



2017 Regional Dean's Symposium



REGIONAL DEAN'S SYMPOSIUM
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

SCHEDULE

7:30 - 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:00 - 8:15 am	Welcome Dr. Gary Ventolini
8:15 - 8:30 am	Introduction: Obesity - Connecting Basic Science and Clinical Science Dr. Natalia Schibritz-Lutsevich
8:30 - 8:45 am	Introduction: Obesity as a Global Problem Dr. Rama Chennitiganti
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, Schibritz-Lutsevich, Chennitiganti, Kola, and Moustaid-Moussa
1:45 - 2:00 pm	Statistics Course Certificate Distribution Adjournment

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

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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 Paris and a postdoctoral training in molecular nutrition at Harvard School of Public Health. Her primary research is in the areas of molecular nutrition and obesity, with emphasis on mechanisms by which (1) the adipocyte resist angiogenesis, (2) increases inflammation and insulin resistance in dietary obesity and breast cancer, and (3) visceral adiposity (such as energy, 3 fatty acids, triglycerides, butyrate, and cholesterol) reduce obesity associated white adipocyte insulin inflammation and activate brown adipocyte thermogenesis. Dr. Moustaid-Moussa's 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 Association of Clinical Nutritionists (IACN) representing Cellular Molecular Nutrition. She has mentored numerous high school, undergraduate and graduate students, as well as postdocs and research faculty. Dr. Moustaid-Moussa has been with TTU since 2012.



Natalia Schibritz-Lutsevich, M.D., Ph.D.

Dr. Schibritz-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. Schibritz-Lutsevich's international medical training began at the State Medical University in Minsk, Belarus. She completed a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology and a Fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the University of Texas at Dallas. Prior to coming to TTUHSU at the Permian Basin, Dr. Schibritz-Lutsevich was an Assistant Professor at the University of Tennessee Health Sciences Center in Memphis. She is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology in Belarus and Germany.



Rama Chennitiganti, M.D. | Department of Internal Medicine

Dr. Chennitiganti 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. Chennitiganti graduated medical school at Gandhi Medical College in Hyderabad, A.P. India. He completed an Internal Medicine residency at The Mount Vernon Hospital, New York Medical College in Mount Vernon, NY and an oncology fellowship at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Dr. Chennitiganti has been with the Department of Internal Medicine at TTUHSU at the Permian Basin since 2006, and in that time has served as Assistant Professor, Associate Program Director, Associate Professor, and Assistant Dean for Clinical Affairs within his current role as Regional Chairman and Associate Professor. Dr. Chennitiganti is board certified in Internal Medicine in the state of Texas.



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 TTUHSU School of Medicine from the Wright State University Boonshoft 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 Padova in Padova, Italy. He also served on the faculty at Loma University in California, before coming to the United States for post-graduate training in Family Medicine in Spartanburg, 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, and also has a Master's in Public Administration from Fairleigh Dickinson University in New Jersey. Dr. Kola has been with TTUHSU at the Permian Basin since 2011, prior to this she served as a clinical instructor/attending physician at Livingston 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 in the Division 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 Galveston, a Fellowship in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and a Masters of Education in Health Professional from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Dr. Jain has also received the Bush J. Kinschman 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!

Quentin Smith, Ph.D., BA
has been appointed
senior vice president of research at TTUHSC.
Dr. Smith is also the dean of the School of Pharmacy.



<https://www.ttuhsu.edu/pharmacy/directory/details.aspx?raiderUserName=qsmith>

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.

