

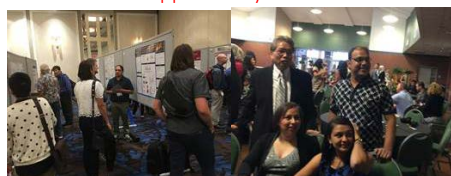


Weekly Research Newsletter September 18, 2017

Sept 18-22 2017
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Kushal Gandhi, Ph.D.,
Post-doctoral Research Associate
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TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY
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2017 Regional Dean's Symposium

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2017 REGIONAL DEAN'S SYMPOSIUM
FRONTIERS IN OBESITY

PROVIDED BY:
TEXAS TECH HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER
PERMAN BASIN
DEPARTMENT OF RESEARCH AND
OFFICE OF CONTINUING MEDICAL EDUCATION

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
7:30 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
AUDITORIUM
800 W 4TH ST.
ODESSA, TEXAS

REGIONAL DEANS SYMPOSIUM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
SCHEDULE

7:30 - 8:00 am	Welcome Dr. Gary Ventolini
8:00 - 8:15 am	
8:15 - 8:30 am	Introduction: Obesity - Connecting Basic Science and Clinical Science Dr. Natalia Schlubitz-Lutsevich
8:30 - 8:45 am	
8:45 - 9:00 am	Introduction: Obesity as a Global Problem Dr. Rama Chentiganti
9:00 - 10:00 am	Asthma in the Permian Basin and Obesity Dr. Bhargavi Kola
10:00 - 10:15 am	Break
10:15 - 11:15 am	Anti-Inflammatory Effects of Omega 3 Fatty Acids in Obesity and Insulin Resistance Dr. Naima Moustaid-Moussa
11:15 am - 12:15 pm	Obesity and Recurrent Vaginal Bacterial Infections in Women of Reproductive Age Dr. Gary Ventolini
12:15 - 1:15 pm	Lunch
1:15 - 1:45 pm	Panel Discussion Drs. Ventolini, Schlubitz-Lutsevich, Chentiganti, Kola, and Moustaid-Moussa
1:45 - 2:00 pm	Statistics Course Certificate Distribution Adjunctment

Regional Dean's Symposium September 30, 2017 Speakers

Naima Moustaid-Moussa, Ph.D. | Featured Speaker
Dr. Moustaid-Moussa is Professor of Nutritional Sciences and founding Director of the Obesity Research Center at Texas Tech University. She completed her Ph.D. in Endocrinology at the University of Iowa, and a postdoctoral training in molecular nutrition at Harvard School of Public Health. Her primary research is in the area of molecular nutrition and obesity with emphasis on mechanisms by which (1) the adipocyte triglyceride system increases inflammation and insulin resistance in obese obesity and (2) visceral adipose tissue (such as energy 3 fatty acids, tocopherols, very chain triglycerides and linoleic acid) reduce obesity associated adipose tissue inflammation and improve insulin resistance. Dr. Moustaid-Moussa research also focuses on the prevention of childhood obesity. She is a Council member of the Obesity Society and is a current member of the International Nutrition Governing Council representing Child Molecular Nutrition. She has mentored numerous high school, undergraduate and graduate students, as well as postdoc and research faculty. Dr. Moustaid-Moussa has been with TTU since 2012.



Natalia Schlubitz-Lutsevich, M.D., Ph.D.
Dr. Schlubitz-Lutsevich is the Associate Regional Dean for Research and Associate Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at the Permian Basin. Dr. Schlubitz-Lutsevich completed her medical training at the Yale Medical School in New Haven, CT. She completed a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology and a fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the University of California, San Francisco. She completed her postdoctoral research training in molecular endocrinology (Genetics) and maternal and fetal medicine (MFM). Dr. Schlubitz-Lutsevich is also a Ph.D. in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. Before joining TTU, she was an Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee Health Science Center in Memphis. She is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Indiana and Germany.

Rama Chentiganti, M.D. | Department of Internal Medicine
Dr. Chentiganti is the Regional Chairman and an Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at the Permian Basin. Dr. Chentiganti graduated medical school at Gandhi Medical College in Hyderabad, A.P. India. He completed an Internal Medicine residency at The Mount Sinai Hospital, New York Medical College in Mount Vernon, NY and an endocrinology fellowship at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Dr. Chentiganti has been with the Department of Internal Medicine at TTUHS at the Permian Basin since 2005, and in that time he has served as Assistant Professor, Associate Program Director, Associate Professor, and Assistant Chief for Clinical Affairs and has been named as Regional Chairman and Associate Professor. Dr. Chentiganti is board certified in Internal Medicine in the state of Texas.



