



## Weekly Research Newsletter

### April 9, 2018

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO INCREASE  
YOUR TEAM BUILDING SKILLS  
DURING RESEARCH FORUM?**



**Mind over Bricks**

#### Profile for David Banh, MD



#### Serious Play in Health Care

April 19, 2018  
David Banh MD FACOG  
Certified Facilitator of LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY®

In the corporate world, whose mantra has been "all work and no play," LEGO® SERIOUS PLAY® has transformed the corporate culture into one that involves innovative performance by focusing on play in the workplace. With SERIOUS PLAY®, we can encourage a culture of participation by flattening the hierarchy through narrative play. Play, normally the antithesis of work, has been suggested to have emotional, social, and cognitive benefits. SERIOUS PLAY® has been used to facilitate teambuilding and leadership exercises through shared understanding of the participants' culture. This short workshop will introduce basic concepts of SERIOUS PLAY® by involving the participants in a hands-on experience.

#### Available Workshop

08:30 - 09:15  
09:30 - 10:15  
10:30 - 11:15  
13:30 - 14:15  
14:30 - 15:15

\*8 - 12 participants (please try to fill the minimum before filling to the maximum; if there is more than 60 volunteers, I can add 1-2 more workshops as needed)

**Would you like to talk to the TTUHSC Vice President of Research?**



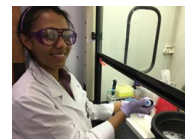
Quentin R. Smith, Ph.D.

**New Vice President of Research will visit Permian Basin Campus on April 18-20**

Please, contact Isabel Garza at [Isabel.Garza@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:Isabel.Garza@ttuhsc.edu) to schedule meeting

## Master Thesis Defense

University of Texas of the Permian Basin  
Mesa Building 4113  
Friday, April 13, 2018  
8:00 a.m.



Vanessa Montoya-Urbe

**CHARACTERIZATION OF CANNABINOID RECEPTOR 1 (CB1) TRANSCRIPT VARIANTS (CB1a AND CB1R) IN  
FETAL TEMPORAL CORTEX, LIVER, AND PLACENTAL TISSUES IN A BABOON (*Papio spp.*)  
MODEL OF MATERNAL NUTRIENT RESTRICTION**

## 2018 Permian Basin Research Forum

### Keynote speaker



Presentation: "Schistosomiasis Vaccine"

Afzal A. Siddiqui, M.Phil., Ph.D.

Grover E. Murray Professor

Professor, Internal Medicine | Immunology & Molecular Microbiology | Pathology  
Clinical Professor, Pharmacy Practice

Vice President (Institutional Collaborations) | Vice Chair (Research) - Internal Medicine

Director, Center for Tropical Medicine & Infectious Diseases

<http://dailydose.ttuhsc.edu/2017/july/siddiqui.aspx>

Research Day Schedule  
Thursday, April 19, 2018

7:45-8:00	Breakfast
8:00-8:15	Opening Ceremony
8:15-8:30	Welcome – Dr. Gary Ventolini, Professor and Regional Dean of SOM Dr. Natalia Schlabritz-Lutsevich, Associate Regional Dean for Research
8:30-8:45	Jonathan Garcia, Lane Williams, and Andrew West, UTPB/TTUHSC <b>Real Time Detection of Bacterial Biofilm Growth</b>
8:45-9:00	James Wang, M.D., PGYII, Family Medicine <b>Reducing Medical Errors Associated with Same/Similar Name Providers</b>
9:00-9:15	Jay English (UTPB/TTUHSC) <b>Regulation of Long-Chain Poly-Unsaturated Fatty Acid (LC-PUFA) Transport in Placental and Blood-Brain Barriers</b>
9:15-9:30	Katherine Shreyder, M.D., Ph.D., PGYII, Internal Medicine, Regional Dean's award recipient <b>Maternal cardiovascular echocardiographic structure and function in obese and non-obese pregnant patients in the first trimester of pregnancy</b>

