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# FEATURED CLINICAL TRIAL

#### **BIO-LIBRA Study- PI Hesselson**

AnaLysIs of Both Sex and Device Specific FactoRs on Outcomes in PAtients with Non-Ischemic Cardiomyopathy

#### Purpose

This multi-center, observational study is designed to prospectively assess outcomes of device-treated ventricular tachyarrhythmias and all-cause mortality in non-ischemic cardiomyopathy patients indicated for



ICD or CRT-D implantation for the primary prevention of sudden cardiac death. Differences in outcomes will be evaluated by sex and by device type. The BIO-LIBRA Study is sponsored by BIOTRONIK, Inc. in collaboration with the University of Rochester, Rochester, NY (Scientific Coordinating Center).

#### **Inclusion Criteria**

All the following inclusion criteria have to be fulfilled at the time of patient consent for study participation:

- Patient meets current guideline-defined indication for de novo, primary prevention ICD or CRT-D implantation
- Patient has non-ischemic etiology of cardiomyopathy
- Patient is successfully implanted with a de novo BIOTRONIK ICD or CRT-D device and commercially available leads no more than 30 days prior to consent or is scheduled for de novo implantation of a BIOTRONIK ICD or CRT-D device no more than 30 days post consent
- Patient is able to understand the nature of the study and provide informed consent
- Patient is available for standard of care follow-up visits to occur at least yearly at the study site for to the expected 3 years of follow-up
- Patient is willing to utilize BIOTRONIK Home Monitoring<sup>®</sup> via CardioMessenger
- Patient age is greater than or equal to 18 years



# **CURRENTLY ENROLLING CLINICAL TRIALS**

#### The PRECISE Protocol: Prospective Randomized Trial of the Optimal Evaluation of Cardiac Symptoms and Revascularization (PRECISE)

#### **PI: Sorrell**

#### Coordinator: Chris Webb 323-1082

**Brief Summary:** 

The study will be a prospective, pragmatic, randomized clinical trial of the comparative effectiveness of diagnostic evaluation strategies for stable CAD, to be performed in outpatient settings, including primary care and cardiology practices.

#### Women's IschemiA TRial to Reduce Events In Non-ObstRuctive CAD (WARRIOR)

PI: Wells	Coordinator: Denise Sparks, RN	218-6713
Brief Summary:		

The Ischemia-IMT (Ischemia-Intensive Medical Treatment Reduces Events in Women with Non-Obstructive CAD), subtitle: Women's Ischemia Trial to Reduce Events in Non-Obstructive CAD (WARRIOR) trial is a multicenter, prospective, randomized, blinded outcome evaluation (PROBE design) evaluating intensive statin/ACE-I (or ARB)/aspirin treatment (IMT) vs. usual care (UC) in 4,422 symptomatic women patients with symptoms and/or signs of ischemia but no obstructive CAD. The hypothesis is that IMT will reduce major adverse coronary events (MACE) 20% vs. UC. This study is being conducted to determine whether intensive medication treatment to modify risk factors and vascular function in women patients with coronary arteries showing no flow limit obstruction but with cardiac symptoms (i.e., chest pain, shortness of breath) will reduce the patient's likelihood of dying, having a heart attack, stroke/TIA or being hospitalized for cardiac reasons. The results will provide evidence data necessary to inform future guidelines regarding how best to treat this growing population of patients, and ultimately improve the patient's cardiac health and quality of life and reduce health-care costs.

#### Sentus QP - Extended CRT Evaluation With Quadripolar Left Ventricular Leads (QP ExCELs) PI: Hesselson Coordinator: Robert Rushing 323-5259

#### Brief Summary:

The QP ExCELs study is designed to confirm safety and efficacy of the BIOTRONIK Sentus OTW QP left ventricular leads to satisfy FDA requirements for regulatory approval of the leads in the US. The Sentus OTW QP leads received FDA approval on May 4, 2017.

Long-term safety of the BIOTRONIK Sentus OTW QP left ventricular leads will be confirmed during the ongoing post approval phase (US sites only).

