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TRIPLL News

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From the Translational Research Institute on Pain in Later Life.

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News

TRIPLL Pilot Study Grants

The RFP for TRIPLL pilot studies was released on March 8, 2010 and proposals were due on April 23, 2010.

TRIPLL's pilot study program is designed to support translational research initiatives focusing on pain and pain management in later life. The application was open to researchers who are eligible to submit independent proposals from TRIPLL partner institutions Cornell-Ithaca, Columbia University, the Visiting Nurse Service of New York's Center for Home Care Policy and Research, Hospital for Special Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, and Weill Cornell Medical College. TRIPLL received 8 high quality proposals from researchers across the TRIPLL partner sites, with Columbia University investigators submitting 3 proposals and Weill Cornell Medical College investigators submitting 2 proposals. TRIPLL received 1 proposal each from Memorial Sloan Kettering, Cornell Ithaca and the Hospital for Special Surgery. The proposals address a wide range of pain and aging issues, including the connection between pain and frailty, alternative methods for managing pain, barriers associated with effective pain management, and pain-related resilience. Awards will be announced June 8, 2010.

TRIPLL Members Research the Impact of Environmental Volunteering on Older Adults

According to Cornell University reporter Ted Boscia, TRIPLL affiliates' work has shown that volunteer work in the environment has benefits for older adults in a number of health-related categories. The Cornell group's analysis demonstrated that older persons with environmental volunteer experiences had improved mental and physical health through old age and exercised more. The study was published online in *The Gerontologist* (Feb. 19).

The authors, including TRIPLL co-directors Cary Reid and Karl Pillemer, analyzed data collected between 1974-1994 from the Alameda County (Calif.) Study, an examination of health and mortality that followed nearly 7,000 adults since 1965. The study found that environmental stewardship is strongly linked to greater physical activity, better self-rated health and fewer symptoms of depression over a period of 20 years.

<http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/April10/EnviroVolunteers.html>

TRIPLL Affiliates Explain New Pain Management Device on Local New York TV Station

George Lewis, a Cornell University doctoral candidate and TRIPLL affiliate who presented earlier this year at the TRIPLL Work in Progress Seminar, and Dr. Cary Reid, TRIPLL Director were interviewed by the local New York City news station New York 1 on April 14th, 2010. George designed a mini portable ultra-sound device, and has been funded by the Center for Integration of Medicine and Innovative Technology to develop his project and test the proposal. George is currently preparing his prototype of the device to submit for a larger funding award. George presented his proposal at the TRIPLL Work in Progress Seminar in January, where he received feedback on how test the device with seniors with pain problems. To see George and Dr. Reid's broadcast and device demonstration, click below:

<http://www.ny1.com/1-all-boroughs-news-content/116932/mini-ultrasound-may-make-pain-treatment-less-of-a-pill?ap=1&Flash>

Upcoming Events

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

Weill Cornell Medical College

Weill Cornell-HSS Greenberg Academy for Wellness Talk

Dr. Cary Reid will be giving a community presentation on Pain in

Later Life, Strategies for Healthy Aging, and Improving Pain Management

When: Tuesday, May 4, 6:30-8:00pm

Where: Uris Auditorium, 1400 York Avenue, Weill Cornell Medical College

2010 Jarvie Colloquium

Diversity of the Aging Population: The Challenge of Tomorrow
Dr. Cary Reid will be leading a workshop titled "What Does Cultural Competence Look Like in the Era of Evidence Based Practice?"

<http://www.jarvie.org/index.htm>

When: Friday June 11th, 2010

Where: The Interchurch Center, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115

Columbia University

Grand Rounds on the Future of Public Health

Wednesday, May 5, 2010 from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

Alumni Auditorium, P&S 630 West 168th St.

Speaker: Richard F. Daines, MD, New York State Commissioner of Health

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Grant Writing for Community Based Organizations

Tuesday May 6, 2010

8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

This program is designed to serve as a guide in grant writing for community based organizations. Topics will include proposal writing and budgeting basics. There will also be a demonstration of 'Foundation Directory Online', an online funding research tool.
Speaker(s): Luz Rodriguez NY Training Coordinator, Foundation Center

Audience: Individuals representing a community based organization

Location: Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Rockefeller Research Laboratories

430 East 67th Street

Room RRL-104

New York, NY 10065

Contact: Registration is required to attend by Tuesday, April 13th.

