Sampath Prahalad to receive Hugh McLeod Award

The Arthritis Foundation will honor Sampath Prahalad, MD, as the Hugh McLeod Award Recipient at this year’s 35th Annual Crystal Ball which will take place at the Ritz-Carlton Buckhead on October 15.

“To honor the legacy and philosophies of Hugh McLeod, an award of excellence was established by the Arthritis Foundation in 2012 to hallmark the worth of his passion for medicine, selflessness in caring for others, and personal struggle with Arthritis. The focus of this award of excellence is to seek out other physicians, exhibiting his character and qualities, and who will continue to influence others to follow in his footsteps. 2016 marks the fifth year of the distinguished Hugh C. McLeod, III M.D. Award of Excellence.”

Dr Suchdev’s Team Receives Grants for Global Nutrition Research

Dr. Parmi Suchdev and his team have been awarded 2 grants related to research on global nutrition. The first is from the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation to support phase 2 of the Biomarkers Reflecting Inflammation and Nutritional Determinants of Anemia (BRINDA) project, which aims to inform global guidelines on the assessment of anemia and micronutrient status worldwide. The 18-month project will be led by Dr. Suchdev (DOP) and Dr. Melissa Young (Hubert Dept of Global Health) along with a team of investigators from Emory University, CDC, USAID, NIH, and the Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN). Second, Dr. Anne Williams (post-doc in DOP), Dr. Ben Lopman (Department of Epidemiology) and Dr. Suchdev were awarded a Woodruff Health Sciences Center Synergy Award to evaluate the effects of Norovirus infection on micronutrient concentrations. This project will be a collaboration between Emory School of Medicine, Rollins School of Public Health, and the CDC.

Raymond Schinazi to receive prominent Lifetime Achievement Awards

During a gala held Wednesday, September 21, the 2016 IHV Lifetime Achievement Award for Public Service and the 2016 IHV Lifetime Achievement Award for Scientific Contributions was awarded to Raymond Schinazi, PhD, Hon DSc, Frances Winship Walters Professor of Pediatrics and Director, Laboratory of Biochemical Pharmacology, Emory University and Member, Board of Directors, Global Virus Network (GVN). “Ray Schinazi is an outstanding leader in the field of antiviral drug research and his extraordinary ability in translating research has saved the lives of many millions of people globally,” said Dr. Gallo. “Peter Vogt is a pioneer in the study of the genetics, replication cycle and mechanisms of cancer induction by animal retroviruses. His work, more than anyone else’s work in the study of animal viruses, gave us the foundation for understanding human retroviruses.”

Read the full article: http://ow.ly/VqBH304m0Kx
2016 Emory at Grady Awards for Going “Above and Beyond”
Emory School of Medicine started a new program to recognize employees on the Grady/HSCH campus. Our own Callan Blough was one of the inaugural recipients of this award for her work in developing meaningful and timely reporting for Emory and CHOA leadership, helping evaluate administrative infrastructure for our operations on that campus and developing a proposal for increased support, and most of all, for making a truly heroic effort in assisting Dr. Adams-Chapman in addressing the challenges that have faced the Developmental Progress Clinic in the Neonatology Division. Callan’s efforts have identified a series of issues requiring institutional changes in order to provide the best possible care to premature babies born with medical complications. Congratulations, Callan!!

2016 Search for Members of the MilliPub Club
Dear SOM Investigators,
The search has commenced to identify the new 2016 members of the MilliPub Club. Established in 2009, the MilliPub Club recognizes the achievements of Emory’s faculty who have published individual papers that have been cited over 1000 time by their peers, as compiled by Thompson Reuters Web of Science. We are sending out this email asking for you to review, using Thompson Reuters Web of Science as the source system, the papers you have published, whether at Emory or at prior institutions, and send details of any papers that have been cited ≥ 1000 times. Should you have a paper that has been cited ≥ 900 times, we will add these to our watch list. The URL for the Thompson Reuters Web of Science is: http://pid.emory.edu/ckpw6

Please send details of MilliPub papers to: Darryl Barr djbarr@emory.edu

SRM 2017 Call for Abstracts and Date Shift
There has been a change in the upcoming Southern Regional Meetings date. This change is required due to the relocation of the NBA All Star Game to New Orleans during the original 2016 SRM dates. The leadership of the Joint Societies carefully reviewed options and concluded to hold the meeting on a weekend close to the original dates and at the Intercontinental Hotel. The dates have been secured and the meeting will run from Saturday to Monday, February 11-13, 2017 at the Intercontinental. The traditional meeting schedule will be continued with Thursday activities shifted to occur on Saturday and so on through the final meeting day of Monday.

