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2017 Patient Safety and Quality Week Research Day
You are invited to submit abstracts for consideration for the 2017 Patient Safety and Quality Week Research Day. Abstracts should focus on UF Health's Quality and Patient Safety Big Aims and reflect initiatives that advance our "Quality is Job 1" focus. Abstracts will be considered for a poster or podium presentation.

* Deadline: **Friday, January 20, 2017 at 11:59 pm EST**
* If you have questions, please email ptsafetywk@shands.ufl.edu

The upcoming Patient Safety and Quality Week events will take place March 13-17 and activities will focus on reinforcing safe practices through games, interactive patient safety displays, keynote speakers, behind-the-scenes tours and more.

Look for details on the Bridge and in UF Health publications and newsletters as the week approaches!

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**University Committee Nominations 2017-2018**

Each year the University of Florida offers faculty the opportunity to participate in its governance through various university committees, boards, and councils. A list of these groups can be found at UF Faculty Senate website

The Senate Nominating Committee invites nominations, including self-nominations, for fall 2017 appointments.

The nomination form is posted on the Senate website. Please fully complete the form before submitting as this information will be used in the voting process for senate committees and councils elections.

If you choose to nominate a colleague, please confirm their willingness to serve before submitting. Also, please verify that you (or your nominee) meet the requirements, if any, to serve on the committee(s). Note: the
nomination form includes the Senate Councils and only current faculty senators are eligible for service on these.

On the form you may indicate your (or your nominee's) willingness to serve "as needed" on any committee, which will increase the likely of an appointment.

Please submit the completed form by **5 PM, January 31, 2017**.

On behalf of the committee, thank you for your consideration of this opportunity to make unique and meaningful contributions to the University of Florida. If you have any questions concerning these committees, you may call or send an email to any of the members of the Senate Nominating Committee (listed on the Faculty Senate Website).

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**2017 College of Medicine Celebration of Research**

**February 27-28, 2017**

**Monday, February 27, 2017**
Poster Session & Reception
Stephen C. O'Connell Center
5:30 - 8:30PM

**Tuesday, February 28, 2017**
Keynote Speaker
Beverly L. Davidson, PhD
Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine
The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
12:00 - 1:00 pm
Location: C1-11, Communicore, HSC

To participate in the poster session, please click the link below and follow the instructions.
*Research poster abstract submission deadline is Midnight on Sunday, January 22, 2017.

**2017 College of Medicine Celebration of Research**

Sponsored in part by the Joseph and Leila Applebaum Foundation

Office of Research Affairs
352-273-5995
Welcome New Faculty!

Click Here for Photos and More Information

Monica Aggarwal M.D. Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine Division of Cardiology
Jena Auerbach D.O. Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine
Kate Candelario Ph.D. Assistant Scientist, Department of Neurosurgery
Astra Dinculescu Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Department of Ophthalmology
William Donahoo M.D. Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Medicine Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism
Keely Fischbach M.D. Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine Division of Hospital Medicine
Mengwei Ho M.Sc. Assistant In, Department of Radiation Oncology
Gregory Jones M.D. Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry
Erica Levitt Ph.D. Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacology
NEW GRANTS AWARDED!

Eric J. Nelson, MD, PhD Assistant Professor, Department of Pediatrics has been awarded a National Institutes of Health new R21 grant entitled, "The Evaluation of a mHealth Platform for Diarrheal Disease Decision Support and Real-time Epidemiology".

NIH grants aim to understand molecular changes during physical activity

Two teams at the University of Florida have received a total of approximately $11.6 million out of a $170 million push from the National Institutes of Health to study the molecular changes that occur during physical activity.

Marco Pahor, MD Professor and Chair, Department of Aging and Geriatric Research will be part of an initiative, called Molecular Transducers of Physical Activity in Humans, or MoTrPAC, is a national research consortium that involves 25 universities and research centers across the country. Dr. Pahor will lead the consortium's coordinating center, under an grant that totals $9.4 million over the six-year life of the award.
Karyn Esser, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Physiology and Functional Genomics pending finalization of funding, was awarded $2.2 million to lead one of the MoTrPAC's preclinical animal study sites.

