

# DEAN'S CORNER E-NEWSLETTER

*Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine*

*May 9, 2005*

If it's May, it must be graduation time! On May 21<sup>st</sup> we will be graduating 115 physicians with the DO degree, and 25 Physician Assistants with a Masters of Science degree. In addition, some of our graduates will complete dual degrees (i.e., MS, MPH, or PhD). Our graduates from the medical school will be attending internships and residencies all across the country; from JPS, and Plaza Medical Center here in town, to Johns Hopkins University, Baylor College of Medicine, Georgetown University, Brooke Army Medical Center and everything in between. The graduation ceremony, once again will take place at the Tarrant County Convention Center at 2:00 pm on Saturday. Our graduation speaker will be the Honorable Louis Sullivan, MD, former Secretary of Health and Human Services under George H. W. Bush. Dr. Sullivan has visited our campus in the past, and we are honored to have him back to serve in this role.

**Also of note, for the fourth year in a row, the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine has been named one of the top medical schools in the nation for primary care by *US News and World Report* magazine.**

Please supply any pertinent information to my office (deantcom@hsc.unt.edu) by the third Thursday of the month, for inclusion in this Newsletter.

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### Student Affairs:

Thomas Moorman, Ed.D.

*Associate Vice President for Student Affairs*

## **UNTHSC Welcomes Incoming D.O. & PA Students**

Preview Weekend festivities began on Friday April the 15th with opportunity for the incoming DO and PA classes to meet their classmates, current students, faculty & staff. The agenda included a panel discussion comprised of students and their spouse, who gave their insight into managing medical studies. New students were treated to dinner and encouraged to ask questions of the panel. After dinner there was a tour followed by the All Student Mixer.

On Saturday, the events were scheduled for the entire UNTHSC family to come meet the new students and have some fun. There were several activities including a basketball tournament, bungee run, bounce house, music, face painting, games and plenty of great food. There was also a Housing Fair to assist new students in finding a place to live before they move to Fort Worth.

The weekend long events were, sponsored by Student Development, the TCOM Class of 2008 and the PA Class of 2007. Special thanks goes out to Kimberly Martin, Chairwoman-TCOM 2008; Jeb Frost President-TCOM 2008; John Kane, Vice President-PA Class 2007; & Dr. Bruce Dubin, presenter; for all of their contributions in welcoming the new students.

### **Clinical Affairs / Faculty Practice:**

Robert Adams, D.O.

*Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs/Chief Medical Officer*

Most everyone seems to have the same two questions. (1) What is the status of the NTAMG and UNTPG merger, and (2) where do the contract discussions with JPS stand. With both issues, the progress has been slow and the discussions convoluted. Although little definitive can be reported, it's appropriate to provide an update and discussion of the issues.

- (1) The merger activities are progressing at a slow but steady pace. The articles of incorporation have been filed with the state and the organizational bylaws approved. The group has been named UMED. A planning session took place on May 6<sup>th</sup> and officers of the new corporations were elected. A significant part of the planning process focused on the possible scenarios and strategies that may best position the group for successful contract negotiations if the opportunity arises. Realize, however, that the vision for UMED exceeds the patient care activities at JPS. The true goal of the merger is to create a large multi-specialty group that can evolve to be recognized as the premiere provider of healthcare services in Tarrant County and the surrounding region.
- (2) The contract discussions with the UNTHSC have ended. Discussions continue in an effort to identify new opportunities for further dialogue relative to the provision of clinical services at JPS. UMED submitted a contract proposal to JPS on May 6<sup>th</sup>. There is no indication whether this proposal will be negotiated or rejected. The physicians at NTAMG have been under intense pressure to align with either CompHealth or the JPS Physician Group. To date, the physicians appear to remain united in their commitment to

UMED as the entity of choice for employment. Unlike our physicians at UNTHSC, the majority of NTAMG physicians rely on the JPS clinical service contract for their livelihood. Their willingness to believe that UMED is their best hope going forward is a commitment that needs to be recognized and appreciated. The JPS Board of Managers is scheduled to meet on May 12<sup>th</sup>. As new information is available, further updates will be provided.