The Abstract Deadline is Friday, October 7; hotel registration opens September 1.

Jain’s Healthy Corner – Wellness Tidbit of the Month
Here is a quick note to remind everyone about the importance of being mindful. Something as simple and mundane as the exercise of brushing our teeth can be a good place to start!

Best wishes,
Lucky

From The New York Times:
How to Be Mindful While Brushing Your Teeth

Turn a twice-daily chore into a moment of reflection. “Everyone should be brushing their teeth twice a day, bookending the day,” says Dr. Fern White, a dentist in Australia who practices mindful dentistry. “If you do so mindfully, you can also be ‘brushing your brain.’”

Dear Colleagues,

In late spring, I communicated to you that we had engaged a group of leaders from across the institution to develop a Clinical Network Strategy in order to set a clear road map for Emory's clinical network in the years to come. A steering committee was created along with three subcommittees with specific areas of focus – local, regional (Georgia and areas within driving distance) and national/international. These groups have been meeting regularly to chart a course and propose strategies for success. I'm pleased to announce the first product of this strategic planning.

Emory has entered a non-equity affiliation with Stratus Healthcare, LLC, a collaborative partnership of 13 separately owned and governed health care systems that represent 21 hospitals serving 60 counties in central and South Georgia. This affiliation will facilitate greater access for patients living in central and South Georgia into Emory facilities by providing the following:

- Expedited access for quaternary and highly specialized tertiary inpatient services
- Priority scheduling and access to Emory Clinic specialists for Stratus employees and patients
- Joint collaboration in our efforts around population health management.

As part of this relationship, we will work with each of the individual health systems on specific service agreements related to areas such as clinical research, telemedicine, education and clinical offerings. There is still much detail to be worked out in this agreement, but we are pleased to have taken this first, very important step.

This new affiliation is representative of the strategic nature of Emory Healthcare’s forward momentum and illustrates our ability to extend the exceptional care we provide to a greater number of residents in the state of Georgia. We are proud of the great care you deliver each day and are thrilled that even more of Georgia’s citizens will benefit from it.

I look forward to providing you with additional updates on the great work our committees are doing in the near future.

Jonathan S. Lewin, MD, FACR

**Dr Doering and Dr Li published in Nature Biotechnology and Nature Communications**

Congratulations to Christopher Doering, PhD, and Renhao Li, MD, on their publications this week in *Nature Communications* and *Nature Biotechnology*.

Click here to read the press release for Dr Doering’s *Nature Biotechnology* paper on Children’s and Emory’s newsrooms:
- [https://www.choa.org/about-us/newsroom/doering-research-nature-biotechnology](https://www.choa.org/about-us/newsroom/doering-research-nature-biotechnology)

Click here to read the press release for Dr Li’s *Nature Communications* paper on Children’s and Emory’s newsrooms:
2016 Raymond Schinazi Distinguished Lectureship featured Dr Robert Gallo
The 2016 Raymond Schinazi Distinguished Lectureship on September 01, 2016, was a huge success. Dr. Gallo, co-discoverer of the HIV virus and its connection to AIDS, recounted the historic scientific discoveries starting in the late 1970s when the ability to culture lymphocytes (with IL-2 that was also discovered by Dr. Gallo’s team) lead to seminal observations about HIV virus as the cause of this human tragedy that has claimed millions and millions of lives worldwide. The lecture was followed by a performance by the Vega String Quartet.