9:30-9:45	Zakaria Hindi, M.D., PGYII, Internal Medicine, <b>Regional Dean's award recipient</b> <b>The Role of Signal Induction Regulatory Protein-alpha (STRP-a) in Hematophagocytic Syndrome</b>
9:45-10:00	Damien Galindo, 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Ector County Independent School District <b>Decomposition in Space</b>
10:00-10:15	Daya Sharma, Ph.D., Associate Professor II Computer Information Systems, Odessa College <b>The Rise of Ransom Ware in Healthcare and HIPPA Compliance</b>
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-10:45	Elsa Parra, MSIII <b>Tissue Histogram Intensity of Fetal Liver and Reference Organs in Lean Pregnant Women</b>
10:45-11:00	Alfredo Iardino, M.D., PGYII, Internal Medicine <b>Is weakness in a young man always MS?</b>
11:00-11:15	Deidre Morales, 10 <sup>th</sup> Grade, Ector County Independent School District <b>The efficacy of <i>Idonella Sakaiensis</i> in a Microgravity Environment</b>
11:15-11:30	Jason Osborne, Chief Innovation Officer, Ector County Independent School District <b>Accelerating Science and K-12 Education Outcomes through Novel Citizen Science Methods Development</b>
11:30-12:30	Lunch Presentation Brandon Lamarche, Ph.D., Senior Scientist, ACEA Biosciences <b>Diverse Applications of xCELLigence Real-Time Cell Analysis: From Bacterial Biofilms to Parasitic Worms</b>
12:30-1:30	Keynote address – Dr. Afzal A. Siddiqui <b>Schistosomiasis Vaccine</b>
1:30-1:45	Ritvij Satodiya, M.D., PGYI, Psychiatry, <b>Chair of residents' research subcommittee. Regional Dean's award recipient</b> <b>Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Depression Symptom Severities are Differentially Associated with Hippocampal Subfield Volume Loss in Combat Veterans</b>
1:45-2:00	Michael Zavada, Ph.D., Dean of Art and Sciences, UTPB <b>Why In-House Research Forums</b>
2:00-2:15	Daniela Pino, M.D., PGYII, Obstetrics & Gynecology <b>Antenatal Evaluation by Ultrasound and Genetic Testing of Idiopathic Infantile Arterial Calcification with Placental Correlation</b>
2:15-2:30	Grace Shim, MSIII <b>Anti-Inflammatory Effect of Endogenous Cannabinoid Anandamide in ex vivo model of the blood brain barrier</b>
2:30-2:45	Cristina Penon, M.D., PGYI, Family & Community Medicine <b>Twenty-first Century Scurvy</b>
2:45-3:00	Break
3:00-3:15	Saranya Rajasekar, M.D., PGYI, Internal Medicine <b>A Rare Cause of Emphysematous Gastritis: Sarcina Ventriculi</b>
3:15-3:30	Sajjad Ali, M.D., PGYII, Internal Medicine <b>Association of the short-term mortality and hyperuricemia in patients with STEMl</b>
3:30-3:45	Eugenia Banina, M.D., PGYII, Internal Medicine , <b>Regional Dean's award recipient</b> <b>A Blessing in Disguise: factors that cause a high blood pressure condition in pregnant women protect against breast cancer</b>
3:45-4:00	Nuvneet Khandelwal, MSIV, <b>Regional Dean's award recipient</b> <b>The Effect of Self-Directed Meditation on Third Year Medical Students</b>
4:00-4:15	Closing Ceremony – Book reading by local writer Bob Campbell <b>Monica's Apples, The Floating Speck, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Elijah-John the Baptist, Gideon's Fleece, The Ghost Melchizedek, Billy the Kid's Last Dance</b>
4:15-4:30	Awards' ceremony

### 2018 Short presentations



Michael Zavada, Ph.D.  
Why In-House Research Forums



Daya Sharma, Ph.D.  
The Rise of Ransom Ware in Healthcare and HIPPA



Jason Osborne  
Compliance Accelerating Science and K-12 Education Outcomes  
through Novel Citizen Science Methods Development



