### CRI Grant for the Permian Basin

Congratulations to Dr. Kalpana Bhairavarasu of the Internal Medicine Department. Title of her proposal is “Effect of Oral Curcumin on Gut Microbiome and Outcomes in Knee Osteoarthritis: A Randomized Double-Blind Crossover Study.” In collaboration with Dr. Rama Chemitiganti of the Internal Medicine Department and Dr. J. Kobozev of Texas Tech University.

### March Visit

Cathy Lovett, Managing Director of the Clinical Research Institute will be in Odessa on March 20 and 21. If you would like to meet with her during that time, please contact Isabel Garza at Isabel.garza@ttuhsc.edu.

### Rare Disease Day

This Wednesday, February 28th is Rare Disease Day. More information about Rare Disease Day can be found at [http://rarediseaseday.us/](http://rarediseaseday.us/).

### TEDx Odessa

February 24, 2018

Organized by our Research collaborator – Mr. Jason Osborne

ECISD Chief innovation officer

### 2018 Permian Basin Research Forum

Keynote speaker
Tentative Oral Presentations

1. Dynamic of the Biofilm growth in real time: Jonathan Garcia MBA, Lane Williams, BS, Andrew west MS III
2. Echocardiographic Structure and Function in obese and non-obese pregnant patients in the first trimester of pregnancy: Katherine Shreyder, M.D., Ph.D., PGYII
3. Antenatal Evaluation by Ultrasound and Genetic Testing of Idiopathic Infantile Arterial Calcification with Placental Correlation – Daniela Pino, M.D., PGYII
4. Tissue Histogram Intensity of Fetal Liver and Reference Organs in lean pregnant women – Elsa Parra, MSIII
5. Anti-inflammatory effect of endogenous cannabinoid anandamide in ex vivo model of the blood brain barrier (BBB) – Grace Shim, MSIII
6. Reducing medical errors associated with same/similar name providers – James Wang, M.D., PGYII
7. The Role of Signal Induction Regulatory Protein-alpha (SIRP-α) in Hemophagocytic Syndrome – Zakaria Hindi, M.D., PGYII
8. A Rare Case of Emphysematous Gastritis: Sarcina Ventriculi – Saranya Rajashekhar, M.D., PGYII
9. Twenty-First Century Scary – Cristina Perez, M.D., PGYII
10. Ingestion of Excised HPV-Infected Epithelium Leads to Resolution of Treatment-Refractory Verrucae in Two Patients – Brady Miller, MSIII

AND

THE FIRST VISIT TO THE PB campus in the capacity of SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF RESEARCH: Quentin Smith, PhD, BA

Available online

A Doctor’s guide to a Good Appointment by Dr. Danielle Ofri is available online at the URL below.

http://legacy.ttuhsc.edu/research/edexa/documents/ADoctorsGuide.pdf

2018 Student Research Week

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.
**West Texas Chapter Meeting**

**TOPIC:** Here comes the monitor!

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 27, 2018

**TIME:** 12:00 CST*

**LOCATIONS:**
- Lubbock - ACB-120
- El Paso - EPAC 212 (*11:00 AM MST)
- Amarillo - AMIC 4510
- Odessa - ODIC 201
- Midland TTM 210B; SECOR 202

**SPEAKER:** Deborah Conn RN, BSN
Clinical Research Monitor
TTUHSC-Clinical Research Institute

**OBJECTIVES:**
- The participant will be able to state the goal of the monitor regarding clinical research trials.
- The participant will be able to list the most common problems monitors find.
- The participant will be able to improve their documentation by learning what the monitor needs to see in clinical research documentation.