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Speakers (cont.)

Gary Ventolini, M.D.
Dr. Ventolini is the Regional Dean and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at the Permian Basin. He came to the TTUHS School of Medicine from the Wright State University Boardman School of Medicine, where he served as the Chair of Obstetrics and Gynecology for six years. He received a Doctorate of Medicine & Surgery from the University of Indiana in Indiana, USA. He also served on the faculty of the University of California, Columbia, before coming to the United States for post graduate training in Family Medicine in Springfield, South Carolina and then joining the faculty of the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine. Dr. Ventolini is board certified in both Family Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynecology.



Bhargavi Kola, M.D. | Department of Pediatrics
Dr. Kola is the Vice Chair and an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at the Permian Basin. Dr. Kola studied medicine at Gandhi Medical College in Hyderabad, India. She completed a residency in Pediatrics at Lincoln Medical and Mental Health Center in New York, NY. She also has a Master's in Public Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. Dr. Kola has been with TTUHS at the Permian Basin since 2012, prior to this she served as a clinical interventionalist physician at Laramie Pediatrics in New Jersey.



Shailesh "Bobby" Jain, M.D. | Department of Psychiatry
Dr. Jain is the Regional Chair and Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at the Permian Basin. He is also the Director of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry. Dr. Jain received his medical degree from the University of California, India, after this he continued his education with a General Psychiatry residency at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galvestone, a fellowship in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine, an Assistant Professor in Health Professional's School at Rutgers University, School of Medicine. Dr. Jain has also received the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award sponsored by the National Institute of Mental Health.



Thank you

To all of those who took the time out of your day to join us for the Regional Dean's Symposium at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center at the Permian Basin.
Thank you!

To register, please visit <http://www.ttuhsu.edu/som/cme/tracker/conferences.aspx>



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Margaret Vugrin, MSLS, AHIP, MPH
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Library Services
Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center

Wednesday, September 20, 2017
4:00pm
Room: ACB230

TechLink
Amarillo HSC 4713; Dallas SPVA109A
Odessa 2C13; Odessa MCH Endo 21101

Refreshments provided to the first 25 attendees on the Lubbock campus
RSVP to Josie Martinez (email: Josie.Martinez@ttuhsc.edu) by 09/15/2017

Persons with disabilities who may need auxiliary aids or services are requested to contact Josie Martinez at least 24 hours prior to this seminar so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Clinical Research Institute
Josie Martinez
806-743-4967, STOP 8183

From the Research advisory committee Meeting

September 15th 2017

<https://www.ttuhsc.edu/odessa/research/advisoryresearchcommittee.aspx>



Dr. Zakaria Hindi (PGY-2; Internal Medicine)

presented findings from the regional Dean's funded research project

"The Role Signal Induction Regulatory Protein-Alpha (SIRP-alpha) in Hemophagocytic Syndrome."

Research Logo



The Office of Sponsored Programs
Workspace training to provide grant applicants (PIs and Department Administrators) with the instructions for the

Grants.gov will be retiring the PDF Package used to submit federal grant applications on December 31, 2017. Grants.gov Workspace will be the system used to submit grant applications to federal agencies like NIH, DoD, SAMHSA, HRSA, etc... **effective January 1, 2018**. For more information please visit <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/workspace-overview.html>.

The trainings will be held on the following dates:

September 21, 2017 9:00-9:50am

Lubbock: 1C102

Abilene: ABSOP 2601

Amarillo: AMHSC 4720 & AMSOP 335

Dallas: DLSPSW 433 & DLSPVA 109A

Odessa: ODHSC 1C12

September 26, 2017 2:00-2:50pm

Lubbock: ACB 110

Abilene: ABSOP 2100

Amarillo: AMHSC 4717 & AMSOP 107

Dallas: DLSPSW 433 & DLSPVA 109A

Midland: MD TTPM 210B & MDPA B01A

Odessa: ODHSC 2C41

October 12, 2017 10:00-10:50am

Lubbock: 1C110B

Abilene: ABSOP 2601

Amarillo: AMHSC 4720 & AMSOP 210

Dallas: DLSPSW 433 & DLSPVA 109AB

Midland: MD TTPM 210B

Odessa: ODHSC 2C91

Please contact Stephana Sherman in the Office of Sponsored Programs at 743-1248 or Stephana.sherman@ttuhsc.edu for any questions.