Dr. Snitzer receives the 2016 Leila Denmark Award
This award, given annually by the GA AAP, celebrates the highest level of lifetime achievement by a pediatrician in GA. Joe Snitzer, MD, received this recognition at the awards luncheon during the Georgia AAP Pediatrics on the Perimeter conference Sept. 22-24. Incidentally, Dr. Judson Miller, another amazing member of our hospitalist group, was Chair of this year's meeting!

Dr. Paul Spearman receives a fitting farewell
At a research symposium hosted by Drs. Cynthia Wetmore and Stacy Heilman on August 31, 2016, the Department paid rich tributes to Dr. Paul Spearman who left Atlanta late September to move to Cincinnati. We wish Paul well in his new pursuits and remind him that his permanent home address will remain in Atlanta!
2016 Marcus Visiting Professor Lecture

Dr. Brenda Fitzgerald, Commissioner for Public Health, will deliver the 2016 Marcus lecture on November 03, 2016. There will be a reception following the lecture where faculty awards for this year will be given out by Dr. Fitzgerald.
What’s New in Pediatrics Research?

Revised Training Requirements for Clinical Trials

The Office for Clinical Research (OCR) recently announced changes to the training requirements for Investigators and Research Coordinators conducting clinical trials at Emory. Here are some of the highlights:

- Training is only required for those conducting FDA-regulated clinical trials (was previously required for all NIH defined clinical research).
- The “Key Concepts for Investigators” course has been replaced with on-line training modules within CITI Good Clinical Practice (GCP).
- Any new Coordinators must take the 2-Day Classroom course unless they have 5 years’ experience.
- Training renewals are now every 3 years (was previously every 2 years).
- All current employees are grandfathered in, nothing needs to be done until you are 3 years from your last training date.
- Faculty and Staff are no longer required to upload training documentation with each IRB submission.

Full details can be found here: [http://www.ocr.emory.edu/training/](http://www.ocr.emory.edu/training/)

HHS takes steps to provide more information about clinical trials to the public

The NIH has taken major steps to increase data sharing and enhance stewardship for clinical trials. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services issued a final rule for registering and reporting summary results information for certain clinical trials involving U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-regulated drug, biological and device products to ClinicalTrials.gov. Additionally, the National Institutes of Health issued a complementary policy for registering and submitting summary results information to ClinicalTrials.gov for all NIH-funded trials, including those not subject to the final rule. These steps are part of a larger effort to ensure good stewardship of the clinical trials we fund or conduct.

Highlights of Recent Research in Xu Lab

Cardiac disease model in a dish using human induced pluripotent stem cells

Induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) derived from patient's somatic cells could present an auspicious platform for investigating precision medicine and drug discovery. In a study published in Disease Models & Mechanisms, we demonstrated that clinically observed drug responses can be recapitulated in iPSC-cardiomyocytes derived from an individual with catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia.


Cardiac 'disease in a dish' models advance arrhythmia research. September, 2016. Emory News Center.


A novel nanotechnology tool for quality control of stem cell products

Derivatives from human pluripotent stem cells (hPSCs) have great potential for regenerative medicine; however, residual stem cells in final cell products could be tumorigenic. To ensure the safety of stem cell-based therapies, we have established a new nanotechnology to detect residual stem cells in stem cell products at the sensitivity of several thousand-fold higher compared with that of current assays. The results were published in Biomaterials.

Click to read more:

Stay out, stray stem cells. August, 2016. Lab Land the Emory Health Science Blog.


Efficient generation of cardiac muscle cells from human pluripotent stem cells using simulated microgravity and 3D culture

Cardiac muscle cells derived from human pluripotent stem cells (hPSCs) could provide an unlimited supply of cells to treat heart diseases in children or adults. In a study published in Scientific Reports, we found that simulated microgravity and suspension culture of 3D cardiac tissue constructs can increase the efficiency in generating functional cardiac muscle cells from hPSCs.

Click to read more:

Microgravity means more cardiac muscle cells. August, 2016. Lab Land the Emory Health Science Blog.
Important Announcement Regarding Research Proposals

Please note the following guidance concerning November 2016 proposal deadlines. Your RAS Pediatrics Pre-award Research Administrator will work closely with you in order to adhere to this guidance.

