**Einstein Research Profiles (ERP)**

As many of you know, Einstein Research Profiles provides easy access to PubMed publications, information about faculty NIH grants, and each investigator’s network of collaborators. Originally a collaboration between Einstein and Collexis, ERP is now part of Elsevier’s platforms that include SciVal, a grant opportunity search tool. For new updates in SciVal Experts visit ERP: [http://www.experts.scival.com/einstein/](http://www.experts.scival.com/einstein/)

**Coming soon** SciVal Experts will include a customizable online tool, “SciVal Funding,” that delivers comprehensive access to current funding opportunities and award information. SciVal Funding automatically pulls available grant funding from 4,000 different sources and makes the funding database searchable on your desktop by faculty based at either Einstein or Montefiore.

Researchers will receive automated email alerts with recommendations for funding opportunities and potential collaborators, based on their research profiles. Research Administrators can use this tool to search relevant funding opportunities, monitor the interest of researchers and encourage them to focus on the most significant awards.

**Pfizer’s Centers for Therapeutic Innovation (CTI)**

Einstein’s Office of Biotechnology has announced a funding opportunity in collaboration with Pfizer focusing on translational medicine. The program is designed to fund research that drives innovative drug development through a successful proof-of-mechanism in humans. Selected CTI projects will be supported by significant resources from Pfizer – such as postdoctoral funding, research support, access to Pfizer’s technologies, antibody/peptide libraries, and laboratory/infrastructure. Two official calls for proposals will be held per year.

Applications are due March 14th: [http://www.einstein.yu.edu/biotechnology/](http://www.einstein.yu.edu/biotechnology/)

**Other ICTR news . . .**

Suzette Oyeku, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics is working with the National Initiative for Children's Healthcare Quality (NICHQ) as Project Director/Physician Champion on the HRSA-funded Sickle Cell Disease Treatment Demonstration Program.

Chinazo Cunningham, MD, received an R34 NIH award for her project, Development of a community-based buprenorphine treatment intervention, based in part on work funded by a pilot award for this project from the ICTR.

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**CRC Updates**

Kudos to Patrick Braaf RN, BSN, MBA, the ICTR Nurse Clinician. In this capacity, he directs daily operations and logistics of research nursing, and coordinates protocol hospital admissions and asset utilization.

**Welcome new Clinical Research team members**

Marie Berkery, RN is a Clinical Research Nurse who came to us from a previous position at White Plains Hospital in Pediatric and Med/Surg nursing.

Taylor Waanggaard, RN, PNP is a West Campus Pediatric Clinical Research Nurse who trained clinically in Boston at the MGH and Children’s Hospital.

Jill Phillips RN, ADN is a CV Surgery Clinical Research Nurse who works with Dr. Robert Michler’s team, and comes to us from Westchester Medical Center where she was a critical care nurse.

Oana Sandu MD is a Clinical Research Fellow, trained in Romania and recently at Mt. Sinai Medical Center in NY.

Nickie Cimaglia is the East Campus Unit Secretary who was recruited from Empire Blue Cross/Blue Shield.

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**Paul Marantz, MD**, co-Director of the ICTR, has been selected to receive the Distinguished Educator Award of the Association for Clinical Research Training. The award will be presented at the 2011 Society for Clinical and Translational Science Meeting, April 27-29.