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NIH's proposed change to the definition of "clinical trials"	NIH's proposed change to the definition of "clinical trials". https://petitions.com/petition/open-letter-nih-collins http://www.nature.com/news/brain-researchers-in-uproar-over-nih-clinical-trials-policy-1.22550
Education Certification Membership Career Center	West Texas Chapter Hot Topics Tuesday, September 26, 2017, 12:00 CST* TOPIC: Dos and Don'ts of Medical Record Documentation SPEAKER: Kathleen M. Kearney, JD, MSN, RN Assistant Professor School of Nursing, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Upon completion of this presentation, the participants will be able to: 1. Describe the purpose and goals of medical record documentation 2. Discuss applicable standards, regulations and guidelines for documenting in a medical record 3. Identify common documentation errors along with potential legal and ethical consequences of the same LOCATIONS: • Lubbock - TTUHSC ACB100 • *El Paso - AEC 212 (*11:00 AM MST) • Amarillo - AMHSC 4720 • Odessa - ODHSC 2C91 For further information: Cathy Lovett, MSN, RN, CCRC, CCRP 806-743-4433 RSVP to Cathy Lovett at: cathy.lovett@ttuhsc.edu Feel free to bring lunch. *1.0 Continuing Education Credit hour for SOCRA CCRP Renewal will be awarded to SOCRA members All SOCRA meetings are open to members and non-members Please share this announcement with your colleagues. SOCRA has sent this email for educational purposes only.
Upcoming Conference	The Henry Foundation <i>Presents</i> 2017 SEE Conference-Symposium for Early Educators When Saturday, October 14, 2017 from 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM CDT Add to Calendar Where <i>The Henry Foundation, The Center for Early Childhood Development at UTPB and First 5 Permian Basin present the Symposium for Early Educators (SEE). Nationally renowned, dynamic experts in the field of</i>

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Mesa Building
2nd Floor Multi-Purpose Room
Odessa, TX 79762



[Driving Directions](#)

early childhood education and development will be offering a day of quality professional development for local educators. Early Childhood educators, professionals and service providers are invited to participate.

REGISTER TODAY

\$15.00

Includes breakfast, lunch and CEUs

Keynote Speakers Include:



Angela Russ-Ayon, owner of AbridgeClub.com, is a nationally recognized, award-winning producer, presenter, and keynote speaker on the subject of music and movement for young children. She is most known for engaging children, age toddler thru early primary, with interactive educational songs that incorporate fine and gross motor skills and a good dose of imagination. She has worked with thousands of young children in Southern California classrooms, museums, and performing arts centers. Her workshops are energized and informative, fusing PowerPoint visuals with music and activities that captivate attendees. Everyone walks away with "aha" moments and something useful to try with their kids.

Math education is easy and starts early with a child's natural curiosity, propensity to imitate, and desire to learn - with math concepts being introduced and practiced in a child's environment all day, every day. Integrate motor skills, creative arts, and instructional support to enhance early math learning and improve retention. Create unique learning experiences that help children process ideas, think logically, solve problems, and make sense of their world. Provide daily learning activities that build a stable foundation for school readiness. Angela doesn't just explain the whys and the wherefores, she encourages attendees to practice out-of-the-box thinking and put math in motion.



Judy Cameron, Ph.D. is a Professor of Psychiatry and the Clinical Translational Science Institute at the University of Pittsburgh. For 10 years she was a member of the MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Early Experience and Brain Development and she is currently a member of the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child and the Scientific Council of the Child Mind Institute. Research areas in Dr. Cameron's lab include the interaction between genetic factors and early life experiences on shaping behavioral development, identification of factors that lead to stress sensitivity versus stress resilience, and the interactions between physical health and mental health. Dr. Cameron's newest research initiative is *Working for Kids: Building Skills™*, which is a novel community-based program that teaches the fundamentals of brain development to those who work with children at a community level. This initiative provides a community training program and is evaluating the effect of this intervention on child development as well as health.