**RSVP to Cathy Lovett at:** cathy.lovett@ttuhsc.edu

**CE:** SOCRA members have the opportunity to earn 1 CEU

**NOTES:**
- Contact Cathy Lovett, MSN, RN, CCCR, CCP with any questions (cathy.lovett@ttuhsc.edu) or 806-743-4433)
- Feel free to bring lunch
- Share this announcement with your colleagues

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**Clinical Research Institute Monthly Research Workshop**

**Discuss and develop your own research ideas with expert panel**

“Cardiopa for hemochromatosis: iron overload: A hitherto unsuspected treatment option”

**Vadivel Ganapathy, PhD**
Department Chair and Professor
Cell Biology and Biochemistry
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

**Wednesday, February 28, 2018**
4:00pm
Room: 1C100
TechLink
Arrillarillo HSC 4713; Dallas SPVA100B & SSWS 433
Odessa 2C41; Odessa MCH 21101; TTHC 3206
Midland TTM 210B; SECOR 202

Enrollment limited to the first 25 attendees on the Lubbock campus

RVP to John Martinez (email: john.martinez@ttuhsc.edu) by 2/28/2018

**Members of the medical/scientific community**
Please circulate this to your colleagues and/or your department listerv
**Non-profit and medical organizations**
Please distribute this announcement to your professional members

**NVA Invites Medical Research Proposals**

**Deadline to Submit Letter of Intent is Monday, February 26, 2018**

**Deadline to Submit Application is Wednesday, April 18, 2018**

The NVA is seeking research proposals on the causes and treatment of vulvodynia. We are especially interested in studies that may shed light on underlying pathophysiological mechanisms.

If you are interested in applying, please send an email to Phyllis Mate (pmate@nva.org) by Monday, February 26, 2018 that includes a brief (1-2 paragraph) summary of your proposed study’s design and objectives. Once we have received this information from you, we will email you a full application to complete and submit by Wednesday, April 18, 2018.

The maximum grant amount is between $25,000 and $30,000 and we require confirmation that all funds will be applied to direct research costs, not institutional costs. If you’ve previously applied and/or received grant support from the NVA, you are still eligible to apply. Summaries of studies that NVA has funded to date can be viewed on NVA’s web site.

We welcome correspondence about potential projects. To discuss your proposal, please contact Phyllis Mate via email pmate@nva.org.
Trouble logging in to iRIS?

Due to changes to the TTUHSC website and depending on what link you have used to log into iRIS, you may find that your usual login route gives you an error.

If that happens, use this link: https://www.sobmrimedris.ttuhsc.edu:8867/Login.jsp

The Texas Perinatal Association and TTUHSC-El Paso Department of Pediatrics announce the 10th 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.

Residents’ Research Subcommittee

Goal

To help residents and medical students to achieve excellence in scholarly activities

Welcome all to join in this initiative of innovation …

"Any idea, suggestion or project is welcome"

"Collaborate with fellow residents and students"

Under supervision of our exceptional research and clinical faculty here at Permian Basin, I, along with subcommittee members, plan to significantly further residents’ research portfolio.

I strongly believe that everyone’s growth potential is limited only by their desire to discover.

Let’s discover this potential together.

Recruitment in process …

Feel free to contact @ ritvij.satodiya@ttuhsc.edu

Ritvij Satodiya. PGY-1, Psychiatry

TTUHSC at the Permian Basin Residents’ Research Subcommittee

Welcome on board!!

Reminder about listing correct author affiliation

When listing your affiliation for scholarly publications, please use Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at the Permian Basin. Using this name will allow for others to more accurately search for your publications through databases such as PubMed.

Please do not use names such as: Texas Tech Health Sciences, Texas Tech University, or TTUHSC.

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, computer/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.

Contact:
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Associate Dean for Research
Jannette.dufour@ttuhsc.edu

Information about identifying predatory journals

The blacklist is dead; long live the blacklist

A new watch-list of ‘predatory’ journals and untrustworthy publishers is set to launch later this month — but only for those willing to pay. The service could fill a gap left by Beall’s List, a popular blog run by academic Jeffrey Beall that listed potentially predatory journals, which was shut down suddenly five months ago.

There is a list of Open Access/Predatory Publishers/Questionable Conferences is available from the CalTech Library at http://libguides.caltech.edu/c.php?g=512665&p=3503029

Visit TTUHSC at the Permian Basin Research’s webpage at http://www.ttuhsc.edu/odessa/research/default.aspx

And like us on Facebook, visit the page: https://www.facebook.com/Texas-Tech-University-Health-Science-Center-in-the-Permian-Basin-Research-1612649318999433/
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