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# News from TRIPLL

## October 2011

### News

#### Conference on Disparities and Chronic Pain to Take Place This Month

TRIPLL, the Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC) & the Comprehensive Center of Excellence in Disparities Research and Community Engagement (CEDRIC) are collaborating to host "Confronting the Realities of Pain: A Conference Examining Disparities in Pain". The Conference will offer opportunities to learn and network with New York City's premier professionals in the areas of geriatric, translational and disparities research, community based elder services, and aging policy. The Conference is being held on October 12, 2011 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm with cocktails and conversation to follow.

The Keynote Speaker is Dr. Carmen Green, MD, Professor of Medicine at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. In addition to her faculty appointments, Dr. Green is Co-Director of the Dissemination and Health Policy Initiative and the Community Liaison Core and Director of the Healthier Black Elders Center for the Michigan Center for Urban African-American Aging Research. She worked on the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee and the Children and Families Subcommittee as a RWJ Health Policy Fellow. Her current focus is on differences and disparities in pain care with a focus on elder, minority, and women's health as well as health policy.

For more information and to RSVP please email Allison Nickerson at [als2053@med.cornell.edu](mailto:als2053@med.cornell.edu)

Recent study finds a significant correlation between chronic pain and sleep difficulty among older adults  
The study published in *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* included 765 participants aged 64 and older who experience some form of chronic or widespread pain. The study pointed out that joint pain was associated with sleep difficulties which may be the direct result of multiple pain sites. The study found that older adults had a

higher prevalence of sleep disturbances as well as a higher prevalence of chronic pain. One of the major findings from the longitudinal analysis was that pain was often a predictor of sleep difficulty, but sleep difficulty was not a consistent predictor of pain. In addition, participants who reported higher pain severity reported more difficulty sleeping than those reported less pain severity. Even though the study noted that sleep difficulty was not always a good predictor of pain, it did find that proper sleep management was effective in reducing pain symptoms in older adults. These findings suggest, and provide evidence for, inquiring about sleep difficulty within assessing pain in older patients.

Article citation-

Chen Q, Hayman LL, Shmerling Rh, et al. (2011). Characteristics of Chronic Pain Associated with Sleep Difficulty in Older Adults: The Maintenance of Balance, Independent Living, Intellect and Zest in the Elderly (MOBILIZE) Boston Study. *J Am Geriatr Soc*, 59(8):1385-92

New study on Smartphone applications for pain management

A recent article published in the *Journal of Telemedicine and Telecare* titled "Smartphone applications for pain management" looked at a systematic review of controlled trials of health care delivered by various mobile phones and their specific smartphone platforms. The growing need for the medical community to better understand which smartphone applications were available to patients searching for assistance and how these might facilitate self-management, led researchers to then search available apps that addressed generic conditions of pain caused by medical conditions ranging from diabetes to orthodontics. The study focused on apps that addressed patient consumers, 111 apps met the established study criteria. Of the 111 apps, 79 % were available through iPhone, 16% through Android, and 5 % through BlackBerry, with prices for apps varying greatly. The study found that the majority of reported app purposes included pain relief or educational information about pain that was sometimes in conjunction with information relating to other health conditions.

Most (86%) of the apps reviewed reported no health care professional involvement, which suggests a lack of professional expertise in their creation. There was also limited evidence that the pain apps were effective, since randomized control trials were not performed on the 111 chosen pain apps in order to determine their effectiveness and impact.

Article citation-

Rosser BA, Eccleston C. (2011). Smartphone Applications for Pain Management. *J Telemed Telecare*, 17(6):308-12

NPR blogs about a new pain medications study  
The NPR blog posted information from a recent study that

discovered that specific pain medications had different effects on different people. This discovery points to a correlation between pain and genetics, in which pain relief and pain severity are both heavily influenced by the personal genetic makeup of an individual. As Dr. Perry Fine states in the blog post "Human beings, person to person to person, are very different in the way they respond to drugs, and one size does not fit all".

The study "Single dose oral analgesics for acute postoperative pain in adults (Review)" was conducted by Oxford biochemist Dr. Andrew Moore whose initial goal was to discover which pain medication worked the best. His research team soon discovered that no "super" pain medication existed due to the fact that each person is genetically different and as a result each pain medication affected individuals differently. Dr. Moore also found that combinations of medications often worked the best for relieving pain in the majority of individuals, but he was careful to suggest that these combinations should be created under the consultation of a physician and should only be used as a short term treatment option.