Dr. Cameron will discuss how programs that teach young children social-emotional skills, problem-solving skills and language skills help them develop strong brain circuits that they will benefit from throughout life. She will introduce you to how pathways in the brain develop and get strengthened, how early life stresses can impede the development of these pathways, and strategies for helping children develop resilience. Long-term benefits on school functioning, social functioning, achievement in life, and effects on health will be discussed. Attendees will have the opportunity to play The Brain Architecture Game (www.thebrainarchitecturegame.com) that teaches how life experiences and social supports that a child has available to them, interact to shape the development of the brain. The game is played in small groups and each group builds a child's brain and learns first-hand how life experiences (which are drawn from life experience cards) during the first 8 years of life, and various social supports in the child's environment, combine to build the brain a child will use for everything they do the rest of their life.

Workshop Speakers and Topics include:

Attendees will also have the opportunity to attend two workshops during the day.

Angela Russ-Ayon - *"Body Shakes and Brain Waves: Moving and Learning Through Early Childhood"*

Dr. Lindsey Balderas - *"Early Signs and Developmental Screening Tools for Autism and Early Interventions"*

Dr Judy Cameron - *The Brain Architecture Game*

Claire Dulaney - *3 Hour Hands On Science Workshop (Must register for both AM and PM Sessions)*

Tricia Haddad - *"Don't Just Sit There! Using Creative Movement in the Classroom"*

Dr. Ursula Johnson - *"Supporting School Readiness through Family Engagement"*

Dr. Ursula Johnson - *"Self-Regulation is Key to School Readiness"*

Dr. Brian Mowry - *"If You Build It, They Will Come: Strategies for Purposeful Integration of Mathematics within STEM"*

Bonnie Villarreal - *"Nurturing Writing Readiness: Can You Really Teach Writing in Preschool and Kindergarten?"*

Bonnie Villarreal - *"Promoting School Readiness: Playing with Sounds of Language"*

For more information check out the EVENT home page!

Midland WIC Clinic

<https://www.labroots.com/scholarships/details/3>

In the News



Thought you all might be interested in this article from Retraction Watch—if anyone wants to do survey research using this tool, just say NO!!!
<http://www.sciencemag.org/news/2017/09/pay-or-retract-survey-creators-demands-money-rile-some-health-researchers>



NIH's Certificates of Confidentiality Policy Enhances Confidentiality of Participants Enrolled in Clinical Research Studies

Posted on September 7, 2017 by Mike Lauer

A few months ago we blogged about our plan to release an updated Certificate of Confidentiality (CoC) policy. Today, we are pleased to announce that we have published the new policy (NOT-OD-17-109), which will go into effect on October 1, 2017. The new policy both enhances the privacy protections of individuals participating in NIH funded research studies and eliminates the need for NIH funded investigators to apply for a CoC. [Continue reading →](#)

Have You Seen the Loan Repayment Program Recently? Here's What You Missed

Posted on September 5, 2017 by Mike Lauer

As I reflect on the research training I received during and after medical school, I recall how lucky I was that I did not have much resulting debt and severe financial constraints that could interfere with my research career. Unfortunately, today's aspiring physician scientists are often mired in debt. The Association of American Medical Colleges estimates that two-thirds of medical students graduate with debt, with 80% of those students owing at least \$100,000. How can we alleviate the rising debt accrued during biomedical training for those investigators seeking a foothold in the lab? The NIH loan repayment programs (LRPs), managed inside the Office of Extramural Research, is one approach the NIH is utilizing to stabilize career trajectories for talented investigators. My predecessor, Dr. Sally Rockey, understood and also championed the impact of the LRPs, and I share her enthusiasm. [Continue reading →](#)

NIH's Next Generation Researchers Policy Now Posted

Posted on August 31, 2017 by Mike Lauer

Today we posted a policy (NIH Guide Notice NOT-OD-17-101) describing current plans for the Next Generation Researchers Initiative. Since I first blogged about it in June, NIH leadership have reviewed data (see accompanying blog) and deliberated about how best to proceed. Our goal is to increase the number of NIH-funded early-stage investigators and assure, as best we can, that funded early-stage investigators have a reasonable chance to secure stable funding during the earliest stages of their independent research careers. This new policy will supersede previous notices on new and early stage investigators (NOT-OD-08-012, NOT-OD-09-013 and NOT-OD-09-134). [Continue reading →](#)