B. Campbell  
Monica's Apples, The Floating Speck, Gerard Manley Hopkins,  
Elijah-John the Baptist, Gideon's Fleece, The Ghost

Melchizedek, Billy the Kid's last Dance

### WORKSHOPS OPENED DURING RESEARCH FORUM

- Biofilm Growth and formation (Andy West, Medical Student, Stacy Martinez, Dr. Ventolini)
- Novel team Building training : from the corporations to the health care (Banh, MD)
- How human placenta works (Research Lab members, Dr. Schlabritz-Lutsevich)
- Community Health Education: Reproductive Education (Dr. Lisa Platner)
- Diverse Applications of xCELLigence Real-Time Cell Analysis: From Bacterial Biofilms to Parasitic Worms (XCELLIGENCE, San Diego, CA)
- Frontiers in microscopy (Nikon Instruments Inc. Melville NY).
- Nutrients as medications (Kalpana Bhairavarasu, MD)
- 3D printing (Mr. Erik Wilkinson)
- Video-messages from the top scientists to the Permian Basin Research Forum (organizer Dr. Satodiya)

### 2018 Permian Basin Research Forum

### POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Regulation of Major Facilitator Super Family Domain Containing 2A (MFSDLA) PUGA transporter by Cannabinoid Receptors in fetal endothelium.  
Jay English, UTPB/TTUHSC

Infertility and Cancer: A case of hidden cancers unveiled by infertility evaluation  
Brittany Brothers, M.D., PGYIV

Severe hypoklameia in Ogilvie's Syndrome treated with Aldosterone antagonist  
Sajjad Ali, M.D., PGYII

Heterotpic Interstitial Pregnancy: A Case Report  
Chase Patterson, M.D., PGYI

Pustular Skin Lesions in a GBS Infected Newborn: A Case Report  
Duy Hoang, MSIII

Improving Postpartum Thromboembolism Prophylaxis Adherence to CHEST Guidelines  
Christina Prednergast, D.O., PGYII

Delayed Ifosfamide Induced Encephalopathy, A Rare Presentation  
Abdallah Gad, M.D., PGYII

A Rare Life Threatening Complication in a Case of Acute Appendicitis  
Abdallah Gad, M.D., PGYII

Transient Pseudohypoaldosteronism in a 2-month old associated with urinary tract infection  
Jason Huang, MSIII

A successful outcome of treatment of Major Depression in Chronic Kidney Disease: A Case Report  
Hiren Patel, M.D., PGYII

The relationship between NBME and OSCE scores in third-year family medicine clerkship students at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at the Permian Basin: 2015-2017  
James Wang, M.D., PGYII

A novel mutation in a Rare Case of Infantile Idiopathic Arterial Calcification (IIAC)  
John Myers, MSIII

Return of the ... ILI and Influenza virus in Odessa  
Joshua Urteaga, M.D., PGYIII

**Knowledge & Beliefs about the Permian Basin Community**  
Jasmin Aldridge, MSIII

Teaching the Cervical Exam: A Cost-effective simulation  
Lyndsay Rodriguez, M.D., PGYIII

Optimization of Constipation and Management in Nursing Home Residents: A Quality Improvement Initiative  
Myrna Z. Bosques, M.D.,

Can an over the counter supplement get you in the ICU?  
Rami Baraseh, M.D., PGYII

Borderline tumor in a second trimester pregnancy: A pictorial essay  
April Riley, D.O., PGYIV

Association of Short Term Mortality and Hyperuricemia in Patients with Stemi  
Sajjad Ali, M.D, PGYII

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Depression Symptom Severities are Differentially Associated with Hippocampal Subfield Volume Loss in Combat Veterans  
Ritvij Satodiya, M.D., PGYII

