when Freddie Mac foreclosed on her home. In 2012, she came on as an independent contractor to organize the Fannie/Freddie Fighters in Western MA to uplift their cases and to mobilize them to NYC and Washington DC. In 2015, she was hired as the junior organizer and in 2016 the members took over the organization. After fighting an eviction for 6 years, she won her home back in 2017. She is now the Executive Director overseeing all the work of SNOL.

This is the second session in a 3-part series on Housing, Homelessness and Health: Evidence, Policy, and Impact. The series is for all interested, especially community members. Each session focuses on a different topic related to the housing crisis. You can join any or all of them, and do not need to have attended earlier sessions to take part fully in a later seminar. Watch for dates and details!



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## NURSES SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

### SPEAKER SERIES



The Nurses Special Interest Group, part of the UMCCTS, is hosting this webinar series and encourages nurse scientists, clinicians and individuals from all UMCCTS campuses and disciplines to attend.

The webinar being held on April 2nd will be presented by...

### MaryBeth Vieira PhD, RN, CNE

Assistant Professor

University of Massachusetts Dartmouth  
College of Nursing and Health Sciences

"Disparities in Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease  
through Physical Activity in Marginalized Women: why  
action is imperative and what should be done"

April 2, 2024

12:00-1:00 PM | Virtual

[Zoom Link](#)

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## Integrating CTS Into the Virtual Visiting Scholar Program Grand Round Lectures



Harvard Clinical & Translational Science Center

HARVARD  
CATALYST

As part of the CTSA Visiting Scholars program, KL2/K12 awardees from clinical and translational science centers (CTSA) present virtual lectures.



This event is hosted by the [Harvard Catalyst K12 program](#).

**April 3, 2024 | 5:00-6:00 pm EST**

Dr. Zimmerman's presentation is titled, "***Using User-Centered Design to Co-Adapt a Scalable Intervention to Prevent Perinatal Anxiety in Obstetric Settings***".

UMCCTS KL2 scholar Martha Zimmerman, PhD, clinical psychologist and assistant professor at the Lifeline for Moms program, Lifeline for Families Center, and Implementation Science and Practice Advances Research Center (iSPARC) in the Department of Psychiatry will be presenting at this event.

[Register Here](#)

UMASS LOWELL

Interdisciplinary Research Symposium  
Thursday, April 4  
2:00-4:00pm  
UCrossing Atrium

***Friend or Foe? Transforming Social Media and AI for a Healthy Future***

Dr. Denise Dunlap, Manning School of Business, invites you to attend a new symposium that supports NIH grant (CAPES) research on the impacts of new technologies on mental health and wellbeing.

**April 4th, 2 - 4 PM**  
in the lobby of UCrossing at UMass Lowell

All students, faculty, staff and local businesses are invited to learn about the latest research on mental health.

The goal of the symposium is to expand our understanding about the evolving relationship between technology and mental health by discussing innovative solutions, exploring ethical considerations, and promoting mental health advocacy. Research participants will present posters from UMass Lowell, UMass Chan Medical School, Worcester Polytech Institute, business innovators and more.

Please stop any time during the event. We hope you will join us for impactful conversations, refreshments, and raffles such as wellness gift baskets donated from our local community.

For further information and to  
signup

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/transforming-social-media-and-artificial-intelligence-ai-tickets-847079998077?aff=oddtcreator>

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## FDA Advisory Panel Seminar April 9th at 10:00 AM CT

Join us for a special seminar hosted by the Institute of Clinical and Translational Science (ICTS) TL1 Training Program at WashU.

Date: April 9, 2024  
Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM CT

Virtual Event: This seminar will be held online.

*Don't miss the opportunity to attend the FDA Advisory Panel Seminar. This engaging event will feature informative discussions and insights from a leading global drug safety advocate.*

*Please help us spread the word and share this information with your trainees and colleagues.*

*We look forward to your presence at this exciting event!*

*For any queries, please contact: Adisa Kalkan, [adisakalkan@wustl.edu](mailto:adisakalkan@wustl.edu)*

*Zoom Registration Link: Register at <https://wustl-hipaa.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJYpd-6urDsrHNbidpf0gDwd5T0PXM10JvL6>*

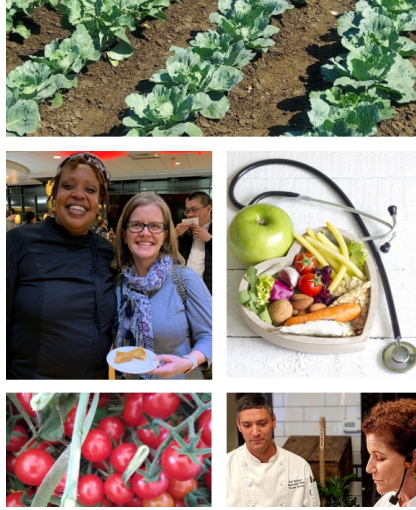
Registration Link

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# UMass Amherst to host Healthcare Culinary Conference: Bridging Healthcare, Food and Community

**SAVE the DATE - June 5-6, 2024**



Includes lectures by renowned scientists, panel discussions, networking and more!

The two-day event to be held at UMass Amherst will focus on the following:

- Developing culinary skills that support dietary guidelines, and reflect cultural preferences.
- Understanding the social determinants of food insecurity.
- Valuing and appreciating the significance of food in preserving cultural identity.
- Highlighting the importance of collaboration between healthcare and community food systems.