#### COMPASSION S3 - Evaluation of the SAPIEN 3 Transcatheter Heart Valve in Patients With Pulmonary Valve Dysfunction

#### **PI:** Leventhal Coordinator: Jennifer Isaacs 323-4738

#### **Brief Summary:**

The purpose of this study is to evaluate the hypothesis that valve dysfunction of the Edwards Lifesciences SAPIEN 3 Transcatheter Heart Valve (THV) System is within the performance goal of 25% in subjects with a dysfunctional right ventricular outflow tract (RVOT) conduit or previously implanted valve in the pulmonic position with a clinical indication for intervention.

#### OPsumit USers Registry (OPUS)

#### PI: Booth

Brief Summary:

Prospective observational drug registry developed to characterize the safety profile (including primarily potential serious hepatic risks) and to describe clinical characteristics and outcomes of patients newly treated with Opsumit in the post-marketing setting.

#### AMPLATZER PFO Occluder Post Approval Study (PFO PAS)

#### PI: Gurley Coordinator: Jennifer Isaacs 323-4738 Brief Summary:

The purpose of this single arm, multi-center study is to confirm the safety and effectiveness of the AMPLATZER<sup>™</sup> PFO Occluder in the post Approval Setting

### Oral Treprostinil in Subjects With Pulmonary Hypertension Associated With Heart Failure With Preserved Ejection Fraction

#### PI: Booth

Coordinator: Chris Webb 323-1082

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Brief Summary:

This is a multicenter, randomized (1:1; oral treprostinil to placebo), double-blind, placebo-controlled study in subjects with World Health Organization (WHO) Group 2 pulmonary hypertension (PH) associated with heart failure with preserved ejection fraction (HFpEF). Once randomized, subjects will take the initial dose of study drug at the study site on the day of randomization. Subjects will return to the study site for visits scheduled at Weeks 6, 12, 18, and 24. The treatment phase of the study will last approximately 24 weeks.

#### An International Pulmonary Embolism Registry Using EKOS (KNOCOUT PE)

#### PI: Messerli

Coordinator: Travis Sexton 323-3617

#### Brief Summary:

This registry is designed to understand acoustic pulse thrombolysis (APT) treatment regimens used as standard of care globally for pulmonary embolism. The registry will include individuals who have already received the APT treatment and those that will undergo APT treatment.

#### For more information on any of these studies please contact:

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### **FELLOWS NEWS WELCOME NEW FELLOWS!**

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# FELLOWS NEWS WELCOME PARTY









Check out the newly redesigned **Cardiovascular Fellows** Website for upcoming events:

https://cvfellowship.med.uky.edu/

Vascular can be found at: https://surgery.med.uky.edu/surgery-vascularfellows

CT Surgery: https://surgery.med.uky.edu/surgery-cardiothoracicsurgery-fellowship



# AFFILIATE & OUTREACH NEWS

Please Welcome Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset, KY, to the Gill Heart & Vascular Institute Affiliate Network!



We proudly welcome Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital in Somerset, Ky., as a member of the Gill Heart & Vascular Institute Affiliate Network, enhancing access to high-quality cardiovascular care through collaboration ensuring that the full complement of heart care is accessible to the citizens of Kentucky and helping patients receive local care for as long as possible:

"Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital has a long history of providing this south-central region of Ky. with high quality CV care, and now, as a network affiliate, we are looking forward to partnering with your teams in order to continue providing that high-quality cardiovascular care.

The goal of the Gill Heart & Vascular Institute Affiliate Network is to enhance access to high-quality cardiovascular care by partnering with community hospitals such as Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital making sure that our patients get the right care in the right place at the right time." – Dr. Rick McClure, Medical Director, Gill Heart & Vascular Institute Affiliate Network

Pictured from left to right: Dr. Mark F. Newman, UK EVPHA; Dr. Rick McClure; Dr. Mike McKinney, cardiologist; Robert Parker, CEO, Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital; and Justin Campbell, associate hospital administrator, UK HealthCare.



