SPARK celebrates 10 years of drug discovery

SPARK celebrated its 10th anniversary with an event where researchers supported by this program shared their accomplishments in moving ideas from the lab to patients. Success stories included a presentation by Spectrum pilot-grant recipient Shirit Einav, MD, who has discovered two FDA-approved drugs that together act as a broad-spectrum anti-viral against diseases such as Ebola and dengue fever. (Photo of program leaders Daria Mochly-Rosen, PhD, and Kevin Grimes, MD.)

Community advisory board helps researchers recruit diverse study participants

The Community Advisory Board for Clinical Research is made up of Bay Area residents who can provide advice to investigators on recruiting study participants from a broad range of ethnicities, cultures, ages and economic backgrounds. The board was established in March by the Stanford Center for Clinical Research, in partnership with the Office of Community Engagement in the Stanford Center for Population Health Sciences. To schedule an appointment:

New SoM policy on ClinicalTrials.gov reporting

In response to new ClinicalTrials.gov regulations (42 CFR 11), the School of Medicine has issued a new policy (effective now) that details principal investigator responsibilities and establishes noncompliance penalties for those with nonconforming studies. The new regulations clarify and expand study registration and results reporting requirements. The NIH complementary policy (#NOT-OD-16-149) expands these requirements to apply to all NIH-
New group to facilitate clinical research regulatory compliance

The Clinical Research Quality Office is staffed with experts who can help research teams understand clinical research regulations, adopt best practices, and prepare for audits by industry sponsors or the Food and Drug Administration. It is currently focused on tracking Stanford studies listed on ClinicalTrials.gov and training researchers on upcoming results-posting regulation changes. It is under the leadership of faculty director Mark Pegram, MD, professor of oncology, and administrative director Jennifer Brown, RN.

OnCore research management system rollout underway

The School of Medicine’s pilot launch of the OnCore clinical research management system is now complete and the on-boarding team is scheduling training sessions for new research groups (for non-cancer studies only). This system makes it easier for researchers to track studies, monitor participant recruitment and participate in multisite clinical trials. For more info, contact Spectrum’s process improvement manager, Yona Shulaker at shulaker@stanford.edu.

Register on ORCID.org for easier publication tracking

The Open Researcher and Contributor ID, called ORCID, is an alphanumeric code that uniquely identifies scientific authors. It allows authors to more accurately track and disseminate their contributions to scientific literature, and it is quickly becoming the de facto standard for contributor identification in research and academic publishing.

A unified process streamlines IRB reviews for multisite trials

The NIH has developed a mandatory, unified institutional review board (IRB) platform for use in multisite clinical studies, to help reduce the approval time for ethical reviews required for the protection of human subjects. Guidance and agreements can be downloaded here.

Cullen named as Spectrum’s co-director

Mark Cullen, MD, has assumed the responsibilities as co-director of Spectrum and senior associate dean for research at the School of Medicine. He will be working with Harry Greenberg, MD, Spectrum’s director for the last eight years, as the school prepares a renewal application for a new Clinical and Translational Science Award from the NIH. During this transition, Cullen will continue to direct the Stanford Center for Population Health Sciences.

New People

Karl Sylvester, MD, new Co-Leader of Spectrum Child Health and Associate Dean of Maternal Child Health Research.

Veronica Haight, Ed.D (in progress), Spectrum’s Education & Workforce Development Program Manager, serving previously as the Assistant Director of the Computational Biology Institute at George Washington University.

Ashley Lauren Dunn, MPH, Spectrum Pilot Program Manager, previously from Stanford’s Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative and Pain Medicine.

Scott Patton, Clinical Trials Disclosure Manager in the Clinical Research Quality Office, previously from Gilead Sciences.

Elaine Basaca, Clinical Trials Disclosure Specialist in the Clinical Research Quality Office, previously from the VA Palo Alto Health Care System.

Mary Maldonado, Administrative Associate for the Clinical Research Quality Office, previously from the Stanford Center for Professional Development at the School of Engineering.

Funding Opportunities
Research Development Office helps raise $32.4 million
Since its doors opened in 2015, the Stanford Research Development Office has assisted in the preparation of 45 grant applications evenly split between basic and clinical sciences. Services provided include identifying funding opportunities, fostering collaborative work, editing proposals, managing the assembly of large proposals and interfacing with sponsors and university liaisons. For assistance, contact SRDO director Michael Helms, PhD, MBA, at mkhelms@stanford.edu.

Spectrum KL2/TL1 training award applications due Mar. 1
Applications for the Spectrum KL2 and TL1 clinical-research mentored career development training awards will be accepted beginning in December. Both programs provide promising scholars with financial support, training and mentoring to help them initiate research that accelerates the translation of medical discoveries into better health. Junior faculty and senior fellows are encouraged to apply. Application deadline: March 1, 2017.

Training

Record number trained in clinical trial research bootcamp
Spectrum trained 73 residents and junior faculty members at its week-long Intensive Course in Clinical Research in September. This is the largest ICCR graduating class ever, and participants left this immersive experience with a deeper understanding of clinical research, study design, biostatistics, informatics, regulatory issues and bioethics. The next course will be held the week of September 12, 2017.

"Essentials of Clinical Research" courses still open
In this course series, you'll learn how to design and analyze clinical studies; comply with "Good Clinical Practice" guidelines for study conduct, data management, and relevant regulations; understand principles and practices underlying ethical and reproducible research; and deal with special issues that arise in cancer, pediatric, surgical and cardiovascular research. It’s free to faculty, students and research staff.

Donate your surplus clinical trial supplies
Stanford Health Care will pick up unused clinical trial supplies and donate them to medical missions and non-profit organizations. Donated items must have an expiration date that is at least a year out.

Questions about clinical and translational research at Stanford?
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