HELLP! Lives in Danger: A Case of Preeclampsia complicated by hemorrhagic stroke  
Amanda Stuelpnagel, M.D., PGYII

Evaluation of Term Neonates born to Mothers without or with limited prenatal care  
Tina Thai, D.O., PGYI

Comparative use of piperacillin/tazobactam versus meropenem in patients with sepsis secondary to pneumonia requiring empiric broad-spectrum coverage  
Timothy Carder, M.D., PGYII

A Case of Posterior Reversible Encephalopathy Syndrome Associated with Sepsis  
Orlando Garner, M.D., PGYII

Handheld Raman Spectroscopy (RS) Device as a point of care diagnostic tool  
Suheung Lee, MS IV

**Type I Chiari Malformation Presenting in an Adult**  
Orlando Garner, M.D., PGYII

Hepatic Mascaraed: A Rare Case  
Alfredo Iardino, M.D., PGYII

**Killer Looks: Cardiomyopathy Induced by Anabolic Androgenic Steroid Abuse**  
Orlando Garner, M.D., PGYII

A Common Presentation of an Uncommon Tumor  
Austin Barnes, M.D., PGYI

Hysterotomy Scar Ectopic Managed with a Fabricated Vaginal Needle Guide and Direct Injection of the Gestational Sac  
Daniela Prio, M.D., PGYII

**Effect of Race and Parity on Breast Feeding Rates in West Texas**  
Megan Clapp, MSIII

Not to be judged:

Optic Tissue Clearing in Combination with perfusion and immunofluorescence for placental vascular imaging  
Maira Carrillo, PhD

Villous Vascular Tree 3D Morphology of *Ex Vivo* Perfused Human Placental Cotyledon  
Marcel Chuecos, B.S.

Maternal Nutrient Restriction Augments Fetal Corical Endocannabinoid 2-Arachidonoylglycerol (2-AG) Pathway  
Kushal Gandhi, PhD



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# FOOD IS MEDICINE

## Food is Medicine Seminar

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
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Event Starts  
6:00AM

Doors Open  
7:00AM

Ticket Prices  
\$10

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**Event Starts**

8:00AM

**Doors Open**

7:30 AM

**Ticket Prices**

\$25

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## Event Info

Join us on Saturday, April 14th for the third-annual Food is Medicine seminar.

Dr. Scott Willard will be joined by three new presenters, Dr. Kim Williams, Dr. Michael Klapper, and plant-based dietitian Julianna Hever—all of whom are leading healthcare professionals in the world of plant-based nutrition.

Our presenters will discuss how to take the “DIE” out of your diet by using plant-based nutrition to prevent and reverse cardiovascular disease and Type II Diabetes. Plus, learn how to stock your kitchen, plan your meals, and prepare healthy and delicious meals for your family. This all-day seminar includes sessions from the speakers, a delicious plant-based lunch, book signings and a Q&A session with the experts. CME and CNE credits are available.

Food is Medicine is hosted by Healthy City, a non-profit whose mission is to increase education and raise awareness throughout West Texas on how to improve overall health, nutrition, and wellness and how to prevent and reverse disease from a scientific and medical research-based perspective to learn more, visit [www.ourhealthycity.com](#).

**REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7:30 AM**

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Sincerely,

Jason X.-J. Yuan, *University of Arizona, United States*

Nicholas W. Morrell, *University of Cambridge, United Kingdom*

Editors, *Pulmonary Circulation*

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# Telehealth at the Crossroads Call for ePosters



**Telehealth at the Crossroads**  
MAY 30-31 SAN ANTONIO, TX  
JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country Resort & Spa

The 5th annual Telehealth at the Crossroads conference is accepting submissions for ePoster presentations. All ePosters should focus on some aspect of telehealth, telemedicine or health IT.