A link to the blog post is available below:

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2011/09/26/140705557/when-it-comes-to-pain-relief-one-size-doesnt-fit-all>

TRIPLL director Dr. M. Cary Reid's newest review article is published in *Pain Medicine*. The review article titled "Improving the Pharmacologic Management of Pain in Older Adults: Identifying the Research Gaps and Methods to Address Them" was recently published in *Pain Medicine* and is available now online. The article presents findings from last year's NIH conference on pain titled "Expert Panel Discussion on the Pharmacological Management of Chronic Pain in Older Adults", in which the panel experts discussed various methods and strategies that could be implemented to address the research gaps in the pharmacological management of chronic pain. A total of 15 gaps were identified during the conference along with xx recommended studies to successfully address them, and garner more research attention to them. Addressing the identified gaps was judged by the expert panel to have substantial potential to improve the health and well being of older adults with pain.

A link to the article is available below:

[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1526-4637.2011.01211.x/pdf#\\_ftn1](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1526-4637.2011.01211.x/pdf#_ftn1)

Article citation-

Reid MC, Bennett DA, Chen WG. (2011). Improving the Pharmacological Management of Pain in Older Adults: Identifying the Research Gaps and Methods to Address Them. *Pain Med*, 12(9):1336-1357

TRIPLL affiliate Dr. Karl Pillemer launches a new wisdom blog

Dr. Karl Pillemer, the Hazel E. Reed Professor of Human Development in the College of Human Ecology and professor of gerontology in medicine at Weill Cornell Medical College, has launched a new innovative blog that looks to bridge the gap between young and old. The blog works as an advice column where older individuals are provided a platform where they can share "hard-won insights, recommendations and philosophies on living". The blog accomplishes this by using direct input from older adults in which they provide insight on life topics in response to questions, or life situations they feel need to be addressed. The advice topics range from marriage, to raising children, to dealing with worry and stress in easy to read and clear posts.

A link to the blog is available below:

<http://legacyproject.human.cornell.edu>

## Upcoming Events

The following list includes upcoming seminars, meetings, and conferences that focus on aging, pain, or general research methods

October Work-in-Progress Seminar

October 19, 2011

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm

Presenters:

- Janey Peterson
- Corinna Loekenhoff

To attend please contact Marcus Warmington at [maw2054@med.cornell.edu](mailto:maw2054@med.cornell.edu) or (212) 746-1801.

TRIPLL Fall Networking Event at Hospital for Special Surgery

Hospital for Special Surgery

Richard L. Menschel Education Center

535 70th Street, 2nd floor

4:00 pm - 7:30 pm, October 11th

Wine and Cheese will be served.

The Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC)  
Monthly Walk-in Clinics

Open to investigators, coordinators and other members of the research community affiliated with the WCMC CTSC. These clinics

will provide consultation and advice related to submitting an application to the CTSC using the electronic Protocol Authoring and Review system (ePAR), preparing a study budget, navigating regulatory/compliance issues, and utilizing services available through the CTSC and its partners. Payson Solarium, 2nd floor of the Payson Building, 525 East 68th Street. Please contact James Holahan at

[jph2003@med.cornell.edu](mailto:jph2003@med.cornell.edu) or 646-962-8154 with any questions.

Palliative Care Collaborations: Advancing Across the Continuum

Oct 27, 2011 - The Gideon Putnam Hotel & Conference Center, Saratoga Springs, NY.

The Hospice & Palliative Care Association of NYS and the Healthcare Association of NYS (HANYS) are sponsoring this exciting one day conference designed to bring together palliative care providers, administrators and interdisciplinary team members from across the state for a day of Inspiration, Education and Connection.

Conference Objectives:

- Identify innovative approaches and advances in palliative care to expand the continuum of care and increase access to hospice and palliative care;
- Learn about the latest legislative, health policy and regulatory updates and how they impact your program;
- Gain knowledge about procedures and strategies to demonstrate the business case for palliative care;
- Participate in strategic networking opportunities for sharing best practices, discipline specific problem solving and finding inspiration in providing quality palliative care.

Who should attend: Hospital Administrators, Strategic Planners, CFOs, CEOs, Hospital Medical Directors, Business Development persons, and Clinicians. All Hospice and Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Team Members: Doctors, Nurses, Social Workers, Chaplains and alternative therapy providers.