It was a great day talking quality and care delivery with Gill Affiliate, Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital. Thank you to Dr Ziada, Kim Morton, Dr Kuvlieva for leading the charge for GHVI!



"LDL is the gold standard of CV risk and it is essential to make it a target of prevention," GHVI Dr. Thomas Whayne shares updates in CAD with Gill Affiliate, Georgetown Community Hospital. Thank you for hosting and the opportunity to work together to elevate cardiac care in KY!





"The earlier we reach the goal of reperfusion the more lives we save," Dr Ziada discussing STEMI care with Life Point Health's Regional Clark, Georgetown Community Hospital, and Bourbon Community Hospital. We always enjoy collaborating with our Gill Affiliates!

### Fat-Absorbing XX Chromosomes Raise Heart Disease **RISK IN WOMEN**

New research at the University of Kentucky has confirmed that the presence of XX sex chromosomes increases the amount of fat circulating in the blood, which leads to narrowing of the arteries and ultimately a higher risk of heart attacks and coronary artery disease.

The research was published in June 2019 in Nature Communications.

The leading cause of death in women is coronary artery disease (CAD), but women develop CAD almost 10 years later than men. For many years, scientists attributed this decade-long delay in disease development to the protective effects of sex hormones. There is a lot of evidence that hormones like estrogen and progesterone protect the heart, but scientists had little data on the influence of the genetic component the X chromosome — on the heart.

A team led by Lisa Cassis, Ph.D., a researcher in the UK College of Medicine's Pharmacology and Nutritional Sciences department, set out to understand the role of sex chromosomes in the cardiovascular We looked at how our X sex chromosomes were influencing the levels of lipids in the blood and in the arteries." What they found is that an XX sex chromosome combination promotes efficient use of fat.

#### Lisa Cassis, Ph.D. Vice President of Research Professor of Pharmacology and Nutritional Sciences

system. Cassis's team studies chromosome effects in mice, and for this most recent discovery they were able to zero in on XX chromosomes by removing hormones. "According to Yasir Al-Siraj, a postdoctoral scholar and the paper's first author, if the levels of circulating lipids transported by the blood are too high, they will start to accumulate in and on the artery wall, leading to plaque buildup. These plaques harden and narrow the artery, reducing blood flow to the vital organs. The team looked at lipids absorbed from the diet and made in the liver. Cassis, who also serves as the UK vice president for research, said, "We looked at how our X sex chromosomes were influencing the levels of lipids in the blood and in the arteries."

What they found is that an XX sex chromosome combination promotes efficient use of fat. Women need fat to bear and feed babies, Cassis explained: "We're set up, potentially through our XX sex chromosomes, so





The research team includes (front row) Heba Ali, Yasir Al-Siraj, Sean Thatcher, & Wendy Katz. (Back) Eric Blalock, Lisa Cassis, Pan Deng & Ryan Temel. Mark Cornelison | UK Photo

that we can effectively absorb that lipid from the diet and put it into our fat cells and maybe even make it in the liver."

Everything is fine until women hit menopause and the protective effects of hormones disappear, leaving women with what Cassis calls "that XX thrifty, fat-absorbing kind of genotype."

The team is looking at genes that are changed in the liver and in the intestine to find novel targets for drug development. If they can find target genes that influence atherosclerosis, scientists can then explore the effects of existing drugs or develop new ones

Al-Siraj said his next step is to study the role of the number of X chromosomes in atherosclerosis. "We don't know if our findings are due to the presence of two X chromosomes or due to the absence of the Y chromosome," he said.

These findings may also drive choice of diet for post-menopausal women. Cassis said, "For example, if they're very effective fat absorbers, obviously, once they get post-menopausal, they need to be careful about the fat content."

This research was conducted with funding from the National Institutes of Health Heart Lung and Blood Institute, National Institute of General Medical Sciences and the American Heart Association.