**FORMAT REQUIREMENTS**  
Digital posters must be submitted as PDF files or as PowerPoint slides on or before April 15. All submissions should include the following:

- Completed ePoster with no more than 5 rotating pages. Static one-page ePosters are also permitted. Design your ePoster in a landscape orientation (16:9 aspect ratio).
- Title of poster and short summary of contents not to exceed 250 words.
- Contact details for all authors, including email addresses, phone numbers and affiliations.

**REGISTRATION FEES**  
All presenters may register for the conference at a discounted student rate. Registration details are available on the 2018 conference website: [www.CrossroadsConference.us](http://www.CrossroadsConference.us)

**POSTER PRESENTATIONS**  
Presenters should be present to display ePosters and answer questions during at least one of two scheduled conference sessions on Thursday, May 31.

**NOTIFICATIONS**  
Email ePosters to [scott.g.phillips@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:scott.g.phillips@ttuhsc.edu) on or before April 15, 2018. Authors will be advised of acceptance upon review.

TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER.  
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THE TWITR PROJECT

## Stanford MEDICINE Stanford Department of Pediatrics Funded Visiting Clerkship for Underrepresented Minority Medical Students

Eight funded visiting clerkship positions in general pediatrics and pediatric subspecialties will be available at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford (LUPCH) from August through November for qualified applicants from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine. For more information, please visit our [URM web page](#).

- Funding includes up to \$2,000 for reimbursement of travel expenses.
- Housing accommodations will be provided at no additional cost.
- Each student will be paired with a faculty member that will serve as a mentor and advisor.
- Each student will be given the opportunity to have a personal meeting with the Pediatric Residency Program Director.
- Each student will be paired with an URM resident who will introduce them to the Stanford Medical School/Center diversity community and its resources.
- Each student will have the option of interviewing at the end of the block to avoid a return trip.

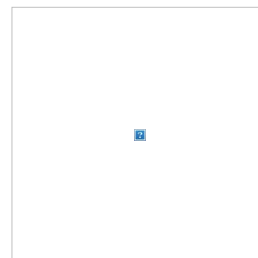
**Application Requirements**

- Applicants must be from groups underrepresented in medicine (URM) as defined by the AAMC to include "...those racial and ethnic populations that are underrepresented in the medical profession relative to their numbers in the general population." <https://www.aamc.org/initiatives/urm/>
- Applicants must:
  - Complete the Stanford Clinical Opportunity for Residency Experience (SCORE) application form
  - Provide a personal statement discussing career goals
  - Provide one letter of recommendation, preferably from a pediatric attending
  - Provide a Curriculum Vitae
  - Provide an official medical school transcript
- The application deadline is **April 13**, and acceptance notices will be sent the following week. Applicants not selected for the funded sub-internship can be, if interested, entered into the general pool of applicants for unfunded visiting clerkships at Stanford Pediatrics.

**How to Apply**

- Visit the SCORE at <https://med.stanford.edu/clerkships/score-program/fo-apply.html> to upload your Application

On April 7, we commemorated 70 years of World Health when the WHO held the First World Health Assembly in 1948 to draw worldwide attention to a subject of significant importance to global health each year.



Alzheimer's Research Grants - Apply Now



Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation and Harrington Discovery Institute at University Hospitals in Cleveland, Ohio are pleased to announce the request for proposals for the **2018 ADDF-Harrington Scholar Award**.

The ADDF-Harrington Scholar Award supports research efforts that seek to prevent, treat, or cure Alzheimer's disease, related dementias and cognitive-decline associated with aging. Letters of intent are now being accepted.

**Applicants have the opportunity to receive:**

- Funding up to \$600,000** over two years
- Drug development and project management support** through the Harrington Discovery Institute's [Innovation Support Center](#)

Interested applicants are required to submit a Letter of Intent by midnight **Friday, May 25, 2018**.

<https://bit.ly/2uZyOOj>

## Good News: We now have an institutional fellowship subscription to BMJ Case Reports. BMJ Case Reports

We now have an institutional fellowship subscription to BMJ Case Reports. This means faculty, staff and students can publish with them **without paying additional fees** or signing up as an individual fellow.