Register online at-

<http://www.hpcanys.org/events/PalliativeCare.asp>

Grants.Gov Training (Adobe-Forms-B) @ WCMC  
RASP is providing training sessions for investigators and administrators who are preparing competing (new, renewal, resubmission, or revision) grant applications that must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov for deadlines in October and November.\* In the training sessions, we will explain and demonstrate the procedures and forms necessary for Grants.gov electronic submission using the Adobe-Forms-B Adobe-based form packages. We encourage anyone who will prepare applications for Grants.gov submission in October and November to attend Grants.gov Training Sessions in the Samuel J. Wood library computer room:

Please visit <https://survey2.med.cornell.edu/perseus/se.ashx?s=61B4E5045846E7D7> to make your reservation September 27, 2011, 10:00am-12:30pm (limited availability)

\*These training sessions are for those preparing competing applications that must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov for deadlines in October and November.

Fall 2011 Community Education Programs  
Hospital for Special Surgery offers a wide range of educational lectures and workshops for the community. Lectures range from managing osteoarthritis pain and falls prevention, to movement classes including dance and Tai Chi. See our Event Calendar for course descriptions and to register online. To request copies of brochures please email [pped@hss.edu](mailto:pped@hss.edu)

9th Annual Geriatric Palliative Care Conference  
The conference is a yearly event hosted by Jewish Home Lifecare in New York City. The conference addresses palliative care issues and works to improve palliative care treatment methods. An excerpt from the conference website states "This year's conference will focus on clinicians and communication: how we talk to and interact with patients, family caregivers, government agencies, politicians, and, equally important, one another."

November 15th, 8:30 AM - 4:45 PM

UJA Federation of New York

130 East 59th Street

New York, NY 10022

Register online via-

<http://www.jewishhome.org/who-we-are/9th-annual-geriatric-palliative-care-conference>

## Funding Opportunities

### Pain Related Funding

Mechanisms, Measurement, and Management of Pain in Aging: from Molecular to Clinical (R03)

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PA-09-195

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages Small Research Grant (R03) applications from organizations/institutions that propose to (1) study biological, neurobiological, psychosocial, and clinical mechanisms and processes by which aging and/or age-related diseases affect the experience of pain, (2) examine biological, neurobiological, psychosocial, and clinical factors that impact pain experience and prevalence in older people, (3) evaluate existing pain assessment and/or management approaches in older adults, or (4) develop new assessment methods and/or

management strategies for pain with particular attention to the needs of older adults. Studies involving animal models or human subjects are appropriate under this program announcement. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of projects including pilot and feasibility studies; secondary analysis of existing data; small, self-contained research projects; development of research methodology; and development of new research technology. The R03 is intended to support small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. This FOA will utilize the NIH Small Research Grant (R03) award mechanism and runs in parallel with FOAs of identical scientific scope, PA-09-194, that encourages applications under the R21 Exploratory/Developmental grant mechanism, and PA-09-193, that encourages applications under the R01 Research Grant mechanism. Because the nature and scope of the proposed research will vary from application to application, it is anticipated that the size and duration of each award will also vary. The total amount awarded and the number of awards will depend upon the mechanism numbers, quality, duration, and costs of the applications received.

Applications are continuous and no specified due date is applied.  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-195.html>

#### Mechanistic Studies of Pain and Alcohol Dependence (R01)

Program Announcement (PA) Number: PA-11-267

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) encourages applications that propose to conduct mechanistic studies on the relationship between alcohol drinking, alcohol dependence and pain. An association between chronic pain conditions and alcohol dependence has been revealed in numerous studies with episodes of alcohol abuse antedating chronic pain in some people and alcohol dependence emerging after the onset of chronic pain in others. Pain transmission and alcohol's reinforcing effects share overlapping neural substrates giving rise to the possibility that chronic pain states significantly affect alcohol use patterns and promote the development of dependence and addiction. In addition, long term alcohol intoxication and alcohol dependence induce pain symptoms and may exacerbate chronic pain arising from other sources. The objective of this FOA is to understand genetic, pharmacological and learning mechanisms underlying the association between the propensity to drink alcohol and pain responses.

