The CTSA Pediatric teams depicted above from Yale, Cornell, Columbia, NYU, Mt. Sinai and Rochester met with the ICTR Pediatric project leaders Drs. Rick Kaskel, Daphne Hsu, Carmen Isasi, and Jessica Rieder last month at the Price Center to finalize the multicenter study. Funded by an NICHD ARRA-funded award, they will test a non-pharmacologic web-based intervention in obese adolescents with hypertension led by the Einstein-Montefiore team.

Five new ICTR career development awardees selected

Five new ICTR career development grants have been awarded to junior faculty at Einstein and Montefiore. The awardees are Susan Rubin, MD, MPH and Sean Lucan MD, MPH, MS, both from Family and Social Medicine; Josh Steinerman MD, Neurology; Deepa Rastogi MD, Pediatrics, and Irene Blanco MD, Medicine (both of the latter will receive their MS degrees in May, 2010). Congratulations to all, as well as their mentors and department Chairs. The awardees will be recognized at the Men’s Division Annual Golf and Tennis event this June. The Men’s Division is in the midst of a multi-year campaign to fund clinician scholars for careers in clinical research. Additional support comes from Einstein, Montefiore and the CTSA. For more information, please click on “Career Development” at www.einstein.yu.edu/ictr

Kudos

Marla Keller, along with Paul Marantz and other ICTR team members, hosts a bi-monthly event for career development awardees to network and share ideas, and learn about research updates.

Congratulations to Alexandra Ogorodnikova who’s enrolled in our PhD in Clinical Investigation track for selection to give one of the oral presentations at the national CTSA consortium meeting in St. Louis.

Updates

Paul Marantz, in his role as CTSA liaison for the NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research, will chair a conference on educating BSS researchers within CTSA, on May 11, 2010 in Bethesda.

Rick Kaskel and Daphne Hsu lead a consortium of NY and CT medical institutions to study behavioral interventions in kids with obesity and hypertension to prevent CV and kidney disease (details at left).