From Eric Wilkinson (Library Director):

**In order to publish with BMJ Case Reports, they'll need a fellowship code. Paul has already added it to our library resources passwords page.** People need to use their craider username and password to get there because we can't post it publicly. I created a short libguide for the time being just to give more info: <https://ttuhsc.libguides.com/bmjcasereports>

The Gold Rush entry for BMJ Case Reports links to this LibGuide. This LibGuide links to both the passwords page (for the fellowship code) and a PDF User Guide that BMJ provided.

The Texas Perinatal Association and TTUHSC-El Paso Department of Pediatrics announce the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Spectrum of Healthcare from Mother to Child Conference  
Friday April 27, 2018

For more information, please see the attached information or contact Jesia Boykin in the Office of Continuing Medical Education at TTUHSC PLFSOM, 915.215.4881 or [jesia.boykin@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:jesia.boykin@ttuhsc.edu).



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## Collaborative Research Seed Grant Program 2018

Deadline for grant applications: **May 1, 2018**

- Nature of Projects:
  - Any area of research.
  - This grant program is available to faculty on all SOM campuses.
- Projects must demonstrate a collaborative research initiative between one or more basic scientist and one or more clinical scientist in the SOM.

Amount: Up to 8 grants will be approved with funding up to \$20,000 each for a one-year project to support the preliminary or pilot phase of scientific projects, not to supplement funding already secured. (No salary support for the principal investigators will be provided. Additionally, funding may not be used for travel, renovations, society membership dues, large capital purchases, computers/software, entertainment costs, office supplies/furniture/equipment.)

- Eligibility:
  - Seed grant submissions will be due May 1, 2018.
  - Seed grant submissions should include the following:
    - Abstract - 1 page
    - Specific Aims - 1 page
    - Introduction, background, research design and methods - up to 4 pages
    - Specific role for each principal investigator - 1 page
    - NIH Bio-sketch for each principal investigator - up to 5 pages
    - A detailed budget with brief justification - 1 page (allowable items: research supplies, animal costs, part-time personnel, etc.)
  - Other support: list all current and pending extramural support for the last three years, include results from previous SOM seed grants -- no limit
- Seed grant submissions that demonstrate a preliminary or pilot phase of scientific projects will be given priority.
- Seed grant submissions that demonstrate a strong possibility for extramural funding will be given priority.

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Associate Dean for Research  
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## Funding Opportunities

Please note the following research/scholarship related opportunities:

- BBA Molecular Basis of Disease - special topic on Stem Cells:**
    - Dr. P. Hemachandra Reddy is bringing a special topic 'Stem Cells and Their Applications to Human Diseases' as a guest editor in BBA Molecular Basis of Disease. He is looking for potential contributors. Please let Dr. Reddy know, if you and your colleagues, young faculty/senior postdocs, in your department are interested to contribute to this special topic. It is a great opportunity to get a publication in BBA Molecular Basis of Disease (impact factor is 5.47).
  - The Department of Defense (DOD) Congressionally-Directed Medical Research Program (CDMRP)** has started to release pre-announcements for its fiscal year (FY) 2018 funding opportunities. The pre-announcements explain each research program, topics of interest, as well as award mechanisms. Investigators are encouraged to begin thinking about their proposals in advance of the full application instructions, which are expected in spring/summer 2018. Pre-announcements have been released for the following programs:
    - Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Research Program
    - Bone Marrow Failure Research Program
    - Breast Cancer Research Program
    - Multiple Sclerosis Research Program
    - Ovarian Cancer Research Program
    - Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program
    - Gulf War Illness Research Program
    - Lung Cancer Research Program
    - Parkinson's Research Program
    - Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program
    - Peer Reviewed Orthopaedic Research Program
    - Tick-Borne Disease Research Program
- Pre-announcements for each program are available at: <http://cdmrp.army.mil/pubs/press/press>. To subscribe for real-time updates, including additional pre-announcements and the forthcoming solicitations, visit: <https://abrap.onsiteRAP.org/ProgramSubscription/subscribe.htm?sessionId=365E329779E4328733E349F4A8FA7E5>. As a reminder, CDMRP utilizes a two-tier review process: scientific merit (peer-review) and programmatic review. As with other DOD funding opportunities, programmatic review often outweighs scientific review, as DOD is a mission-based agency. CDMRP recently launched a new feedback submission feature to its website. Investigators can use the tool to submit an abstract for feedback or ask questions. Further, stakeholders now have the option to provide input on programs and process recommendations, as well as submit reviewer nominations and other feedback. The form and submission instructions are available at: <http://cdmrp.army.mil/contact>.

