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MOOR Educational Guest Speakers – Brian J. Day, PhD

Y.S. Prakash, MD, PhD

Chair, Dept of Physiology & Biomedical Engineering
Professor, Anesthesiology, and Physiology
Mayo Clinic

*Cellular Senescence in
Premature Lung:
Aging at Birth?*

**Wednesday
Jan. 13**

12pm – 1pm
Zoom



Michele K. Evans, MD

Deputy Scientific Director
Chief, Health Disparities Research
Section
Laboratory of Epidemiology and
Population Science
National Institute on Aging
Intramural Research Program

*The Complex Interplay
of Biology and Social
Determinants of Health:
Stories from the Streets
of Baltimore*

**Wednesday
Jan. 27**

12pm – 1pm
Zoom

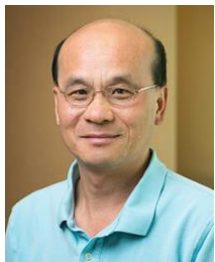


We're ON! 2021 Research Retreat – by Brian Day, PhD



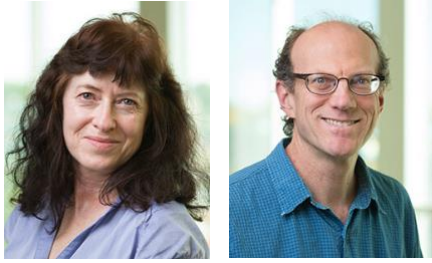
We are pleased to announce that the 2021 Research Retreat will go on, **Friday, February 19!** This year, we are excited to share some big changes; for the first time, we will expand to include research from all departments at NJH, and, our event will go virtual (via Zoom)! Abstract and poster competitions will take place, and of course, we can't forget the food... Individual goodie bags will be included for all participants to enjoy! Encourage your colleagues to participate; it may be our best Retreat, yet! **Abstract deadline: January 14. Poster (PDF) deadline: February 12**

Special Research/HR Workshop – by Hong Wei Chu, MD



On December 16, our Human Resources team gave a fantastic presentation for faculty who hire and manage lab personnel. Our in-house experts, Lisa Murphy, Paige Alcorn, and Sarah Hartman, covered topics including; the overall recruitment process, HR and DOM contacts, posting jobs, approval processes, developing job offers, salary determinations, etc. They also discussed International scholar recruitment through NJH HR and the UCD International Student Offices. A recording of the session is available.

Research Happy Hour




We are pleased to announce our next remote Research Happy Hour (via Zoom) on Friday, January 8. Drs. Ken Malcolm and Becky O'Brien will present the latest news in research biosafety during the pandemic. They will share the guidelines for handling human samples and the BSL2+ facilities for laboratory research, and will answer your questions regarding biosafety protocols and procedures.

Co-hosted with the Office of Academic Affairs, our events feature presentations from our NJH faculty and trainees. Our goals are to increase research interactions and enhance the visibility, usage, and collaborations among faculty, research staff, and our Centers, Cores, and programs.

NEW NIH Funding Opportunities

Following is a special selection of new NIH funding opportunities, announced since December 1, 2020.

	Apply for these opportunities with the support of our Grant Writing Workshops program To view these opportunities, visit: https://grants.nih.gov/searchGuide/search_guide.cfm Anthony Gerber, MD, PhD
National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases - 1 new entry for NIAID	National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute 1 new entry for NHLBI
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences - 1 new entry for NIEHS	National Institute of Nursing Research 0 new entries for NINR
National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences - 0 new entries for NCATS	National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health – 0 new entries for NCCIH
National Institute on Aging 2 new entries for the NIA	National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases – 5 new entries for NIDDK
National Cancer Institute 9 new entries for NCI	

Clinical Research Corner – D Sundström, Kevin Smilor, Cole Waliczek

Featured Trial of the Month



Orally Administered Dapansutrile for the Treatment of Acute COVID-19 – Olatec Therapeutics, LLC

Clinicians: Do you have a patient age 18 and older who has *tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 5 days* and is currently experiencing fever and shortness of breath?

Perhaps they would be interested in a study of an investigational drug, called dapansutrile, to safely and effectively improve symptoms of moderate COVID-19.

Researchers also want to know if dapansutrile shortens the time that a patient is sick with COVID-19.

This study consists of 4 in-person visits over 15 days and two phone call follow-ups.

Principal Investigator: Michael Wechsler, MD

Co-Investigators: Barry Make, MD, Vamsi Guntur, MD, William Janssen, MD

Clinicians: contact Cole Waliczek at 303-270-2844 or waliczekt@njhealth.org

To date, all environmental sampling for Sars-CoV-2 has been negative on the Clinical Research Unit and no outbreaks have occurred amongst the research coordinators. We are currently in Stage III of clinical research re-

start, but continue to evaluate the situation based on both efficacy of preventive measures, availability of PPE and community rates.