One additional item is the announcement of the scheduled JCAHO accreditation visit on Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. This survey will utilize the new "tracer methodology" meaning that specific activities of care will be followed rather than the traditional department indicator review. This relies much more on medical records than previous surveys. Please discuss this survey with your department QM coordinator or contact Jan Jowitt (2396) for further information.

### **Educational Programs:**

Don Peska, D.O.

*Associate Dean for Educational Programs*

The Texas OPTI is preparing for a reaccreditation visit from the American Osteopathic Association this summer. It is worthwhile to reflect on how the face and focus of the organization has changed since its initial charter in 1999. Bay Area Corpus Christi Medical Center is the sole surviving hospital of the original four. With the closure of the Osteopathic Medical Center of Texas, the OPTI has added its first member from outside of the State of Texas. Northside Hospital of St. Petersburg, Florida has become the newest healthcare affiliate and the only member holding facility accreditation by the American Osteopathic Association. Each OPTI is required to have at least one such hospital member. Training programs remain diverse within the organization. While there are fewer first year positions than graduates of TCOM, the number has met the demand for those seeking osteopathic postdoctoral training and new programs are in development. Several dual-accredited programs (AOA and ACGME) are represented although only their osteopathic components are within the jurisdiction of the Texas OPTI. Future growth will likely see more programs with dual-accreditation as these appear to be in demand by our students. However, the OPTI continues to seek out facilities that have not as yet participated in graduate medical education and see this as a growth area for their own medical staff and services. All-in-all the Texas OPTI continues to adapt to changes in the marketplace and redefine its participation.

### **Academic Affairs:**

Bruce Dubin, D.O., J.D.

*Associate Dean for Academic Affairs*

*Medical Education*

One of the intersections between medical practice and technology is in the area of "tele-medicine". The ability of rural primary care physicians to communicate with specialists at distant tertiary healthcare centers is an important skill for future doctors to attain. The Texas

College of Osteopathic Medicine has begun a program to teach this skill to our second year medical students. This semester, second year students in the rural tract program at TCOM have begun their training, under the direction of Dr. John Bowling, in the utilization of telemedicine in patient care. Utilizing our new "telemedicine" unit on our sixth floor simulation labs, Dr. Bowling has started training students in the "art and science" of telemedicine. We are excited about including this new and innovative development in our curriculum and look forward to expanding this training next year.

### **Clinical Research:**

Michael Clearfield, D.O.

*Associate Dean for Clinical Research*

I would like to thank everyone who participated in Research Appreciation Day. This was the best RAD yet. Special recognition for Dr. Palmarozzi and the department of family medicine which had an unprecedented 30 abstracts submitted. Dr Stoll and the Department of Manipulative Medicine also need to receive special attention for their 16 abstracts and for also hosting the OCCTIC conference which was also a tremendous success. These two departments were exceptional and deserve special recognition for all their efforts.

The RAD judges for TCOM this year were Nasim Akhtar MD from Plaza Medical Center, William Jordan DO from Texas Cancer Care, Joane Baumer MD from JPS Health Network and Robert Sloane MD from Harris Health Systems. All these judges gave a superlative effort in the judging of the student/resident awards. These individuals deserve the thanks of the entire TCOM family for taking time out of their busy schedules to help make RAD a success.

The 2005 RAD awardees from TCOM were First Place winner Matthew Thompson for Mutation and Loss of Heterozygosity of pp32r1 and the Pathogenesis of Hepatocellular Carcinoma and Second Place Winner Eric Simms for The Influence of Prior Education, Mentor and Employment Experience as Practice Setting Determinants of Physician Assistants in Texas. Both these individuals deserve a hearty congratulation. I would also like to thank all the students and residents that entered the contest but were not selected. As with any competition it is difficult to choose a winner but just by participating these students/housestaff were also winners.

Again thank you all for making RAD 2005 a success. The bar has been raised for all of us to make RAD 2006 an even greater success.

### **PA Studies:**

Hank Lemke, P.A.