Applications are continuous and no specified due date is applied.  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-267.html>

Leveraging Existing Data or Longitudinal Studies to Evaluate Safety and Effectiveness of Pharmacological Management of Chronic Pain in Older Adults (R03)  
Request for application (RFA) number: RFA-AG-12-006  
This FOA solicits Small Research Grant (R03) projects that aim to

leverage existing data or longitudinal studies in order to evaluate the safety and/or effectiveness of pharmacological management for chronic pain in older adults. Applicants are invited to submit innovative proposals using administrative databases, health care records, clinical trial datasets, patient registries, cohort studies, or other resources to further our understanding of treatment outcomes from pharmacologic or combination pharmacologic/non-pharmacologic interventions, particularly involving non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) or opioids, in older individuals with chronic pain. Proposed studies may include, but are not limited to 1) identification of patient-, medication-, provider-, or system-level predictors of treatment outcomes in older individuals; 2) comparative safety and/or effectiveness studies of different treatment approaches for chronic pain in older adults; 3) development of methodologies linking datasets to address pain-related questions; or 4) evaluation of the utility of pain-related measures or indices in guiding treatment initiation, titration, or discontinuation in specific populations of older adults (e.g., individuals with dementia.)

Application due date (deadline)

November 3rd, 2011 (5:00pm local time of applicant organization)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-11-336.html>

Mayday Fund of New York

The Mayday Fund is dedicated to alleviating the incidence, degree, and consequence of human physical pain.

The Mayday Fund's current grant-making targets are projects that result in clinical interventions to reduce the toll of physical pain, pediatric pain, pain in non-verbal populations, and pain in the context of emergency medicine. Mayday will also continue to be proactive in its commitment to promote networking between veterinary and human medicine, especially in an effort to inform measurements of pain in non-verbal populations. Finally, the trustees of the Mayday Fund wish to be nimble enough to respond as special opportunities present themselves. Grants are made only to public charities and educational institutions officially recognized as such by the IRS. The Mayday Fund concentrates its activities in the United States. On occasion, grants have been made to Canadian organizations when the project has an effect that reaches beyond Canada. Grants cannot be made to individuals.

Applications are continuous and no specified due date is applied.

### Age Related Funding

Social Neuroscience and Neuroeconomics of Aging  
(R21)

Funding opportunity announcement (PAR) number: PAR-11-336

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) issues this Funding

Opportunity Announcement (FOA) with special review to stimulate interdisciplinary aging-relevant research in the social, affective and economic neurosciences. The NIA invites applications examining social, emotional and economic behaviors of relevance to aging, using approaches that examine mechanisms and processes at both (a) the social, behavioral or psychological (emotional, cognitive, motivational) level, and (b) the neurobiological or genetic level. Proposals are encouraged that have an overriding emphasis on economic, social or emotional processes and associated genetic or neurobiological processes. Applications should demonstrate either relevance for aging or for age differences or age-related changes in these processes. Aging-relevant applications can address issues of importance to the well-being and health of either mid-life or older adults, and can include data spanning the entire life course.

The earliest submission date for this grant is January 16, 2011

Application due date (deadline)

February 16th, 2012 (5:00pm local time of applicant organization)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-336.html>

Aging Research Dissertation Awards to Increase Diversity.

Funding opportunity announcement (PAR) number: PAR-11-291

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) announces the reissuance of Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) that provides dissertation awards in all areas of research within NIA's strategic priorities to increase diversity of the scientific research workforce engaged in research on aging and aging-related health conditions. As part of NIA's Health Disparities Strategic Plan, this Funding Opportunity Announcement announces the availability of dissertation awards (R36) to support individuals whose advancement in research will help ensure that a diverse pool of highly trained scientists is available in appropriate scientific disciplines to address NIA's mission. That mission includes research on the basic biology of aging, on chronic, disabling, and degenerative diseases of aging, with a particular focus on Alzheimer's disease, on multiple morbidities, on individual behavioral and social changes with aging, on caregiving, on longevity, and on the consequences for society of an aging population.

Application due date (deadline)

January 5th, 2012 (5:00pm local time of applicant organization)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/submissionschedule.htm>

Translational Research to Help Older Adults Maintain their Health and Independence in the Community.

Program announcement (PA) number: PA-11-123

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) and the Administration on Aging (AoA) invite applications using the R01 award mechanism for

translational research that moves evidence-based research findings towards the development of new interventions, programs, policies, practices, and tools that can be used by community-based organizations to help elderly individuals remain healthy and independent, and living in their own homes and communities. The goal of this FOA is to support translational research involving collaborations between academic research centers and community-based organizations with expertise serving the elderly (such as city and state health departments, city/town leadership councils, and Area Agencies on Aging) that will enhance our understanding of practical tools, techniques, programs and policies that communities across the nation can use to more effectively respond to needs of their aging populations.