From UKNOW By Alicia Gregory and Laura Wright Sept. 9, 2019

## Innovative Research Finds HIV Patients at Higher **RISK FOR BLOOD CLOTS**

Decades of research and treatment advances have helped extend the lives of many people living with HIV, but while these patients live longer, their risk of developing dangerous blood clots increases as much as tenfold. Blood clots – also known as thrombi – can wreak havoc on the body, causing events such as debilitating strokes and heart attacks.

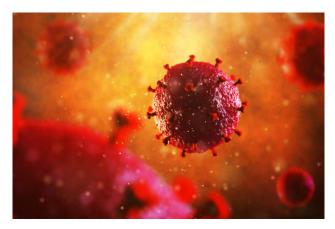
"We have come so far to save these patients and improve their life expectancy, only to lose them to another disease," said Dr. Jeremy Wood, an assistant professor in Internal Medicine and the UK Gill Heart and Vascular Institute.

Wood is working in partnership with Sidney Whiteheart, a professor in Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry, Beth Garvy, chair of Microbiology, Immunology & Molecular Genetics and associate dean for Biomedical Education, and Dr. Thein Myint, an infectious disease specialist with UK HealthCare, on the first collaborative approach to understanding clot risk in patients with HIV in Kentucky. They hope the results will allow doctors to identify who is at the greatest risk of a clotting event, which could open the door to new treatment strategies. This research has the potential to improve patient care in multiple ways, In addition to helping patients with HIV, we believe we can apply the study results to other patient populations, as increased clotting risk is associated with many different viral infections. Jeremy Wood, Ph.D. Assistant Professor in Cardiology

The treatment of choice for HIV patients is antiretroviral therapy (ART), which is a cocktail of drugs that helps suppress the HIV virus and stop disease progression. The group wants to understand the mechanisms by which HIV infection and ART impact blood clotting proteins.

"We've learned that ART treatment does not reduce the risk of blood clotting, which suggests that clots are not just related to viral load in HIV patients," Wood said. "Our goal is to identify what changes are caused by HIV virus and what changes are caused by ART treatment." There are different factors that collectively cause blood clots, including platelets, white blood cells, and plasma proteins which, says Wood, can function as "good guys" or "bad guys," either increasing risk of clot formation or preventing the clot from getting too big.

In collaboration with Myint, associate professor in the UK Division of Infectious Diseases, the group is able to study blood samples from patients, in addition to looking at mechanisms with isolated platelets, white blood cells, and plasma. In doing so, Wood's laboratory has





Whiteheart and Wood labs Left to Right: Ming Zhang, Xiao Hong Song, Sidney Whiteheart, Martha Sim, Harry Chanzu, Meenakshi Banerjee, Russell Hawes, Alexis Smith, Jeremy Wood.

shown that about 60% of HIV patients have lower levels of protein S, one of the blood proteins that suppresses clotting. Since a deficiency in this protein has a strong correlation with the progression of HIV disease and with increased risk of blood clots, and this deficiency seems to have contributors other than the HIV virus, the team's next step is to identify the mechanisms by which this deficiency occurs.

"This research is leading the way to bettering the lives of thousands of HIV patients across the Commonwealth of Kentucky," said Dr. Susan Smyth, director of the UK Gill Heart and Vascular Institute. "It's crucial that we continue to support these efforts, as the number of new HIV cases in Kentucky continues to rise. That's just one reason why Cardiovascular Research Day at UK is so important."

Martha Sim, a graduate student with Wood, will presented their data at this years Cardiovascular Research Day at UK on Friday, Sept. 20, in the UK Bill Gatton Student Center Ballroom. There were 84 research posters at the event. Cardiovascular Research Day is one of the largest research symposiums in the Southeastern Conference. It's an opportunity to highlight important research taking place at UK.

"This research has the potential to improve patient care in multiple ways," Wood said. "In addition to helping patients with HIV, we believe we can apply the study results to other patient populations, as increased clotting risk is associated with many different viral infections."

From UKNOW By Mallory Olson and Laura Wright Sept. 19, 2019

### AUGUST DEMONSTRATION, SIMULATION AND IMPLANTATION: A HANDS-ON TAVR EVENT

### **OVERVIEW**

Lectures focused on the history of the advancement of transcatheter valves and when to choose TAVR therapy for patients. Presentations were reinforced by two hands-on educational activities. First, attendees participated in a live TAVR simulation. Second, participants were given an animal heart, which they could dissect, and implant their own TAVR valve.