Data On Trends According to Career Stage

Posted on August 31, 2017 by Mike Lauer

By the 21st Century Cures Act, the Next Generation Researchers' Initiative calls on the NIH to develop policies to increase funding opportunities for new researchers seeking to secure early independence. To put the Initiative in perspective and to extend on previous blogs we've posted on changing demographics in NIH-funded researchers, we thought it would be useful to explore trends according to career stage. First, some definitions. We define "Early Stage Investigators" (ESI) as those who are within 10 years of completing their terminal degree or post-graduate clinical training and who have not yet secured independence as a PI of a substantial NIH research award. [Continue reading →](#)

Monitoring the Impact of Hurricane Harvey on Research

Posted on August 31, 2017 by Mike Lauer

The devastating effects of Hurricane Harvey cause deep concern about the health and safety of people and animals, and about the health of the biomedical enterprise in the affected areas. While everyone's immediate efforts need to be focused on getting through this immediate crisis, we want to assure our applicant and grantee community that NIH will be doing our part to help you ensure your research continues. We issued a Guide notice reminding the community about our natural disaster policy, Reminder: NIH Natural Disaster Policy – Hurricane Harvey. To give you an idea of the ways NIH can help in these situations, our website on Extramural Response to Natural Disasters has a list of available resources, including guidance on animal welfare issues. [Continue reading →](#)



Funding Available

Hurricane Harvey Relief Grants Now Available

In an effort to provide hurricane disaster relief to nonprofits in the area, the John L. Santikos Charitable Foundation, a fund of the San Antonio Area Foundation, has announced available grant funds. Nonprofits in Atascosa, Bexar, Comal, Guadalupe, Kendall, Medina and Wilson counties can apply for these grants as long as they are helping local residents affected by or evacuees fleeing from the devastation created by Hurricane Harvey.

Funding is also available to nonprofits themselves if experiencing increased service needs, disruption of services or damage to the facility due to the storm.

Grants up to \$50,000 are available for nonprofits, only. Individuals cannot apply.

Important note: An approval or denial notification will be sent to grant applicant within six business days of submission.

What we fund:

* Assist those impacted by industrial accidents and widespread weather events.

* Assist with money that can be used for food supplies, prescriptions/medical not covered by insurance, emergency shelter and cleanup of the disaster.

* Support for those who cannot get assistance from other sources or whose losses are not covered by insurance.

For more information see <http://santikos.org/nonprofits/Grants/DisasterReliefFunding.aspx>.

From San Antonio Area Foundation email, 8/31/17 ♦

Award Application

The Beckman Young Investigator (BYI) Program is soliciting letters of interest. BYI Program provides research support to the most promising young faculty members in the early stages of their academic careers in the life sciences. Projects are normally funded for a period of four years. Grants are in the range of \$600,000 over the term of the project. Last year, the awards went to investigators from the University of New Mexico, Cornell University, University of Washington, Montana State University, University of California Los Angeles, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Stanford University, among others. As the deadline for LOI is fast approaching.

Details on this award can be found at [Beckman Young Investigators Grants](#)

Special Topic in journal , Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases

Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases

[Contribute your manuscript](#) to the new Special Topic

Indexed in [PubMed Central](#), [SAGE Open Medicine](#) is a peer reviewed, open access journal that covers all aspects of medicine and welcomes articles across the health sciences in the broadest sense, including all clinical medical specialties, nursing, allied health and dentistry. The aim of this [Special Topic on the Epidemiology of Infectious Diseases](#) is to study novel strategies for preventing and controlling infectious and immune diseases, including research on human behavior and lifestyle.

[Submit your paper](#)

Special Topic Scope:

Studies are welcome in any aspect of infectious disease research (including clinical trials), for instance: the epidemiology, natural history, pathogenesis, immunopathogenesis of infectious diseases; epidemiologic studies to define the incidence, clinical presentations, and outcomes of diseases; identification of resistance patterns; and pilot and feasibility studies in preparation for larger studies.

Please direct any enquiries to SOM@sagepub.co.uk

New Journal

CALL FOR PAPERS
NEW JOURNAL IN 2018!