**PA Students Prepare for PA National Certifying Exam in a New Way!**

This year, a new on-line practice exam was implemented in the PA program to assist students in preparing for the PA National Certifying Exam (PANCE), which is taken after graduation. Graduates must pass PANCE to be eligible for licensure as a PA. This year, Class of 2005 students were required to participate an on-line practice exam culled from a test bank of over 1,200 practice questions maintained by Kaplan Medical®. The questions are geared toward PA students and graduates preparing for the PANCE. Under the PA program requirements, each PA student is required to complete a minimum of 300 practice questions in 3 months before the end of the clinical rotation year. They can complete more and many do. Student performance is monitored by the program and student feedback on the system has been very positive. The practice test helps students learn by providing over 1,200 clinically-relevant questions with detailed explanations on why the right answer is correct and why the distracters are incorrect. Students get onscreen performance feedback by discipline, organ system, and number of questions completed. Fees for the test are paid by the PA program from course fees.

### **Patient Encounter Tracking System Introduced for Clinical Year Students**

A new patient encounter tracking system has been introduced as a requirement for PA students in clinical rotations, beginning with the Class of 2006. The system is developed and maintained by Typhon Group LLC, which uses a HIPPA compliant database to log all patient encounters (using a code number based on sequence and date of entry). The tracking system is accessed through a secure web-site that collects information on student experiences in their clinical rotations by specialty, preceptor, and problems addressed; the data collected includes patient diagnoses and treatments using ICD-9 and CPT coding. Besides keeping an accurate record of student experiences, students also learn ICD-9 and CPT coding through "drill-down" menus provided in the system. After data has been entered, the PA program and the individual student can track progress through individual and aggregate reports. Besides satisfying program requirements, PA students can also print out records of "what they've done" during clinical rotations which may prove useful when seeking employment and credentialing as a PA after graduation.

### **PA Students Garner Two Awards at Research Appreciation Day**

Congratulations go to two PA students who received second place awards for their poster presentations at the UNTHSC Research Appreciation Day held last month. PA Student Rachel Boyer won the Office of Professional and Continuing Education Second Place Award for her poster POTENTIALS AND BARRIERS OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS WORKING IN HOSPICE: Rachel Boyer, PA-S; Olive Chen, PhD; Laurie Hill, MPAS, PA-C. PA Student Eric Sims won the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine Second Place Award for his poster THE INFLUENCE OF PRIOR EDUCATION, MENTOR, AND EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE AS PRACTICE SETTING DETERMINANTS OF PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS IN TEXAS: Eric Sims, PA-S; Henry Lemke, MMS, PA-C; Olive Chen, PhD. Congratulations to these students and their faculty advisors for a job well done!

### **PA Faculty and Students to Attend National AAPA Meeting in May**

Several PA Faculty and a number of PA students from UNTHSC are planning to attend the AAPA's 33rd Annual Physician Assistant Conference - the only national conference for PAs - this month between Saturday, May 28, and Thursday, June 2, 2005. The conference this year is in Orlando, FL and includes several continuing medical education sessions, the AAPA House of Delegates meeting, and the Spring meeting of the Association of PA Programs. Students will be networking with other PAs and PA students and participating in AAPA governance activities. Three students have been invited to present scientific posters at the meeting.

### **Science and Health News:**

#### **Beta-blockers helpful in coronary artery disease**

##### ***Reuters Health***

[May 4, 2005]

NEW YORK - Patients who have coronary disease without acute myocardial infarction (AMI) or congestive heart failure appear to gain about the same mortality protection from beta-blocker therapy as do patients with these conditions, researchers report.

Dr. Joseph B. Muhlestein of LDS Hospital, Salt Lake City, and colleagues studied 4,304 patients with coronary artery disease. None had heart failure or AMI at hospital presentation. Their average age was 65 years and most were men.

After follow-up, which ranged from 1 month to almost 7 years (mean, 3 years), 10% died and 5% had a nonfatal AMI, the investigators report in the April 1st issue of the American Journal of Cardiology.