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Intermediate Reiki (Light Touch)

Friday June 4, 2010

9:30 AM to 6:30 PM

Reiki is a light touch manual therapy from Japan that supports the

whole person. For those with medical conditions, Reiki effectively addresses a variety of symptoms thereby improving quality of life. For others, Reiki can promote self awareness, inspire creativity, reduce stress, and create a sense of harmony and well-being.

In the Reiki Intermediate course, students are initiated through one attunement, are taught three symbols and their functions, and four treatment plans that incorporate the symbols. In hands-on practice sessions, students give and receive mini Reiki sessions with their peers. Homework is assigned to advance skills and confidence.

This intermediate course is open to those who have completed Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center's Reiki for Beginners course or with the pre-approval of Memorial Sloan-Kettering's Reiki instructor.

Eight NCBTMB Continuing Education units for licensed/certified Massage Therapists

Location:

The Bendheim Integrative Medicine Center

1429 First Avenue

(NW Corner of 74th Street)

New York, NY 10021

646-888-0845, massagerx@mskcc.org

65+: Depression and the Older Cancer Patient

Tuesday June 8, 2010

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Andy Roth, MD, Psychiatry Department

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

1275 York Avenue

Room M-107

New York, NY 10065

No registration is required.

For more information, please call 646-888-4741.

Hospital for Special Surgery

The following HSS Spring 2010 education programs/classes will be offered to help patients understand and manage their pain.

Spring 2010 Programs include

Neck and Back Pain in Women

Posture Program

Gentle Yoga to Ease Arthritis.

T'ai Chi Chih

Gentle Yoga for Wellness

Stretch Yoga for Older Adults

Better Balance for Older Adults

The link below will take you to the HSS Spring 2010 Calendar of Public Health Programs for additional details.

http://www.hss.edu/files/spring10_edprogram_FINAL.pdf

TRIPLL Spring Researcher Networking Lunches

TRIPLL will be hosting lunchtime networking meetings at Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell Ithaca, Columbia University, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and the Hospital for Special Surgery. The goal of these meetings is to introduce researchers with a focus or interest in pain in older adults to TRIPLL and to help researchers across disciplines learn about one another's work. Stay tuned for upcoming meeting dates.

American Pain Society Annual Meeting

May 6-8, 2010 Baltimore, MD

http://www.ampainsoc.org/meeting/annual_10/

American Academy of Pain Management Annual Meeting

Call for abstracts: abstract deadline June 1, 2010

September 21-24, 2010 Las Vegas, NV

<http://www.aapainmanage.org/conference>

[/Registration%20FormV10_14_09.pdf](#)

Funding Opportunities

Aging-Related Funding:

The Center for Demography of Health and Aging

(CDHA) at the University of Wisconsin-Madison will award two to three pilot grants to investigators using the Wisconsin Longitudinal Study (WLS) data for scholarly research. The WLS provides an opportunity to study the life course, careers, retirement, intergenerational transfers and relationships, family functioning, physical and mental health and well-being, morbidity and mortality, and gene-environment interactions from late adolescence to the retirement years. Selected recipients will receive \$10,000 to support their research, along with a travel stipend to WLS training workshops. The training workshop will take place in Madison on August 5th and 6th, 2010, while the research workshop will be held one year later.

Deadline: May 26th, 2010

<http://www.ssc.wisc.edu/wlsresearch/pilot/>

The Ellison Medical Foundation seeks applications from established investigators, working at institutions in the U.S., to conduct research in the basic biological sciences relevant

to understanding lifespan development processes and age-related diseases and disabilities. Senior Scholar awardees receive up to \$150,000 per year for a four year period. Current or past Senior Scholar Awardees are not eligible to apply. More information and application instructions are available at:

http://www.ellisonfoundation.org/adsp.jsp?key=emf_applications.

Deadline for Letters of Intent: March 4, 2010.

Deadline: early July, 2010.