[Nature](#) | 3 min read

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>

Education Certification Membership Career Center 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	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 • 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
CRI Seed Grants https://www.ttuhsc.edu/clinicalresearch/	The President and the Deans have very graciously enabled the CRI to provide Seed Grants for pilot research projects. The Clinical Research Seed Grants require translational or clinical research utilizing the CRI and requiring interprofessional collaboration between two or more TTUHSC schools or another institutional partnership that fosters interprofessionalism. An independent committee will assess all proposals for merit. Approximately \$10,000 for each grant is available with the intent to fund up to 5 meritorious submissions. Send cover letter and this pre-proposal form to ClinicalResearch@ttuhsc.edu by 5pm on October 31, 2017. For questions contact Dr. Alyce Ashcraft (Email: Alyce.Ashcraft@ttuhsc.edu). You will be notified by November 30, 2017 if your study is selected for full proposal review. The completed full proposal will be due January 15, 2018 and you will receive a response regarding funding by February 15, 2018. If you would like a copy of the pre-proposal form, please contact the Clinical Research Institute https://www.ttuhsc.edu/clinicalresearch/ For further questions, please contact Office of Regional Associate Dean of Research (natalia.schlabritz-lutsevich@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. Find more relevant information at the following link: http://isge2018.isgesociety.com/abstract-submission/
	LabRoots has always emphasized collaboration through digital innovation, becoming a primary source for current scientific news, webinars, virtual conferences and more. Eager to extend that to the next generation of innovators, LabRoots is offering a new Fall STEM Scholarship for students pursuing degrees in the STEM disciplines. Open to all US high school seniors, undergraduate or grad student, LabRoots will award \$2,000 to aid in funding their academic pursuits and the cost associated with those pursuits. Parents, teachers, counselors or students interesting in applying for this scholarship, please click on the link below. Applications period is open until NOVEMBER 30. https://www.labroots.com/scholarships/details/3
New journals and special topics	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. Contribute your research to <i>Journal of Investigative Medicine High Impact Case Reports</i> <i>Journal of Investigative Medicine High Impact Case Reports (JIMHICR)</i> is published in association with the American Federation for Medical Research (AFMR) and Indexed in PubMed Central. <i>JIMHICR</i> furthers the development of research through high quality case reports in investigative medical science. CALL FOR PAPERS NEW JOURNAL IN 2018! Increasingly, engineering is required to solve clinical healthcare challenges. The <i>ASME Journal of Engineering and Science in Medical Diagnostics and Therapy</i> 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 <i>ASME Journal of Engineering and Science in Medical Diagnostics and Therapy</i> spans four primary areas where engineering impacts applied biomedicine: • Biotechnology in Pharmaceuticals • Clinical Applications of Biomaterials • Biotechnology in Clinical Systems • Imaging, Diagnostics, 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.
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 Questions? E-mail Gen Nano Team at gennano@nsf.gov Where: Learn more & enter at nsf.gov/gennano	Who: 6-12 graders -- individuals or teams of 2-3 What: Create a superhero using science, tell their story in a short comic OR video When: Enter Sept. 18, 2017-Jan. 8, 2018, 11:59 p.m. EST Where: Learn more & enter at nsf.gov/gennano Why: To promote early interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
 Funding available	Earlier this year, NIH announced the launch of the Next Generation Researchers Initiative (NGRI), which will allocate approximately \$210 million in fiscal year (FY) 2017 and an additional \$210 million each year for four years to support additional meritorious early-stage and mid-career investigators. This amount will ramp up over five years to reach approximately \$1.1 billion per year. On August 31, NIH released a policy supporting the NGRI that defines the categories of researchers eligible for the funding pool. • Early Stage Investigator (ESI): An investigator who has completed a terminal research degree or end of post-graduate clinical training, whichever date is later, within the past 10 years and has been awarded an R01-equivalent as the principal investigator. A list of NIH grants that an investigator can hold and still be considered an ESI can be found at https://grants.nih.gov/policy/early-investigators/list-smaller-grants.htm. • Early Established Investigator (EEI): an investigator who is within 10 years of receiving their NIH R01 equivalent research award as an ESI. Their application will be prioritized if they are at risk of losing all NIH support or are supported by only one award. Information on the initiative is available here https://grants.nih.gov/ngri.htm, the new policy is available here https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-17-101.html, and a blog post from NIH Director of Extramural Research Mike Lauer is here https://nexus.od.nih.gov/all/2017/08/31/nihs-next-generation-researchers-policy-now-posted/.
Upcoming	For more information, please visit: American Thoracic Society International Conference 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. 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

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For more information, please refer to <http://www.mdpi.com/journal/toxics>.

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Online	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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