Receiving a beta-blocker prescription at hospital discharge was associated with a better outcome. Event-free AMI survival for all-cause mortality in this group was 94.5% ( $p < 0.001$ ). This was significantly higher than the 88.3% all-cause mortality seen in those without a prescription.

There were similar findings for AMI and death. However there were no significant differences in non-fatal AMI.

After adjustment for confounding factors, including prescriptions for statins and angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitors, the effect on the combination end point of AMI and death was eliminated. However, the effect on death remained (hazard ratio, 0.66).

Should these findings be confirmed in randomized trials, the researchers conclude, "the usefulness of beta-blocker therapy may be extended to include all patients who have atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease."

Am J Cardiol 2005;95:827-831.

## **Configure Your PDA on a Medical Student's Budget**

### ***MD Consult***

By MICHAEL A. GRASSO

"Get Published!" invites readers to join our dialogue about medicine and medical student education. The following article was submitted by Michael A. Grasso, a fourth year medical student at the George Washington University School of Medicine in Washington, D.C. USA.

Being a medical student is expensive enough. After tuition, rent, and books, there's little money for anything else. So if you managed to scrape together enough cash to buy a new PDA (personal digital assistant), let me tell you how to load it up with useful software without spending another cent. Whether you purchased a Palm or a Pocket PC, the following are examples of free software for drug references, clinical calculations, and decision support that every medical student should have. Of course, there are many other good programs out there. This article is limited to those that I found useful during medical school.

### **Drug Reference**

A drug reference is probably the most useful program for the PDA. Luckily, there are several out there that won't cost you a thing. You can use these tools to look up drug information, check for interactions between two or more drugs, and view the latest FDA announcements. The data is never out of date because it is updated each time you cradle your PDA with your desktop computer. The Mobile PDR is free to qualified medical students and residents in the U.S. Another popular choice is Epocrates. Both programs offer free versions for the Palm and Pocket PC.

### **Clinical Calculator**

A clinical calculator is a must. This is especially true when you're alone on call, and can't remember the difference between a delta-gap and the delta-osmoality. Archimedes is a free calculator for the Palm and Pocket PC with more than 70 preprogrammed clinical formulas.

### **Decision Support**

There are a number of useful tools for decision support that are totally free. Mobile Merck Medicus is a suite of evidence-based tools for the Palm and Pocket PC. It includes the Merck Manual, the Pocket Guide to Diagnostic Tests, Reuters Medical News, and selected journals abstracts. The medical news and abstracts are updated each time you cradle your PDA to your desktop computer.

With a growing dependence on evidence-based medicine, you never want to be too far from online search tools. PubMed has a variety of free resources from the National Library of Medicine. These applications can deliver MEDLINE citations directly to your PDA. It supports Palm and Pocket PC devices that have wireless access to the Internet.

A differential diagnosis tool can be a lifesaver on rounds. Be ready when your resident asks for the differential diagnosis of nocturia or you can't remember the definition of MUDPILES. Diagnosaurus is a free differential diagnosis tool for the Palm and Pocket PC. It allows you to explore by disease, symptom, or organ system, and includes content for both medical and surgical problems.

The last tool in this category is Medical Eponyms, which is a free program for the Palm and Pocket PC. It contains the definitions of over 1,500 common and obscure medical eponyms, which are organized by alphabetically and by system.

The PDA is rapidly gaining a standing that is equivalent to the stethoscope. With a little effort, your PDA can be a functional tool as well as a status symbol. Make the most of your PDA with these programs, all of which are free for the asking.

The author of this article, Michael A. Grasso, is associated with the Pocket PC version of Medical Eponyms, a free program, owned and supported by a medical resident who makes the program freely available to others.

### [Health Policy News:](#)

#### **Congress Approves FY 2006 Budget**

Congress April 28 approved the conference agreement on the FY 2006 budget resolution (H.Con.Res. 95). The House passed the conference report (H.Rept. 109-62) by a 214 to 211 vote while the Senate approved it 52 to 47. Reconciliation instructions within the final budget agreement direct committees to identify \$34.7 billion in savings through cuts to mandatory spending over the next five years, including \$10 billion (although none in 2006) from the Medicaid program according to senior committee staff.