**Meeting Agenda** Evolution of transcatheter valves John Gurley, MD /UK

TAVR Simulation John Gurley, MD/UK Andrew Leventhal, MD/UK

Heart Dissection William O'Connor/John Gurley/Andrew Leventhal, UK/MDs

When to Choose TAVR for your Patient John Gurley, MD /UK



## TAVR EVENT CONT.













# SEPTEMBER Flowers & Horan Lectureship

#### NANETTE K. WENGER, M.D., M.A.C.C., M.A.C.P., F.A.H.A.

#### **Brief Narrative Biography**

Dr. Wenger is Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology at the Emory University School of Medicine. She is a Consultant to the Emory Heart and Vascular Center and Founding Consultant, Emory Women's Heart Center. Heart disease in women is one of Dr. Wenger's major clinical and research interests. Dr. Wenger has had a longstanding interest in geriatric cardiology and was Editor-in-Chief of the American Journal of Geriatric Cardiology for more than 15 years.

Dr. Wenger has participated as an author of several American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association Clinical Practice Guidelines. She serves on the editorial boards of numerous professional journals and is a sought after lecturer for issues related to heart disease in women, heart disease in the elderly, cardiac rehabilitation, coronary prevention, and contemporary cardiac care. She is listed in Best Doctors in America. Dr. Wenger has authored or coauthored over 1600 scientific and review articles and book chapters.

















# SEPTEMBER CVRC RESEARCH DAY

### **GILL AWARD RECIPIENTS**



#### Ann Marie Schmidt, MD

The Iven Young Professor of Endocrinology Professor of Medicine Director, Diabetes Research Program Department of Medicine NYU School of Medicine

Gill Heart Institute Outstanding Contributions to Cardiovascular Research Award



#### Babak Razani, MD, PhD

Associate Professor of Medicine: Pathology & Immunology Center for Cardiovascular Research Washington University School of Medicine

Gill Heart Institute Translational Early Career Award

<u>EATURED SPEAKERS</u>



Ushma Savla Neill, PhD Vice President, Scientific Education & Training, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center Editor at Large, The Journal of Clinical Investigation



Steven R. Steinhubl, MD Director, Digital Medicine Associate Professor of Genomic Research Scripps Research Translational Institute









Congratulations to our Poster Award Winners for 2019: Staff - Nate Helsley, PhD Stewart Whitman Award for Outstanding Post Doc Presentation - Smita Joshi, PhD 2nd Place Post Doc - Velmurugan Gopal Viswanathan, PhD Deneys van der Westhuyzen Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Presentation - Rupinder Kaur 2nd Place Graduate Student - Dan Hao 3rd Place Graduate Student - Jeff Chen Undergraduate - Jennifer Wayland Trainee Opportunities Podium Presentations -Congratulations to the 4 trainees selected to present podium presentations: Kurtis Mann | University of Kentucky | Mechanical Engineering Smita Joshi | University of Kentucky | Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry Maria Kraemer | University of Kentucky | Internal Medicine Yanming Li | Baylor College of Medicine





## UK EMPLOYEE ARTWORK **GERRI FOSTER**



Congratulations to Gerri Foster! Her artwork entitled " Vintage Series- A Celebration of Diversity and Creativity" can be seen in Pav A across from the Donate Life Wall. Her artwork was chosen as part of the UK employee art series Arts in HealthCare. Fore more information see https://ukhealthcare.uky.edu/artsin-healthcare



# CURRENT RESEARCH FUNDING

#### Ahmed Abdel-Latif

Lysophosphatidic Acid Mediates Cardiac Inflammation After Acute Infarction National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 08/01/17-07/31/22

#### **Doug Andres**

RIT1-Mediated Protection Following Traumatic Brain Injury National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke 02/15/2018-01/31/23