Increasingly, engineering is required to solve clinical healthcare challenges. The [ASME Journal of Engineering and Science in Medical Diagnostics and Therapy](#) seeks to bridge the gap between engineers and non-engineers and translate engineering knowledge into clinical applications in order to **accelerate biomedical innovation, trial, and commercialization**. The [ASME Journal of Engineering and Science in Medical Diagnostics and Therapy](#) spans four primary areas where engineering impacts applied biomedicine:

- Biotechnology in Pharmaceuticals
- Clinical Applications of Biomaterials
- Biotechnology in Clinical Systems
- Imaging, Diagnosis, and Therapeutics

The Journal will publish original research papers, review papers (by invitation), and technical briefs focused on implementation of engineering and science principles in medical diagnostics, imaging, characterization, and therapy.

Scope:

- Clinical Diagnostics, Imaging, and Characterization
- Therapeutic Technologies, Techniques, Equipment, and Procedures
- Clinical Applications of Biomaterials, Chemical Processes, and Pharmaceuticals
- Micro- and Nanotechnology in Medicine
- Cell Physiology and Applied Mechanics
- Computing in Medicine and Biotechnology
- Drug and Biological Delivery Science and Biopharmaceuticals
- Cancer Diagnostics and Treatment
- Electro-mechanical and Chemical Sensors Technology
- Wave Propagations in Medical Applications, Including Vibration, Acoustics, Ultrasounds and Electrophysiology
- Sports Medicine and Prevention of Impact Injury
- Mechanopharmacology, Mechanopharmaceuticals, and Mechanobiotechnology
- Clinical System Dynamics and Control
- Engineering and Science in Clinical Applications

Submission Guidelines

All submissions should be prepared in accordance with the ASME [Author Guidelines](#) and be submitted through the ASME [Journal Webpage](#) (journaltool.asme.org). Select 'ASME Journal of Engineering and Science in Medical Diagnostics and Therapy.'

Upcoming Conference

Showcase Your Research at the World's Leading Respiratory Conference

About the Conference

The [American Thoracic Society International Conference](#) is the longest running, large-scale conference in the world offering groundbreaking research in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. Entering its 114th year, the ATS conference brings together more than 16,000 clinicians, researchers, and pulmonary, critical care, and sleep professionals from 102 countries around the globe to engage on the latest scientific advances and groundbreaking research, and launch new professional collaborations.

Submit Your Research

The ATS is now accepting submissions of [scientific abstracts and case reports](#) on all aspects of respiratory disease, critical care, and sleep medicine for [ATS 2018, May 18–23, in San Diego](#).

We are seeking:

- **Scientific Abstracts**, which can report on basic, translational, and clinical science research; epidemiologic, social, biobehavioral, and psychosocial investigations; or educational and quality improvement projects.
- **Case Reports**, which must describe a single, unique case.

For more information on submitting scientific abstracts and case reports, contact the American Thoracic Society at conference@thoracic.org, or [begin your submission now](#).

Deadline: Wednesday, Nov. 1, 5 p.m. ET

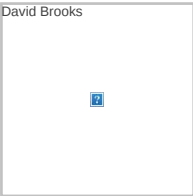
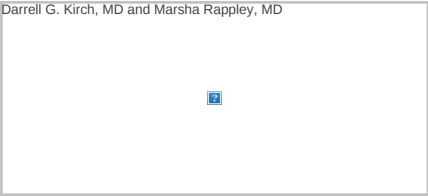
To learn more about the conference, take a look at highlights from ATS 2017:

To unsubscribe from these ATS 2018 Call for Abstracts messages, send an email to unsubscribe@thoracic.org. In the subject line, please write "Unsubscribe."