Visit our  
Website

## FUNDING

PAR-24-157 and PAR-24-158:

### Addressing Health Inequities in Clinical Diagnostics

(R41/R42 and R43/R44 Clinical Trials Not Allowed)

Release Date: February 29, 2024

**Open Date: March 5, 2024**

**Expiration Date: January 6, 2027**

NOFOs encourage applications from Small Business Concerns (SBCs) to pursue the development of improved clinical diagnostics or the development of alternative clinical diagnostics that address health disparities created by clinical laboratory assays and/or point-of-care devices that fail to incorporate diverse patient groups.

PA-24-141:

## NIH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings

(Parent R13 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Posted Date: March 6, 2024

**Application Due Dates: April 12, 2024 and cycles through December 2026**

The purpose of the NIH Research Conference Grant (R13) is to support high quality conferences that are relevant to the public health and to the scientific mission of the participating Institutes and Centers.

[MORE INFO](#)

NOT-OD-24-079:

## Notice of Special Interest: Women's Health Research

(Applies to Numerous R, K and F Funding Opportunities)

Release Date: March 26, 2024

Expiration Date: November 5, 2027

This NOSI highlights interest in receiving research applications focused on diseases and health conditions that predominantly affect women (e.g., autoimmune diseases; depressive disorders, Alzheimer's disease (AD) and Alzheimer's disease-related dementias (ADRD), gender-based-violence), present and progress differently in women (e.g., cardiovascular disease; HIV; reproductive aging and its implications), or are female-specific (e.g., uterine fibroids; endometriosis; menopause).

[MORE INFO](#)

## EDUCATION & TRAINING

Orientation to Clinical Research  
at UMass Chan

## The CCTS Office of Clinical Research (OCR) continues to host in-person sessions on a monthly basis.

(Registration required)

These sessions provide a high-level overview of the resources and systems that are in use and available at UMass Chan, as well guidance related to account access and other institutional policies around the conduct of clinical research. Further, these sessions will also provide an opportunity to meet some of the OCR staff, learn where the OCR and IRB are physically located, as well as to meet colleagues from other departments who are also engaged in clinical research.

**UPCOMING DATE:** April 4, 2024 at 9:00 AM

[MORE INFO](#)

*\*Please note: You will need to log in with UMass Chan credentials in order to register. Otherwise, please email OCR staff members Ann Han ([ann.han@umassmed.edu](mailto:ann.han@umassmed.edu)) and Eric Stratton ([eric.stratton@umassmed.edu](mailto:eric.stratton@umassmed.edu)) to be manually added to an orientation session.*

### Registration is Required

Seating is limited to 20 individuals per session, so we kindly ask that you register for this session.

[REGISTER  
HERE](#)

## K Award Research Writing Group

### Next Meetings

**Wednesday, April 10th & 24th, 2024~ 4:00-5:00 PM**  
**Virtual, Zoom**

The K Award Writing Group supports junior faculty in the development of K-level “Mentored Research Scientist Career Development Award” applications. According to NIH, the award is intended to provide either progressive training or further experience in research related to biomedical, behavioral, or clinical sciences. The mentored approach provides the knowledge required for the K-Awardee to progress into an independent researcher over the award period.

K Award Group meets bi-weekly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 4-5 pm via Zoom. Attendance at K Award Group meetings can be for information purposes and/or for review of your application. The group meets to outline the K-Award writing process and to review material being submitted by/to the group for input.

To register to attend the K Award Group, please email  
[Robyn.Leonard@umassmed.edu](mailto:Robyn.Leonard@umassmed.edu).

Visit our  
Website

# R Club Research Writing Group

Next Meetings  
Tuesday, April 9th & 23rd, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM -12:00 PM  
Virtual, Zoom

Are you an early stage investigator looking to write your first R21 or R01? Would you like input and feedback on your proposal from experienced faculty who have been there before? The UMCCTS is pleased to offer the R Club, a peer group that meets twice a month to review and plan for successful R-level grant submissions. Interested? Please email [nathaniel.hafer@umassmed.edu](mailto:nathaniel.hafer@umassmed.edu) to be added to our mailing list.

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

<https://umassmed.zoom.us/j/5682209338?pwd=dHRmWnBnWHBZZ1l0c3B4M05Pc3BTdz09>

Password: 809084

[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

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## Join Us! Clinical Research Professionals Group (CRPG) Meetings

- Want to know/stay up-to-date about changes to regulations, research systems, and research related institutional policies around the campus?
- Want to learn about the various core services that can assist you and your department in your projects and trials?
- Interested in educational resources, trainings, and professional certifications?

Join us for the monthly Clinical Research Professionals Group (CRPG) meetings to hear about these topics and more! More info, meeting schedule, and past meetings can be found on the [CCTS CRPG SharePoint page](#). Want to join the CRPG Distribution Group?

[Submit a TRACs Request Here](#)

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### **SHARE YOUR SUCCESS STORY!**

*Have you had your research published that cites the UMass Center for Clinical and Translational Science? Has your patent been filed on technology developed using Center funding or resources? Did your pilot project receive external grant funding? Share it with us at [ccts@umassmed.edu](mailto:ccts@umassmed.edu). Sharing your success demonstrates the importance and effect of the Center for Clinical and Translational Science at UMass.*

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