Application due date (deadline)

January 25th, 2012 (5:00pm local time of applicant organization)

<http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants?opportunity=PA-11-123>

Behavioral and Social Genomics of Aging:  
Opportunities in the Health and Retirement Study (R01)  
Program announcement (PA) number: PA-11-318

The Health and Retirement Study (HRS; see at <http://hrsonline.isr.umich.edu/>) is a longitudinal, nationally representative sample of the US population aged 50 years and older (plus spouses) with an oversample of African and Hispanic Americans and a total sample size of over 20,000. Using funds from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act, the HRS is currently conducting genome-wide scans of DNA samples from approximately 20,000 participants, using the Illumina HumanOmni 2.5 Quad chip. It is anticipated that the genotype data for the first 13,000 subjects will be released to the public via dbGaP in the Fall of 2011, with data from the remaining participants to be released by the end of 2012. This FOA encourages applications taking advantage of the newly available genetic data to advance our understanding of how genetic, behavioral, and psychosocial factors affect the health and well-being of older Americans.

Application due date (deadline)

January 25th, 2012 (5:00pm local time of applicant organization)

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-11-318.html>

National Science Foundation funding grant "General & Age-Related Disabilities Engineering (GARDE)"

The General & Age Related Disabilities Engineering (GARDE) program supports research that will lead to the development of new technologies, devices, or software for persons with disabilities. Research may be supported that is directed to the characterization, restoration, and/or substitution of human functional ability or cognition, or to the interaction of persons with disabilities and their environment. Areas of particular recent interest are disability-related research in neuroscience/neuroengineering and rehabilitation

robotics. Emphasis is placed on significant advancement of fundamental engineering and scientific knowledge and not on incremental improvements. Proposals should advance discovery or innovation beyond the frontiers of current knowledge in disability-related research. Applicants are encouraged to contact the Program Director Ted Conway at [tconway@nsf.gov](mailto:tconway@nsf.gov), or call (703) 292-7091, prior to submitting a proposal.

More information on the grant can be found at the following link [http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm\\_summ.jsp?pims\\_id=501021](http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=501021)

NIA and NINDS Paul Beeson Clinical Scientist Development Award in Aging (K08)  
Request for application's (RFA) Number: RFA-AG-12-003  
The National Institute of Aging (NIA), and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), working in part with funds contributed by the John. A Hartford Foundation and the American Federation for Aging Research, are pursuing this initiative to encourage and assist the development of future leaders in the field of gaining by supporting clinically trained (primarily physician) faculty members early in their careers to gain additional research training and to establish independent programs in aging research. The National Institute on Aging, and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke intend (in combination) to commit approximately \$1 million in FY 2012 to support 5 to 7 awards. The number of awards is contingent upon NIH appropriations, and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications

Application due date (deadline)  
October 27, 2011 (5:00pm local time of applicant organization)  
<http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants?opportunity=RFA-AG-12-003>

The New Investigator Awards in Alzheimer's Disease Funded by The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation and The Diane and Guilford Glazer Foundation, the major goal of this partnership program is to support important research in areas in which more scientific investigation is needed to improve the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of Alzheimer's disease. The program will also serve to encourage junior investigators in the United States and Israel to pursue research and academic careers in the neurosciences, and Alzheimer's disease in particular. Projects in basic and translational research related to Alzheimer's disease (AD) that are clinically relevant, will be considered. Projects that focus on healthy brain aging are also considered. For one of the awards, priority may be given to an investigator with a research interest related to healthy brain aging. Areas of research could for example include learning and memory, nutrition, exercise, cardiovascular risk factors, as they relate to the brain and the aging process. The applicant must be an independent investigator with assigned independent space as assigned by the departmental chair or equivalent official, and must be within the first ten years of

receiving a doctoral degree by July 1, 2011. Exceptions to the ten year rule may be requested for unusual circumstances by emailing an NIH-style bio-sketch to AFAR at [grants@afar.org](mailto:grants@afar.org). The proposed research must be conducted at any type of not-for-profit setting in the United States or Israel.