Click here to read more

Congratulations

American Association for the Advancement of Science

Laura P.W. Ranum, PhD. Professor, Department of Molecular Genetics and Microbiology has been elected as Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which recognizes those who make distinguished scientific advances. Recognized for distinguished contributions to molecular and translational neuroscience, Dr. Ranum studies genetic mutations that cause neurologic diseases such as ataxia, myotonic dystrophy and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS).

American Pancreatic Association Lifetime Achievement Award

Christopher E Forsmark, MD. Professor, Department of Medicine Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition has won the American Pancreatic Association Lifetime Achievement Award.
**F. Marian Bishop Leadership Award**

Peter J. Carek, M.D., M.S. Professor and Chair, Department of Community Health and Family Medicine, in honor of Dr. F. Marian Bishop, presented by the Society of Teachers in Family Medicine Foundation to honor individuals who have significantly enhanced family medicine by a sustained, long-term commitment to family medicine in academic settings.

**Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education**

Brenda G. Fahy, MD, MCCM. Professor, Department of Anesthesiology through a unanimous vote by the ACGME was appointed for a six-year appointment as a member of the appeals panel for Anesthesiology.
CME and Florida License Renewal

As medical licenses are renewed every 2 years, it is a safe bet that about half our physicians are renewing this year. The required CME courses (e.g. Medical Errors, HIV and more) can now be obtained online through the Board of Governors and Self-Insurance Program (SIP). There is no cost for State employees. Follow this link to access the programs: http://flbog.sip.ufl.edu/continuing-education-online/

As an added bonus, your CME credit for these sessions will automatically be reported to CE Broker. You will need to register using your UF email and create a password. The upload takes about 2 weeks from completing the module. The Medical Errors program is brief and straightforward.

UF Open Access Publishing Fund Reinstatement

The George A. Smathers Libraries are very pleased to announce the reinstatement of the University of Florida Open Access Publishing (UFOAP) Fund. Thanks to the financial commitment of the Office of the Provost and the endorsement of the Faculty Senate Research and Scholarship Council, funding of $120,000/year for four years has been committed to support open access publishing by UF faculty, staff and students.

The UFOAP Fund will begin accepting applications on January 1, 2017. Faculty, graduate students, staff, and post-doctoral researchers who are the first named or corresponding author of open access scholarly articles accepted for publication after November 15, 2016 and who do not have access to funding through grants or other financial means of support will be eligible to apply for financial assistance in paying article processing charges assessed by open access journals.

For more information on eligibility criteria including eligible publications and required documentation for applications, please review the UFOAP Fund Policies and Procedures at http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/scholcomm/UFOAPF. Questions about the UFOAP Fund and open access may be sent to Christine Fruin, Scholarly Communications Librarian, at christine.fruin@uflib.ufl.edu.

App puts safety in your hands

Thanks to a new UF Health app, assistance is just a screen-touch away to help us feel safe and secure on campus.

UF Health Protect is a free, user-friendly personal safety app for UF Health faculty, staff and students. It offers
intuitive navigation to quickly connect users with an assortment of digital safety tools. Wherever you are, UF Health Protect is here to help you stay safe.

Access it on your mobile device: Search any app store for "UF Health Protect."

Here are a few of the app's features:

**Friend Walk**
- Virtually connect with someone you trust through the Friend Walk feature. Send your exact location to a friend to give them access to your real-time movements on a map. With a simple notification you can prompt them to call emergency services or alert them that you arrived safely at your destination.

**Safety Toolbox**
- Use the Safety Toolbox to sound a loud alarm from your mobile device, share your location with a friend or email a question to the UF Health Shands Security team.

**Transport**
- Never miss your shuttle! The Transport feature tracks UF Health Shands shuttles on their routes to provide safety and convenience to riders. It shows each shuttle's estimated time of arrival, and you can even see bus icons moving along the colorful routes.

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**Introduction to REDCap**

This lecture and demonstration provides a basic overview of the Research Electronic Data Capture (REDCap) system; how REDCap can speed time to database creation and deployment; best practices; and provides a general overview of its many powerful data collection and management features. This course is directed towards new users or those with little experience in using REDCap. NOTE: These course sections cover the same material as previous sections so new attendees will be given priority.