#### **CMS Proposes To Increase Post Acute Care Transfers in FY 2006 Inpatient Rule**

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) April 25 posted on its Web site the Medicare hospital inpatient prospective payment system proposed rule for FY 2006. Unlike past years, there are no major proposals affecting Direct Graduate Medical Education (DGME) or Indirect Medical Education (IME) payments. However, a key provision would increase the number of diagnosis-related groups (DRGs) that would be subject to the post-acute care transfer policy from 29 to 223.



## **MedPAC Discusses Physician Service Volume Increases; Makes Medicare Advantage Recommendations**

At its April 22-23 meeting, the Medicare Payment Advisory Commission (MedPAC) discussed a letter from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) informing the Commission that the estimated physician payment update for 2006 would be -4.3 percent. MedPAC previously has recommended a physician payment increase of 2.7 percent for 2006.

## **NRC/IOM Issue Stem Cell Research Guidelines**

The Committee on Guidelines for Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research of the National Research Council and the Institute of Medicine April 26 issued a report that provides guidelines for the responsible practice of human embryonic stem (hES) cell research. The Committee was asked to develop guidelines to encourage responsible practices in hES cell research - regardless of source of funding - including the use and derivation of new stem cell lines.

## **Committee's Investigation of Hospital Billing Practices Continues**

House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Joe Barton (R-Texas) and Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee Chair Ed Whitfield (R-Ky.) sent an April 26 letter to 10 hospital systems seeking additional information on the complexity of hospital invoices and how hospital chargemasters or "list" prices directly or indirectly affect patients.

## **GAO Publishes Rehabilitation "75 Percent" Report**

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) April 22 issued a report on the "75 percent rule" for inpatient rehabilitation facilities (IRF). The study was requested by Congress in the conference report accompanying the Medicare Modernization Act. The report recommends three actions to be taken by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Administrator.

## **Senators Introduce Bipartisan Cloning Bill**

Senators Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), Dianne Feinstein (D-Calif.), Arlen Specter (R-Pa.), Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.), and Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) April 21 re-introduced legislation to ban human reproductive cloning but to allow somatic cell nuclear transplantation (SCNT), sometimes called "therapeutic cloning," to move ahead with federal oversight.

## **Minority Health Advisory Committee Members Announced**

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Mike Leavitt April 22 announced the appointment of eight members to serve on the Advisory Committee on Minority Health. The Committee advises HHS on improving the health of racial and ethnic minority groups and on the development of goals and specific program activities for the department's Office of Minority Health.

### **House Subcommittees Begin Appropriations Mark-ups**

The House Appropriations subcommittees on Interior and Homeland Security approved their respective FY 2006 spending bills May 4, signaling the beginning of what promises to be another long appropriations cycle. The Labor-HHS-Education subcommittee is tentatively scheduled to mark up its FY 2006 bill June 9, with full committee consideration of the bill taking place the week of June 13. Chairman Jerry Lewis (R-Calif.) released his tentative proposal for the allocations on May 5.

### **House Committee Passes Legislation Removing Physician Group Limits on Patients Receiving Substance Abuse Treatment**

The House Energy and Commerce Committee May 4 passed by voice vote AAMC-endorsed legislation (H.R. 869) removing the current statutory limit on the number of substance abuse patients that may be treated by physician group practices.

### **Federal Court Hears Arguments on EST Patents**

The Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (CAFC), which oversees patents, May 3 heard arguments from Monsanto Corporation that its patent application on certain Expressed Sequence Tags (ESTs) should not have been rejected by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) for not being useful. The PTO found that the ESTs claimed in the application failed to meet a standard for "credible, substantial, and specific" utility implemented in 2001. The PTO's own Appeals Board later upheld the rejection, and Monsanto thus appealed to the CAFC. The case, *In re Fisher*, is a test case for the new utility standard, which the PTO implemented at the urging of the National Institutes of Health, the National Academies, and other research organizations, including the AAMC.