## Clinical Research Institute is going paperless

The Clinical Research Institute is going paperless! No more writing down or waiting for signatures to submit the work order. The CRI Work Order is now an electronic on-line form.  
To access to the CRI Work Order, all you need is your eRaider username and password.  
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY, please use the following link to access the on-line form: <https://appt.ttuhsc.edu/CRIWorkOrders>.  
Here's what to do: 1) complete the work order 2) electronically submit it 3) the form will automatically be routed to the Principal Investigator and then the appropriate Chair and/or Dean for signatures.  
It is that simple!  
Please start using the CRI Work Order link immediately: <https://appt.ttuhsc.edu/CRIWorkOrders>.  
The CRI website has been updated with this new link and access to the paper form is no longer available.  
For immediate assistance, please call 806-743-4217 between 8am – 5pm or email your questions to [ClinicalResearch@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:ClinicalResearch@ttuhsc.edu).

## CRI April Visit



Cathy Lovett of the Clinical Research Institute will make her April visit to the Permian Basin campus on April 19 and 20. If you would like to meet with her on those dates, please contact [lsabel.garza@ttuhsc.edu](mailto:lsabel.garza@ttuhsc.edu).

## Opportunity to publish



**CFP: Special Issue of Present Tense**  
Contextualizing Care in Cultures: Perspectives on Cross-Cultural and International Health and Medical Communication

**Issue Editors:**  
Kirk St.Amant, Louisiana Tech University  
Elizabeth L. Angeli, Marquette University

**Proposals Due:** 22 May 2018

**Publication Date:** Spring/Summer 2019 (tentative)

**Overview:**  
The interconnected nature of modern society means the exchange of health and medical communication often takes place in a range of international and local contexts. The objective of such interactions is to offer effective care – or how to engage in practices designed to