Pain-Related Funding:

Centers of Excellence for Research on CAM (CERC) for Pain (P01)

Request For Applications (RFA) Number: RFA-AT-10-002

Letters of Intent Receipt Date: July 13, 2010

Application Receipt Date: August 13, 2010

Earliest Anticipated Start Date: April 2011

Purpose. The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to support and enhance research on the application and use of promising complementary/alternative/integrative medicine (CAM/IM) modalities or approaches in the setting of chronic pain. Specifically, this FOA encourages applications for Centers comprised of three or four synergistic, R01-comparable projects by multidisciplinary research teams focused on the basic, mechanistic, and/or translational research questions that must be addressed in order to better understand the optimal application and use of CAM/IM interventions for treating or ameliorating chronic pain.

A new version of the paper PHS 398 application form and instructions (revised 6/2009) must now be used. Download the new application form and instructions from

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

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AT-10-002.html>

Department of Defense Neurofibromatosis Research Program

Deadline ongoing

Funding Opportunities for Fiscal Year 2010

The Fiscal Year 2010 (FY10) Defense Appropriations Act provides \$13.75 million to the Department of Defense Neurofibromatosis Research Program (NFRP) to find and fund the best research to eradicate the clinical impact of neurofibromatosis (NF) and Schwannomatosis. This program is administered by the US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command through the Office of the Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs

(CDMRP).

The FY10 NFRP encourages proposals that specifically address critical needs of the NF community in the following areas:

Complications of neurofibromatosis with high mortality such as neoplasms and cerebrovascular abnormalities;
Complications of neurofibromatosis with high morbidity such as skeletal maladies, learning deficits, hormone-associated effects, and pain; Refinement and standardization of imaging techniques, molecular and cellular markers, and quality of life metrics for use in future clinical trials; Translational research such as the development or preclinical testing of therapeutic agents for the treatment of neurofibromatosis.

FY10 NFRP Program Announcements for proposals in the following mechanisms are anticipated to be posted and available on Grants.gov in January and February 2010.
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-006.html>

Other Funding Opportunities:

NIH Small Research Grant Program (Parent R03)Program
URL:<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-064.html> Type of Scientists Funded: Junior Faculty, Administrator, Senior Scientist/Faculty Program
Description:The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Investigator-Initiated Small Grant (R03) funding opportunity supports small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. Investigator-initiated research, also known as unsolicited research, is research funded as a result of an investigator submitting a research grant application to NIH in an investigator's area of interest and competency. All investigator-initiated small grant applications described in this announcement will be assigned to NIH institutes and centers (ICs) according to standard Public Health Service referral guidelines and specific program interests. Investigators are strongly encouraged to consult the list of participating ICs and special research interests. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of projects including (1) pilot and feasibility studies; (2) secondary analysis of existing data; (3) small, self-contained research projects; (4) development of research methodology; and (5) 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.

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Deadline: Ongoing

Behavioral and Integrative Treatment Development

Program (R03) Program URL: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-011.html> Type of Scientists Funded: Junior Faculty, Administrator Program Description: The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for R03s is to encourage early career investigators or investigators who are striving to make a shift in their research to propose discrete, well-defined projects that can be completed within 2 years with limited resources. Projects of interest fall within the research domain of behavioral, combined, sequential, or integrated (behavioral/pharmacological) (1) drug abuse treatment interventions, including interventions for patients with comorbidities, in diverse settings; (2) interventions to prevent the acquisition or transmission of HIV infection among individuals in drug abuse treatment; (3) interventions to promote adherence to drug abuse treatment, HIV and addiction medications; and (4) interventions to treat chronic pain. Specific examples include: 1) Stage I pilot or feasibility studies; 2) secondary analysis of existing data; 3) small, self-contained research projects; 4) development of research assessments or methodology; and 5) development of new research technology.

Deadline: Ongoing

TRIPLL is an NIH-funded Roybal center that focuses on translational research affecting pain in later life. TRIPLL is a joint project that includes investigators at Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell Ithaca, The Hospital for Special Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Columbia University. Cary Reid is the Director of TRIPLL, and Co-directors include Karl Pillemer and Elaine Wethington. TRIPLL co-investigators include Thelma Mielenz (Columbia), Chris Murtaugh (VNSNY), Steve Passik (MSKCC), and Laura Robbins (HSS).

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