### **Perlin Confirmed as VA Under Secretary for Health**

The Senate April 28 formally approved the nomination of Jonathan Perlin, M.D., Ph.D., as Under Secretary for Health at the Department of Veterans Affairs. Dr. Perlin has served as Acting Under Secretary for Health since April 2004.

## **Research and Funding Opportunities:**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) published its Public Access Policy (Policy) in the NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts on February 3, 2005, and in the Federal Register on February 9, 2005.

The attached announcement provides a summary of the Policy and furnishes guidance to NIH investigators on the submission of manuscripts.

The Policy becomes effective May 2, 2005. The Policy requests and strongly encourages all NIH-funded investigators to make their peer-reviewed author's final manuscripts available to other researchers and the public at the NIH National Library of Medicine's PubMed Central (PMC) [see <<http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov/>> <http://www.pubmedcentral.nih.gov>] immediately after the final date of journal publication.

The Policy applies to all research grant and career development award mechanisms, cooperative agreements, contracts, Institutional and Individual Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Awards, as well as NIH intramural research studies.

NIH Guide for Grants and Contracts - Week of April 29, 2005

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/WeeklyIndex.cfm?WeekEnding=04-29-05>

## **Notices**

Registration Open For Final 2005 NIH Regional Seminar In Program Funding And Grants Administration

(NOT-OD-05-044)

National Institutes of Health

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-05-044.html>

Implementation of Policy on Enhancing Public Access to Archived Publications Resulting from NIH-Funded Research

(NOT-OD-05-045)

National Institutes of Health

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-05-045.html>

Notice of Change in Number of Revisions of Small Grant Applications (R03)

(NOT-OD-05-046)

National Institutes of Health

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-05-046.html>

Amendments to RFA-AI-05-002 "Units for HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials Networks"

(NOT-AI-05-038)

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AI-05-038.html>

NCCAM Interim Policy: Biologically Active Agents Used in Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) and Placebo Materials  
(NOT-AT-05-003)

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AT-05-003.html>

NCCAM Interim Applicant Guidance: Product Quality: Biologically Active Agents Used in Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) and Placebo Materials  
(NOT-AT-05-004)

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AT-05-004.html>

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions: RFA-HL-05-002, Research Career Development Programs in Vascular Medicine  
(NOT-HL-05-117)

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-HL-05-117.html>

Correction to PAR-05-055: Jointly Sponsored Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award Institutional Predoctoral Training Program in the Neurosciences  
(NOT-MH-05-009)

Trans-NIH Jointly Sponsored T32 Training Committee:  
National Institute of Mental Health  
National Eye Institute  
National Institute on Aging  
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism  
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development  
National Institute on Drug Abuse  
National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders  
National Institute of General Medical Sciences  
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke  
National Institute of Nursing Research  
Office of Dietary Supplements  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-05-009.html>

Notice of Extension: PA-99-089 - Individual Predoctoral National Research Service Awards for M.D./Ph.D. Fellowships  
(NOT-MH-05-011)

National Institute of Mental Health  
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism  
National Institute on Drug Abuse  
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-05-011.html>

NCCR Extramural Research Facilities Improvement Program (RFIP) Workshop Cancelled

(NOT-RR-05-005)

National Center for Research Resources

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-RR-05-005.html>

### **Requests for Applications**

Cell Biological Studies of Parkinson's Disease

(RFA-NS-06-001)

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

Application Receipt Date(s): September 21, 2005

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-NS-06-001.html>

### **Program Announcements**

Collaborative Awards in Epilepsy Research for Junior Investigators

(PA-05-095)

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

National Institute on Aging

Application Receipt Date(s): Multiple receipt dates, see announcement.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-095.html>

Mechanisms of Transmission and Dissemination of Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathies (TSEs)

(PA-05-096)

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke

National Institute on Aging

Application Receipt Date(s): Multiple dates, see announcement.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-096.html>

Complementary and Alternative Medicine for Substance and Alcohol Related Disorders

(PA-05-097)

National Institute on Drug Abuse

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Application Receipt Date(s): Multiple dates, see announcement.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-097.html>

Development of Disease Biomarkers

(PA-05-098)