The American Thoracic Society, 25 Broadway, New York, NY 10004

Upcoming Conference

	   As the human subjects protections field gears up for the implementation of the revised Common Rule in 2018, there's no better place than the 2017 Social, Behavioral, and Educational Research (SBER17) and Advancing Ethical Research (AER17) Conferences to get the latest information and guidance on the changes, and connect with your peers and seasoned professionals—including representatives from the federal government—who can answer specific questions and offer insight. Both conferences will take place in San Antonio, TX, and sessions on the revised Common Rule include: SBER17 - November 5 - A2: The Use of Internal and External IRBs as a Potential Solution to Reducing Administrative Burden - A4: SBER IRBs Respond to the Revised Common Rule - B4: SBER in the Era of the Revised Common Rule: An Overview of the Most Relevant Regulatory Changes - C4: Limited IRB Review of Exempt Studies With Sensitive Data: How to "Let it Go" With Data Security Plans AER17 - November 5-8 - Panel I: New Frontiers: The Changing Landscape of Research Regulations - Panel VIII: Making Consent Meaningful in the Context of the Revised Common Rule - A4: You'll Know It When You See It, or Will You? Defining "Human Subjects Research" Under the Revised Common Rule - A5: Facilitating Informed Consent in Light of the Revised Common Rule - A14: Considerations When Transitioning to the Revised Common Rule - A20: Impact of the Revised Common Rule on QALG Programs - A21: IRB Review of Big Data Research: SACHRP Recommendations and Changes to the Common Rule - B5: Navigating IRB Review and the Determination Process in the Era of the Revised Common Rule: What Investigators Need to Pay Attention to and the Role of Decision Tools - B12: Back to Basics: Does My Project Fall Within the Scope of the Revised Common Rule, or Is it Exempt? - B24: SBER in the Era of the Revised Common Rule: An Overview of the Most Relevant Regulatory Changes - D4: Tissue Repositories and Data Banks in the Era of the Revised Common Rule - D13: Revisions to the Common Rule: A Primer for IRB Chairs - F12: Writing and Updating Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in Light of the Revised Common Rule
	You're invited to the Regional Dean's Symposium at TTUHSC at the Permian Basin Saturday, September 30, 2017 For more information, please contact Melissa Waggoner at Melissa.waggoner@ttuhsc.edu
	18th World Congress of the International Society of Gynecological Endocrinology to be held in Florence from the 7th to the 10th March 2018 and inform you of its latest developments. The Scientific Program, available here, has been so far enriched with 10 new Key Lectures and 25 Symposia that are going to develop thanks to the support of some colleagues, not to mention 15 Scientific Societies willing to contribute to its success. In line with a tradition initiated by 2010, our Congress shows the commitment of the Society in the diffusion of the Scientific Research among the Trainees and Postdoctoral Researchers thank to our FCP Scholarship, which includes: Free Access to our Pre-Congress Course with a 2years ISGE Membership for the 100 Winners of our FCP Scholarship Free Congress Registration to all the Trainees who will send us an Abstract as primary authors Special Congress Registration fee of € 350,00 until the 23rd January 2018 to all who will send us an Abstract Find more relevant information at the following link: http://isge2018.isgesociety.com/abstract-submission/ It is also a pleasure for me to share with you all the exciting news which will involve our Society in 2018: not only will our journal "Gynecological Endocrinology" further develop thanks to the improvement of its impact factor, but also two new volumes of the series "Frontiers in Gynecological Endocrinology" will be published. As we are moving forward, our commitment to the Scientific Research grows, this is why we always need more people to join our events and our Society. For this reason we kindly ask you to spread the word about our next World Congress and our Scholarship among the Trainees and young Researchers you know, contributing our and your work to progress. We will provide to send you over the timetable of the Congress within the beginning of Autumn.
Association of American Medical Colleges 2017 Meeting	AAMC - Association of American Medical Colleges  Learn Serve Lead 2017: The AAMC Annual Meeting November 3–7 Hynes Convention Center Boston, Mass. REGISTER TODAY! Join us at Learn Serve Lead 2017, academic medicine's signature networking and learning event. Medical school deans, hospital CEOs, clinicians, faculty, researchers, scientists, educators, hospital and university administrators, residents and medical students are invited to attend, learn and network. Learn Serve Lead offers thought provoking plenaries focusing on ways to increase individual and organizational effectiveness and how to meet current and future challenges confronting academic medicine. Opening Plenary: The Road to Character David Brooks Saturday, November 4

	 The Opening Plenary features David Brooks, a <i>New York Times</i> columnist, commentator on PBS <i>NewsHour</i>, NPR's <i>All Things Considered</i>, NBC's <i>Meet the Press</i>, and author of <i>The Road to Character</i>. Leadership Plenary Darrell G. Kirch, MD and Marsha D. Rappley, MD Sunday, November 5  President and CEO of the AAMC, Darrell G. Kirch, MD and 2016-2017 AAMC Chair, Vice President for Health Sciences, Virginia Commonwealth University, and CEO, Virginia Commonwealth University Health System, Marsha D. Rappley, MD, will offer remarks at our Leadership Plenary. You can always count on this plenary to inspire and spur discussion. Take a look at the other plenary sessions and program details here. Register by August 31 to receive the early bird discount registration fee. And register early to get your first choice of hotels (only available after you register). Questions? Send us an email at learnservelead@aamc.org.
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