As previously announced, an upgrade to the PeopleSoft Financial System (COMPASS) will occur in November. Compass includes the Emory Proposal Express (EPEX) Proposal Routing System. This will have a direct impact on proposal routing in November. Users will not be able to access Compass or EPEX from Thursday, November 10, 2016 until noon on Monday, November 14, 2016.

Am I Impacted?
If you are a Principal Investigator or an EPEX user who currently has an active proposal in EPEX or you have plans to submit a proposal in November, then you may be impacted.

What is the Impact?
EPEX Routing and proposal submission will not be available from November 10-14.

FOR EPEX Records Related to Proposals (e.g. grants, etc.): By the 5 p.m. on November 9th, ALL ACTIVE proposals must complete all workflow stages in EPEX (through the final Institution Approval stage) AND must be submitted to the Sponsor.

FOR Contracts Routing for Negotiation Including Sponsored Clinical Trials: By the close of business on November 9th, ALL routed contracts must complete all workflow stages in EPEX (through the final Institution Approval stage). The Industry Contracting Group will endeavor to complete the final Institution Approval stage in EPEX for industry contacts that have reached the contract analyst stage in the workflow by the close of business on November 9th. Any EPEX record that has not reached OSP/OTT and was not handled as described above, regardless of the current state in workflow, will need to restart the routing process after the system becomes available on November 14, 2016. The EPEX record will remain intact and should be used to re-start the routing process once the system is available. A new record will not need to be created.

What do I need to do?
Follow these guidelines:

**Sponsor Due Date ON or PRIOR to November 16:**
Enter your proposal into EPEX as early as possible to ensure there is time to complete ALL approval routing steps and the sponsor submission process by November 9.

**Sponsor Due Date AFTER November 16:**
Process as noted above so that it is submitted to sponsor by November 9, OR
Enter into EPEX on or after November 14

If you have any proposals with a due date of November 16 or earlier, please notify your RAS representative as soon as possible so they can support the proposal routing process and assist you in ensuring that these are submitted to the sponsor by November 9.

Any questions regarding above should be submitted to your RAS Representative or Holly Sommers.

**Note:** The largest deadlines which will be impacted include, but are not limited to, the following:

14-Nov-16  NIH Deadline - Ks
15-Nov-16  NSF Full Proposal Deadline (9 programs) and NIH Progress Reports
16-Nov-16  NIH Deadline – R03s/R21ss - renewals, resubs, revisions
16-Nov-16  NSF Full Proposal Deadline (7 programs)
Accomplishments, Honors, Awards and Rankings in Pediatrics

Susie Buchter, MD, was selected by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) as a recipient of the prestigious Parker J. Palmer Courage to Teach award.

Bonney Reed-Knight, PhD, was appointed to the Public Affairs and Advocacy Committee within NASPghan.

Department of Radiology and Imaging Sciences Award recipients and nominees:

Kelley Marshall received the Outstanding Clinical Service Award.

Matt Hawkins won the Rising Star Award.

Sarah Milla was nominated for the Outstanding Patient Care Award.

Congratulations to all of the School of Medicine faculty researchers whose innovative work is being recognized this year.

Anita McElroy, MD, was among those whose work was recognized. Click here for a full list: http://2016emoryrad.strikingly.com/

Emory University has been ranked 20th among the nation's top universities in the new 2017 Best Colleges guidebook from U.S. News and World Report and 17th by The Wall Street Journal and Times Higher Education.

Biomedical Engineering, which is housed in the Health Sciences Research Building, ranked #1 in U.S. News Undergraduate Rankings. This program has strong collaborative ties with pediatrics.

Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta has been ranked yet again among the nation's top pediatric hospitals by U.S. News & World Report.

- Sibley Heart Center ranked as the #4 cardiology & heart surgery program
- The Nephrology program ranked #9
- The Aflac Cancer and Blood Disorders Center ranked as the #10 cancer program.
- Four additional programs ranked in the top 20 for their individual specialties: endocrinology, gastroenterology, neonatology and orthopaedics.