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Engineering

Office of Dietary Supplements

Application Receipt Date(s): Multiple dates, see announcement.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-098.html>

## **Notices**

Review of Ranking Data

(NOT-OD-05-042)

National Institutes of Health

Office of Extramural Research, Office of Reports and Analysis

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-05-042.html>

Reminder: Mandatory use of New Instructions and Forms for PHS 398 (DHHS Public Health Service Grant Application) and PHS 2590(DHHS Public Health Service Non-Competing Grant Progress Report)

(NOT-OD-05-043)

National Institutes of Health

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-05-043.html>

Amendment to PAR-03-094 "HIV Vaccine Research and Design Program"

(NOT-AI-05-033)

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AI-05-033.html>

Amendment to PAR-03-095 "Integrated Preclinical/Clinical AIDS Vaccine Development (IPCAVD) Program"

(NOT-AI-05-034)

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AI-05-034.html>

Amendment to PAR-03-138 "Novel HIV Therapies: Integrated Preclinical/Clinical Program"

(NOT-AI-05-035)

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

National Institute of Mental Health

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AI-05-035.html>

Amendment to PAR-03-089 "CENTERS FOR AIDS RESEARCH: (CFAR)"

(NOT-AI-05-036)

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases

John E. Fogarty International Center

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

National Cancer Institute

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

National Institute on Drug Abuse

National Institute of Mental Health

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AI-05-036.html>

Clarification of Guidelines for the NEI Career Transition Award (K22)  
(NOT-EY-05-006)  
National Eye Institute  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-EY-05-006.html>

Maternal Lifestyle Study - Phase 5  
(NOT-HD-05-003)  
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development  
National Institute on Drug Abuse  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-HD-05-003.html>

NICHD Administrative Supplements for Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research  
(NOT-HD-05-011)  
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-HD-05-011.html>

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Consortium on Safe Labor  
(NOT-HD-05-013)  
National Institute of Child Health and Human Development  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-HD-05-013.html>

Modifications to NHLBI Policy for Distribution of Data from Clinical Trials and Epidemiology  
Studies  
(NOT-HL-05-115)  
National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-HL-05-115.html>

### **Requests for Applications**

Centers of Research Translation  
(RFA-AR-05-005)  
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases  
Application Receipt Date(s): October 25, 2005  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AR-05-005.html>

Sjögren's Syndrome: A Model Complex Disease  
(RFA-DE-06-004)  
National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research  
Application Receipt Date(s): September 21, 2005  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DE-06-004.html>

Centers for Excellence to Promote a Healthier Workforce  
(RFA-OH-05-006)  
National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health  
Application Receipt Date(s): June 15, 2005

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## **Program Announcements**

Stem Cells and Cancer

(PA-05-086)

National Cancer Institute

National Institute on Aging

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<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-086.html>

Drug Delivery Systems for Orofacial Disease (SBIR/STTR)

(PA-05-087)

National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research

National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Engineering

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Secondary Analysis of Existing Alcohol Epidemiology Data

(PA-05-088)

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

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<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-088.html>

Nutrition and Diet in the Causation, Prevention, and Management of Heart Failure

(PA-05-089)

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

National Institute on Aging

National Institute of Nursing Research

Office of Dietary Supplements

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<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-05-089.html>

Methodology and Measurement in the Behavioral and Social Sciences

(PA-05-090)

Office of Behavioral and Social Science Research

National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine

National Cancer Institute

National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute

National Institute on Aging

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke



National Institute of Nursing Research  
Office of Dietary Supplements  
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Understanding and Treating Tuberous Sclerosis Complex  
(PAS-05-085)  
National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke  
National Cancer Institute  
National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases  
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases  
National Institute of Mental Health Tuberous Sclerosis Alliance  
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**Quotes:**

Try not to become a man of success, but rather try to become a man of value.  
**Albert Einstein**

Success without honor is an unseasoned dish; it will satisfy your hunger, but it won't taste good.  
**Joe Paterno**

Formula for success: Rise early, work hard, strike oil.  
**J. Paul Getty**

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