G-protein Signaling Reduces Neurodegeneration and Promotes Recovery of Synaptic Strength following Traumatic Brain Injury KY Spinal Cord and Head Injury Research Trust 01/15/17-01/14/20

RIT1 as Novel Driver Oncogene in Lung Adenocarcinoma KY Lung Cancer Research Fund 07/01/16-06/30/19

Inhibition of Rin GTPase Signaling Reduces Neurodegeneration andAttenuates Axonal Injury following Traumatic Brain Injury KY Spinal Cord and Head Injury Research Trust 01/15/15-01/31/20

#### Donna Arnett

Genomewide Association Study of Lipid Response to Fenofibrate and Dietary Fat National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 12/01/07-02/29/20

#### Maher Baz

Extracorporeal Photopheresis for the Management of Progressive Bronchiolitis Obliterans Syndrome in Medicare Eligible Recipients of Lung Allografts Washington University School of Medicine 09/05/18-07/16/19

#### Ken Campbell

Multiscale Modeling of Inherited Cardiomyopathies and Therapeutic Interventions National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 08/03/17-07/31/22

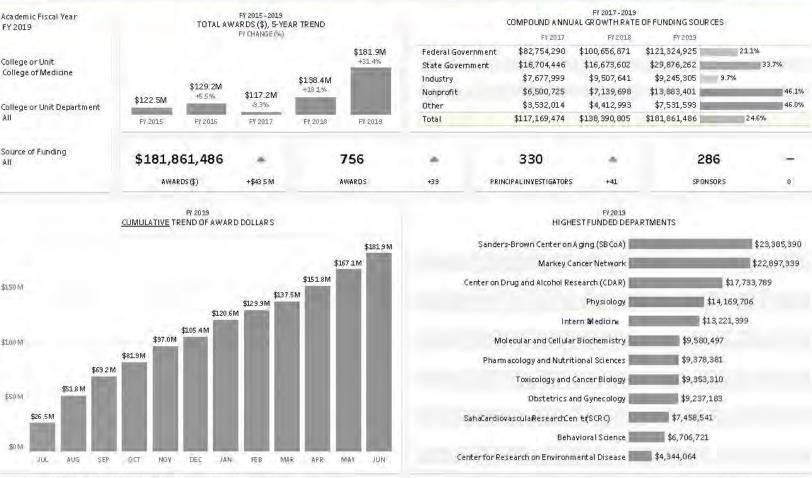
Computer Modeling of Myosin Binding Protein C and its Effect on Cardiac Contraction Case Western Reserve 04/01/19-03/31/20

### 🦞 Research

#### Award Summary Sponsored Project Grants and Contracts

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Source: University of Kentucky, Office of Sponsored Projects Administration (OSPA) Database Compiled by: University of Kentucky, Office of the Vice President for Research

#### Sponsored Project Grants and Contracts, NIH Awards, Q2 2019

#### Lisa Cassis

Sexual Dimorphism of Aortopathies American Heart Association 04/01/18-03/31/22

Angiotensin- A link between Obesity and Hypertension National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 06/03/03-04/30/20

Center of Research in Obesity and Cardiovascular Disease COBRE Core A: Admin Core National Institute of General Medical Sciences 09/08/08-07/31/19

Supplemental Environmental Project Compliance Assistance Tools and Services KY Department of Environmental Protection 07/01/07-12/31/19

EPSCoR Administrative KY Economic Development Cab 02/01/19-06/30/20

#### **Misook Lee Chung**

Effects of Family Sodium Watchers Program on Outcomes in Heart Failure Patient-Family Caregiver Dyads National Institute of Nursing Research 09/26/14-07/31/20

# FUNDING CONT.

#### **Alan Daugherty**

University of Kentucky- Baylor College of Medicine Aortopathy Research Center American Heart Association 04/01/18-03/31/22

Role of Sex Hormones on Elastin Stability in Formation of Thoracic Aortopathies American Heart Association 04/01/18-03/31/22