Upcoming Events

Asthma Care and Education (ACE) Asthma Education Training

Date: Friday, October 07, 2016
Time: 7:30 - Noon
Location: Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta Office Park
1680 Tullie Circle NE, Classroom 5
Atlanta, GA 30329

Course Description
This train-the-trainer program will provide the latest pediatric asthma information, including current National Institutes of Health (NIH) Guidelines for the diagnosis and management of asthma. All participants will receive the ACE flip chart, a teaching tool with color pictures for educating children, parents and staff about asthma management, and other educational resource materials.

Target Audience
This course is designed for physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, pediatric and school nurses, respiratory therapists and other health professionals.

Registration Fee:
$40 Georgia Association of School Nurses (GASN) members
$45 All others
$55 after Sept. 23

Visit https://www.choag.org/cmeevents to register or call 404-785-7833 if you are not able to register online

Click here for the brochure

The Dean's 2016 Emory Medicine Annual Address
Date: Thursday, 27-October
Time: 5:00p
Location: Casarella Room, FOB 101
Links to more news and activities:

Updates and activities related to the Center for Clinical and Translational Research:
http://www.pedsresearch.org/news-events/newsletters/

Pediatrics Research: http://www.pedsresearch.org/

Pediatric Research Administrative Services unit (RAS) website:
http://ras.emory.edu/ras-units/ras-pediatrics/index.html

HR Updates:
President Wagner: Steward of the Vision
President James W. Wagner concludes an extraordinary 13-year tenure characterized by an unwavering commitment to excellence. Read more.

Learning and Organizational Development Announces Upcoming Course Schedule
Learning and Organizational Development’s general enrollment class offerings for May through November 2016 have been announced. Participants can customize their professional development by choosing courses to meet their professional development needs and interests. A range of dynamic courses are offered. View course schedule.

Emergency Back-up Care
Your Emory University and Laney Graduate School benefits include high-quality care when your regular adult/elder care arrangements fall through. Bright Horizons Care Advantage makes finding high-quality adult and elder care fast and easy. Let our contact center make all the arrangements for you when a sudden need arises, or do it yourself by searching our comprehensive database of self-pay caregivers. Also get a needs assessment to help you find long-term elder care options.

Use your benefit when:
- Your adult/elder relative needs care in his/her home anywhere in the U.S.
- An in-law needs help across the country.
- Your spouse/partner is sick at home and you need to be at work.
- Your college student is home or away at school anywhere in the U.S. but needs help while recovering from an illness.
- You need assistance while recovering from an illness and a care provider is not available.

*Sorry, but GME Fellows and Residents are not eligible for this benefit at the current time.

2016 Influenza Vaccination
Professional Staff Policy 13.15 addresses annual influenza vaccination requirements to protect patients, families, and colleagues from acquiring seasonal influenza disease and to help prevent the unnecessary spread of the influenza virus. All members of the Children’s Professional Staff in the Active, Courtesy, and Consulting Staff categories, and all members of the Allied Health Staff shall provide documentation of having received an influenza vaccination annually or adhere to approved exemption and masking protocols.

- Vaccinating at CHOA Wellness Fairs
You can make an appointment to receive your Flu Shot at a Children’s Wellness Fair at your campus during the months of September, October, and November. Documentation is recorded in real-time at the Wellness Fairs. Be sure to keep a copy of your documentation for your own personal health records. Click on the link to schedule your appointment:
http://choa.simplybook.me/

- Vaccinating Elsewhere
If you receive the Flu shot outside of Children’s, please provide documentation to Children's Medical Staff Services via email to kayla.humphries@choa.org or fax to 404-785-9265 by December 1 to ensure compliance with this policy.

- Medical & Religious Exemptions
Employed Staff – please submit Exemption form for Employees to Employee Health via fax at 404-785-9093
All Other Staff – please submit Exemption form to kayla.humphries@choa.org or fax to 404-785-9265

Thank you for your commitment to the health and well-being of our patients!

Monthly Motivation
The best way to predict the future is to create it.
~Peter Drucker