	<p>maintain or return individuals to a particular level of health and wellness. These exchanges, however, must often traverse a range of cultural, linguistic, and geopolitical contexts to transfer health and medical information to multiple audiences across contexts including to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The healthcare professionals who provide care</li> <li>• The public health and health literacy educators who educate others on care and caregiving</li> <li>• The patients and populations who receive or must participate in such care</li> </ul> <p>To this end, care-related information must be contextualized – or adapted to address the factors affecting how care is perceived and administered in different international and intercultural contexts. This special issue focuses on identifying, understanding, and addressing such dynamics.</p> <p><b>Objective:</b> The purpose of this special issue is to present ideas that health and medical communicators can use to contextualize care-related information for different cultural and national settings. The idea is to identify factors that can affect the communication of care-related information across cultures in different international, regional, and local contexts as well as present frameworks and/or approaches for engaging in such contextualization of care-related content and communication.</p> <p>The guest editors of this special issue invite proposals for shorter entries (i.e., 2,500 words – not including references) that provide ideas on how health and medical communicators might approach or address the process of contextualizing care-related communication and content for different cultures.</p> <p>Because this special issue will be published with the online journal <i>Present Tense</i>, submissions can include entries done in a variety of media. For this reason, we welcome proposals for entries that would be in video, audio, or other non-print formats.</p> <p><b>Topics:</b> Topics of interest for this special issue include (but are not limited to) those that address the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- What cultural, linguistic, and geopolitical factors do health and medical communicators need to consider to contextualize care-related content for different cultural and national audiences?</li> <li>-- What strategies can health and medical communicators use to design care-related materials for the contexts in which individuals from other cultures or in other nations use them?</li> <li>-- How should health and medical communicators work with translators and localizers to develop care-related materials that can easily be contextualized for other cultures?</li> <li>-- What factors should health and medical communicators consider when researching the contextualization of care-related content for audiences from other cultures?</li> <li>-- What steps should health and medical communicators take to collaborate with individuals in other cultures to contextualize materials for audiences from different cultures and nations?</li> <li>-- What strategies can health and medical communicators use to distribute care-related information via online or social media to users from other cultures or in other nations?</li> <li>--How can we train health and medical communicators and practitioners to communicate effectively with patients from other cultures or in other nations?</li> </ul> <p>Through examining questions such as these, prospective authors can advance our understanding of the dynamics affecting health and medical communication in a variety of international and intercultural contexts.</p> <p><b>Submissions:</b> Individuals should submit a 250-300 word proposal that notes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-- The submitter's name and contact email</li> <li>-- The title of the proposed entry</li> <li>-- The overall topic/focus of the proposed article</li> <li>-- The approach or method the proposed article will take to examine this overall topic</li> <li>-- The connection of the focus and approach/method to the theme of this special issue</li> <li>-- The methods readers can use to apply ideas to health and medical communication practices</li> <li>-- If the proposed piece uses multimedia instead of/in addition to written text, include a description of the media and how it strengthens the piece</li> </ul> <p>In citing sources in proposals, follow MLA 8<sup>th</sup> ed. citation style.</p> <p>Proposals should be submitted as a .doc file emailed to the two guest editors at <a href="mailto:kirk.stamant@gmail.com">kirk.stamant@gmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:elizabeth.angeli@marquette.edu">elizabeth.angeli@marquette.edu</a>; the subject line of the related message should read "Present Tense Special Issue Proposal."</p> <p><b>Questions:</b> Questions on this special issue or on prospective topics and approaches for submissions should be sent to the guest editors, Kirk St.Amant and Elizabeth Angeli at both <a href="mailto:kirk.stamant@gmail.com">kirk.stamant@gmail.com</a> and <a href="mailto:elizabeth.angeli@marquette.edu">elizabeth.angeli@marquette.edu</a>.</p>
<div data-bbox="386 1066 576 1129">  </div> <h2 data-bbox="282 1146 683 1184">SOCRA West Texas Chapter</h2>	<p><b>TOPIC:</b> Clinical trials in academia, one CCRC's prospective</p> <p><b>DATE:</b> Tuesday, April 17, 2018</p> <p><b>TIME:</b> 12:00 CST*</p> <p><b>LOCATIONS:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>? Lubbock - ACB-110</li> <li>? *El Paso - EPAEC 212 (*11:00 AM MST)</li> <li>? Amarillo - AMHSC 4720</li> <li>? Odessa - ODHSC 2C91</li> </ul> <p><b>SPEAKER:</b> Nancy Swinford, RT(R), CCRC, TTUHSC- Department of Orthopedics</p> <p><b>OBJECTIVES:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Describe the Clinical Trial start up process</li> <li>2. Identify the important key persons and departments you will work with</li> <li>3. Review a typical day in the research office</li> </ol> <p><b>RSVP to Cathy Lovett at <a href="mailto:cathy.lovett@ttuhsc.edu">cathy.lovett@ttuhsc.edu</a></b></p> <p><b>CE:</b> SOCRA members have the opportunity to earn 1 CEU</p> <p><b>Notes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>? Contact Cathy Lovett, MSN, RN, CCRC, CCRP with any questions (<a href="mailto:cathy.lovett@ttuhsc.edu">cathy.lovett@ttuhsc.edu</a> or 806-743-4433)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">Feel free to bring lunch</p>
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