#### **Brian Delisle**

Tbx3-regulated Alternative RNA Processing in Cardiac Conduction System Development Geisinger Health System 04/15/16-03/31/20

Transcriptional Regulation of KCNH2 National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 03/08/19-02/28/23

#### **Ming Gong**

Targeting Timing of Food Intake as a Novel Strategy against Disruption of Blood Pressure Circadian Rhythm in Diabetes National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 01/15/19-10/31/22

A Novel Mechanism by which Smooth Muscle BMAL1 Regulates IL-6 and Sexual Dimorphism of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 08/20/18-07/31/22

Mineralocorticoid receptor and abdominal aortic aneurysm National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 11/15/14-10/31/19

#### Scott Gordon

The Role of High Density Lipoprotein Associated Protease Inhibitor Activity in Protection Against Atherosclerosis. National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 08/20/18-07/31/21

Protease Activity in Atherosclerotic Plaque Formation and Protection by Novel HDL-targeting Protease Inhibitors Medical Foundation 12/01/18-11/30/20

#### **Gregory Graf**

Contributions of hepatic and intestinal pathways to cholesterol excretion National Institute Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney 09/13/17-07/31/22

#### **Brian Jackson**

Graduate Research Fellowship Program National Science Foundation 08/01/18-07/31/23

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#### Sangderk Lee

Deciphering the Regulatory Mechanism of Hepatic VLDL Production by Heparin Binding EGF-like Growth Factor (HB-EGF) Signaling. American Heart Association 07/01/17-06/30/19

#### Xiangan Li

Mechanism of Adrenal Insufficiency as A Risk Factor for Sepsis National Institute of General Medical Sciences 09/01/17-08/31/21

Synthetic HDL\_ a Potential Sepsis Therapy National Institute of General Medical Sciences 11/01/15-11/30/19

#### Zhenyu Li

Inflammasome Activation Triggers Systemic Coagulation in Sepsis National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 05/15/19-04/30/23

Crosstalk Between Membrane Traffic Proteins and Integrin Activation National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 09/25/14-6/30/19

#### Analia Loria

Effect of Early Life Stress on Obesity-Induced Hypertension in Mice National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 12/01/17-11/30/22

#### Hong Lu

Atherosclerosis Mechanisms: Angiotensin II Production and Action National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 05/01/18-03/31/22

#### **Andrew Morris**

Define the Twist-ATX-LPAR1 Signaling Axis in Promoting Obesity-Associated Triple Negative Breast Cancer Army Medical Research and Materiel Command 04/15/16-04/14/20

#### Debra Moser

Rural Intervention for Caregivers' Heart Health (RICHH) National Institute of Nursing Research 09/26/16-06/30/21

Reducing Health Disparities in Appalachians with Multiple Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute 05/01/13-12/31/19

#### Gia Mudd-Martin

Corazón de la Familia (Heart of the Family) National Institute of Nursing Research 03/02/17-01/31/22

**Timothy Mullett** KCTN Data Coordinator KY Lung Cancer Research Fund 09/01/14-06/30/19

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#### Mariana Nikolova-Karakashian

Ceramide and Acute Phase Proteins Elevation During Aging National Institute on Aging 08/01/02-05/31/23

#### **Fredrick Onono**

Intestinal Phosphatidylcholine Exposure and Breast Cancer Risk National Cancer Institute 07/01/15-06/30/20

#### **Kevin Pearson**

Prenatal Tobacco Exposure and Mechanisms of Offspring Obesity National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences 09/30/17-08/31/19

#### **Julie Pendergast**

Estrogen Regulation of Daily Metabolic Rhythms National Institute Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney 07/01/16-06/30/19

#### Jonathan Satin

Monomeric G-Proteins and Cardioprotection from Heart Failure National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 09/01/17- 08/31/20

University of Kentucky Undergraduate Training in Cardiovascular Research American Heart Association Great Rivers Affiliate 02/01/17-01/31/20

#### Nancy Schoenberg

Community to Clinic Navigation to Improve Diabetes Outcomes National Institute Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney 08/01/17-07/31/22

