Translational Science 2013 Meeting
At the recent meeting in Washington, 16 of our investigators spanning the spectrum from T1 translational science to health policy research presented during the Scholar and Research Poster Sessions. Dr. Christopher Austin spoke about his vision as the new Director for NCATS. He emphasized his commitment to supporting work across the entire spectrum of translation and the importance of demonstrating salient, health-promoting outcomes as the NIH seeks needed funding from Congress. Dr. Ezekiel Emmanuel provided a review of the proposed changes to the “Common Rule”, which governs the ethical conduct of clinical research along with encouraging news that after being stalled for 18 months, the new rules may finally be issued this year.

New NIH Public Access Policy
As of July 1, 2013 NIH awards will be delayed if publications citing the awards are not in compliance with the public access policy. To ensure you correctly “Cite It”, visit: http://libguides.einstein.yu.edu/nih

New funding opportunity
The New York State Department of Health and Empire State Stem Cell Board have announced new RFAs for Investigator Initiated Research Projects (IIRP) and Innovative, Developmental or Exploratory Activities (IDEA) in Stem Cell Research: http://www.health.ny.gov/funding/rfa/1206180230/

CTSA collaborations
A study conducted by five CTSAs, Washington University, University of California Davis, University of Michigan, the University of Rochester, and Einstein-Montefiore, was published in the American Journal of Public Health. The study found that although underrepresented in research, African-Americans were more likely to be interested in participating in medical research. This finding may have important implications for recruitment.

ICTR honored by Block Endowment
Dean Spiegel recently announced a $160 million gift, the largest in Einstein’s history, from longtime supporter Muriel Block. The ICTR is proud to be designated The Harold and Muriel Block Institute for Clinical and Translational Research at Einstein and Montefiore. Additionally, the Mazer Building on the East Campus, which houses a significant portion of the ICTR administration, directors, cores, and team members, has been renamed the Harold and Muriel Block Building.

ICTR Symposium in November
Transforming Clinical and Translational Research
The annual ICTR Symposium will be held on November 8th in the Price Center. Confirmed speakers include: Christopher Austin MD, Director, National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NIH); Christopher Chute MD, Dr. PH, Professor of Medical Informatics, Mayo Clinic; Emil Kakkis MD, PhD, President and Founder, Everylife Foundation; and Nirav Shah MD, MPH, Commissioner of Health, State of New York.