Dates and Times:
12/19/2016: 1:00 pm-2:30 pm
01/13/2017: 11:00 am-12:30 pm
01/25/2017: 2:00 pm-3:30 pm
02/06/2017: 3:30 pm-5:00 pm
02/21/2017: 12:00 pm-1:30 pm
03/07/2017: 2:00 pm-3:30 pm
03/21/2017: 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Location: AHC C3-13 (Communicore)

Link to register: myTraining website

Training Room Use Policies, Calendars, and Directions can be found here: http://training.health.ufl.edu/roomhelp.aspx

If you need to cancel or have trouble registering, please send an email to training@health.ufl.edu or call (352) 273-5051.

"Get your picture taken!" for the new UF Health ID badge

Come to the Founder's Gallery of the Academic Research Building this month for your new photo to be used for our new UF Health ID badge. The December Schedule can be viewed by clicking on the link. Employees within the North Tower, Medical Science Building, Academic Research Building, Communicore, Dental Tower, Harrell Medical Education Building, and the Shep Broad Building will use the Founder's Gallery location. Alternate sites, such as the Orthopaedic Sports Medicine Institute will be scheduled after the beginning of the year for employees who are in locations away from the HSC campus.

Flu vaccinations events continue

It's not too late to get your flu vaccination!

With the Oct. 30 flu vaccination deadline behind us, faculty, staff, students and volunteers without a purple flu vaccination sticker on their badge are required to wear a surgical/procedural mask in UF Health Shands, UF Health Physicians and other patient care areas during flu season, through April 30.

The following workers can visit UF Health Shands Occupational Health Services (OHS) for a free flu shot:

- UF Health Shands employees and volunteers
- UF Health Physicians employees
- UF College of Medicine faculty physicians, residents and fellows
- Credentialed ARNPs
- Credentialed physician assistants
- Credentialed medical staff
Other UF faculty and staff can contact the UF Student Health Care Center regarding flu vaccinations.

Once you receive your flu vaccination, you will be required to wear a mask in patient care areas for two more weeks until the vaccine provides full immunity. If you received your vaccination elsewhere, submit proof of vaccination to OHS to get a sticker for your badge.

OHS is open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located at UF Health Shands Hospital (north campus), Room 1004.

For more information, visit Flu Central at bridge.UFHealth.org/flu.
Public Records Requests

If you are ever contacted with a request for personal correspondence, email, etc. through the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), please refer those requests to the Public Records Portal.
All public records requests should come in through the UF Public Records Portal housed in UF Media Relations and Public Affairs. If you have any questions, contact Media Relations and Public Affairs at 352-846-3903 or send an email to pr-request@ufl.edu.

Information about the process and the link to the portal can be found at: http://www.urel.ufl.edu/media-relations/public-records-requests/

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**SAVE THE DATES**

In preparing your spring calendars, please keep the following dates in mind:

Distinguished Professor Lectures:

- Dr. Jeffery Jones, Plant Pathology on January 23rd
- Dr. Mark Law, Electrical and Computer Engineering on February 6th

*Both scheduled for 4pm Emerson Hall*

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**UF Highlights Dr. Jorg Bungert and his Research!**

University of Florida Research Landscapes
Next meeting, Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 5:00 pm in M-112

Check the website for information about meetings and activities:

http://facultycouncil.med.ufl.edu/

Upcoming Educational & Professional Development Seminars:

Health & Wellness:

- "Living the Dream or Feeling the Burn? The Sobering Realities of Physician Mental Health."
  
  Thursday, January 12, 2017
  5:00pm to 6:00pm
  Dr. Lisa Merlo Greene and Dr. Jay Lynch
  HME 128

Graduate Medical Education Seminar Series:

January 12, 2017, 8am to 9am
Timothy Flynn, MD.
"GME Funding"
Dean's Conference Room M-112
Click Here to Register

February 9, 2017, 8am to 9am
Hannah Norton and Ariel Pomputius
"What can your Library do for you?"
Dean's Conference Room M-112
Click Here to Register

View previous seminars online at http://facultyaffairs.med.ufl.edu