#### Susan Smyth

Serum Amyloid A as a Novel Inflammatory Mediator of Thrombosis UK-Center for Clinical and Translational Science 03/05/19-03/31/20

Lipid Phosphate Phosphatase 3 as a Novel Atherosclerosis Suppressor National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 04/01/15-03/31/20

NRSA Training Core (Kentucky Center for Clinical and Translational Science) National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences 08/15/16-05/31/20

NRSA T32: Clinical Scholars in Cardiovascular Science National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 06/01/08-05/31/20 FASEB SRC on Lysophospholipid and Related Mediators: From Bench to Clinic National Cancer Institute 07/01/2019-06/30/2020

#### Venkateswaran Subramanian

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Calpains and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 08/10/17-07/31/21

**Ryan Temel** TRAF6 Nanoimmunotherapy to Resolve Plaque Inflammation Mount Sinai 08/15/18-06/30/19

### Targeting MicroRNA-33 To Reduce Intracranial Atherosclerosis and Other Neurovascular Hallmarks of Vascular Cognitive Impairment and Dementia

National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke 04/01/19-03/31/21

Therapeutic Targeting of Metabolic microRNAs as a New Treatment Paradigm for NASH Aalborg University 01/01/19-06/30/19

#### **Dongfang Wang**

SBIR Phase 1: Development of Percutaneous Pulmonary Artery Drainage Device to Unload LV During VA ECMO Support for Severe Cardiogenic Shock W-Z Biotech LLC 09/01/18-02/29/20

SBIR: Development of a TransApical to Aorta Double Lumen Cannula for a Neonate LVAD. W-Z Biotech LLC 04/01/19-07/31/19

SBIR [Phase II]: Development of Percutaneous DLC for Total Cavo-Pulmonary Assistance W-Z Biotech LL 08/15/16-07/31/19

#### Shuxia Wang

Thrombospondin 1 in obesity associated inflammation and insulin resistance National Institute Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney 08/20/17-05/31/20

#### **Christopher Mark Waters**

ASK1 and Ventilator-Induced Lung Injury National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 12/15/16-11/30/20

CXCR4 Signaling in Lung Epithelial Repair National Heart Lung and Blood Institute 07/08/14-03/31/20

Regulation and Function of IL33 During Neonatal RSV Infection Louisiana State University 05/05/18-07/31/19

# HEART & VASCULAR RESEARCH GROUP



Vision: To catalyze clinical and translational science.

**Mission:** To provide a platform to receive critical feedback, identify collaborations, and develop shared research tools for clinical and translational CV science.

Time: Third Friday of each month at 4:00 PM in CTW312.

**Format:** Brief presentations of no more than 15 minutes each to allow time for discussion. Types of material to be presented: Power Point slides of ongoing work (limit 6-8 slides); specific aims; manuscripts under preparation; research concepts for development; 10-15 minute practice talk for a national audience; etc.

#### Seminars & Journal Clubs

#### Cardiovascular Seminar Series Fridays at 7:30 am in TODD 234

This forum brings to campus prominent external speakers and provides presentations by UK faculty to ensure their research expertise is widely known.

https://cvrc.med.uky.edu/cvrc-current-seminar-schedule

#### **Cardiovascular Journal Club**

#### Tuesdays at 8:00 am in TODD 170

Presenters in this forum discuss specific citations including basis for this publication's selection, strengths and weaknesses, from the perspective as if he/she were the original reviewer. For more information contact:

#### Greg Graf, Ph.D. or Ryan Temel, Ph.D.

https://cvrc.med.uky.edu/cvrc-current-journal-club-schedule

#### **Blood Cell Journal Club**

#### 4th Friday of each month at 4:00 pm in BBSRB B231

The journal club was started a number of years ago in an effort to provide a focal point for the hemostasis community at UK. The focus is usually on platelets but they also discuss papers on Coagulation and Immune responses. In addition to papers, the group often talks about upcoming meeting in the field and recent results members have seen at meeting. https://cvrc.med.uky.edu/cvrc-blood-cell-journal-club-2018

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