<http://www.afar.org/research/funding/new-investigator-awards>

Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) and Coordinating Center (P30)  
Request for applications (RFA) Number: RFA-AG-12-012  
This FOA invites applications from qualified institutions to create or continue Resource Centers for Minority Aging Research (RCMAR) and a RCMAR Coordinating Center. The RCMAR Program's mission is to address the national priority of reducing health disparities with special emphasis on health disparities in an aging population. The RCMARs will organize themselves so as to create an infrastructure that will: (1) increase the number of researchers focusing upon the health and well-being of minority elders and (2) enhance diversity in the professional workforce by mentoring diverse academic researchers for sustained careers in minority elder health-related research.

Application due date (deadline)

November 9, 2011

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/forms.htm>

T1 Translational Research on Aging: Small Business Innovation Awards (R43/R44)

Request for application (RFA) Number: RFA-AG-12-009

The involvement of small businesses in translational aging research could hasten the pace at which scientific advances are transformed into commercial products to improve or maintain the health and functional independence of older adults. Therefore, this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) is intended to support innovative research conducted by small businesses to advance the availability of novel devices, products, health care practices and programs with the potential for commercial success and the likelihood to benefit the lives of older adults. For the purposes of this FOA, T1 translational research on aging is defined as the application of basic and clinical biomedical or basic behavioral and social research findings towards the development of new strategies for prevention and treatment of age-related pathologies. T1 translational research approaches could include the development of new or existing technologies to diagnose, prevent or treat age-related conditions, functional decline and disability or for the promotion of health and well-being in mid- and later life.

Application due date (deadline)

November 4, 2011 (5:00pm local time of applicant organization)

<http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants?>

opportunity=RFA-AG-12-009

## Renal Function and Chronic Kidney Disease in Aging (R21)

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications that propose basic, clinical, and translational research on chronic kidney disease (CKD) and its consequences in aging and in older persons. Applications should focus on the (1) biology and pathophysiology of CKD in animal models; (2) etiology and pathophysiology of CKD in the elderly; (3) epidemiology and risk factors for the development of CKD with advancing age; or (4) diagnosis, medical management and clinical outcomes of CKD in this population. Research supported by this initiative should enhance knowledge of CKD and its consequences in the elderly and provide evidence-based guidance in the diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of CKD in older persons. The following organizations and institutions are eligible to apply: domestic and foreign, public and private institutions of higher education, including Hispanic-serving institutions and Historically Black Colleges and Universities, tribally controlled colleges and universities, and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-serving institutions; nonprofits with and without 501(c)(3) IRS status; small businesses and for-profit organizations; federal, state, and local governments; Indian and Native American tribal governments and tribally designated organizations; independent school districts; public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities; U.S. territory or possession; and faith-based or community-based organizations.

Application due date (deadline)

November 9, 2011 (5:00 pm local time of applicant organization)

<http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/GetGrantFromFedgrants?>

[opportunity=PA-09-165](#)

## Brookdale Leadership in Aging Fellowship Program

The award is a two-year grant paid to the candidate's sponsoring institution in support of the candidate's research project to provide salary and fringe benefit support for the candidate commensurate with the wage scale of the institution. A grant award of up to \$125,000 each year is intended to cover 75 percent of the fellow's time, base salary, and fringe benefits. Additionally, a financial incentive of \$3,000 will be provided by the foundation for the mentor each year for the two years of the fellowship. It is the responsibility of each sponsoring institution receiving fellowship support to provide all supportive services necessary for the candidate's research. This includes office and lab space, equipment, supplies, research assistants if needed, conference and travel expenditures, secretarial assistance and all expenditures other than the candidate's salary and fringe benefits covered by the Brookdale Fellowship. If the candidate selects a mentor at their base institution, it is the responsibility of that institution to support the mentor's time and expertise. Institutional commitment must be assured and are an integral part of the application. It is the policy of The Brookdale

Foundation Group not to allow indirect costs for the administration of this award.

Further information can be found at the following link:

<http://bf.ianet.org/bf/index.html>

Application due date (deadline)

November 1, 2011



The Translational Research Institute on Pain in Later Life (TRIPLL) is an NIA funded Edward R. Roybal center with a focus on persistent pain due to both cancer and non-cancer related causes. TRIPLL is a collaboration between investigators at Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell-Ithaca, Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, Hospital for Special Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Visiting Nurse Service of New York and Council of Senior Centers & Service of NYC, Inc.

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