COVID-19 Research Concepts Zoom Presentations – Brian J. Day, PhD

We’re pleased to report that our collaborative COVID-19 Research Concepts Zoom presentations were a great success. We saw attendance in the high 90’s throughout both two-hour sessions, with lively discussion.

On August 21 and August 28, the NJH Departments of Medicine, Pediatrics, Radiology, Immunology, and Genomic Medicine, along with the Office of Academic Affairs, and our colleagues with the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, collaborated for two “rapid-fire concept presentation” Zoom sessions, featuring faculty from the aforementioned groups. Special thanks to Drs. Anthony Gerber and Philipa Marrack for facilitating the sessions, and to the leadership from both institutions for their participation and guidance.

Recordings of both sessions are available on the NJH Spyderweb, on the COVID-19 NJH Research Updates tab. For those without Spyderweb access, the recordings can be viewed by visiting these links: Aug 21 session: https://youtu.be/eGVLACQ2ANw and Aug 28 session: https://youtu.be/mfJp5_7q1vw.

MOOR Microgrants Update – Brian J. Day, PhD

As we gradually return our MOOR functions to normal, we are happy to announce that our MOOR Microgrants are, once again, available for use. In March, our microgrant accounts were “frozen” as the institution adjusted to the COVID-19 crisis. However, as of August 30, our faculty have been able to resume using their awards for their microgrant research projects. Due to the interruption, we will give our faculty an additional 12 months to complete their work. We will delay issuing any new microgrants until we receive guidance from the administration. However, we look forward to resuming our updates, presentations, and supporting our faculty in their research.

BSL2+ Labs – New Sign-Up Calendar – Rachel Simpson, MA, CCRP

To help with coordination of the BSL2+ Labs on the 4th Floor of the Smith Building, we have created an electronic sign-up calendar, accessible by smart phone, with a scannable QR code. Our electronic sign-up sheet allows Lab Personnel to remotely reserve 2-hour time blocks to use the labs. Users can edit their reservations, communicate with other users, and view either “list” or “calendar” formats. Contact Rachel Simpson x1750 with any questions, or to access the calendar without a phone.

Clinical Research Corner – D Sundström, Kevin Smilor, Kaitlin Fier

Featured Trial of the Month – STOP-IPF
Do you have a patient age 40 or older who has been diagnosed with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF)?
Our researchers are looking to identify if the study drug, saracatinib, slows disease progression in subjects with Idiopathic Pulmonary Fibrosis (IPF). Patients with progressive IPF who are not currently on an FDA-approved antifibrotic agent (nintedanib or pirfenidone) are welcome to participate.

This study consists of eight (8) visits to the study center, plus phone visits to review lab results. These visits will take approximately 2 – 4 hours total.

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Co-Investigators: Jeff Swigris DO, Kevin K Brown MD, Amy Olson MD
Clinicians: contact coordinator Kaitlin Fier at 303-270-2852

NEW NIH Funding Opportunities
Following is a special selection of new NIH funding opportunities, announced since August 1, 2020.

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