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TRIPLL News

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From the Translational Research Institute on Pain in Later Life.

For additional detail about TRIPLL and its programs, contact Samantha Parker, Project Coordinator (Weill Cornell Medical College), at sat2013@med.cornell.edu or (212) 746-1801

News

Older Americans 2010: Key Indicators of Well-Being

The newest edition of the Federal Interagency Forum of Aging-Related Statistics was released last month. The periodic report describes the overall status of the U.S. population 65 years of age and older. The report includes 37 indicators that are grouped into five sections: Population, Economics, Health Status, Health Risks and Behaviors, and Health Cares. The report highlights the prevalence of chronic diseases in the older population, indicating that in 2007-2008, 55 percent of women and 42 percent of men surveyed suffered from arthritis.

You may download a powerpoint presentation of the indicators at as well as the entire report. http://www.agingstats.gov/agingstatsdotnet/main_site/default.aspx

You may also order a hard copy at <http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/factsheets/order.htm>

TRIPLL.org Launches "Find a Collaborator" Directory

TRIPLL.org has launched its "Find a Collaborator/Affiliate" directory. The directory lists all TRIPLL affiliates by name,

institution and area of research or research interest. The goal of the directory is to assist researchers in identifying potential collaborators for investigations and initiatives. The directory is accessible on TRIPLL's website [TRIPLL.org](http://tripll.org), and you can directly access it via this link: <http://tripll.org/researchers/find-a-collaboratoraffiliate/>

If you would like to become a TRIPLL research affiliate or if you would like to change or modify your existing affiliate information please send an email to Samantha Parker at sap2013@med.cornell.edu

Interviews from the Field

TRIPLL interviews Seth Laucks, Research Assistant on Dr. Corinna Loeckenhoff's TRIPLL Pilot Study "Patient and Provider Perceptions of Time Perspectives in Pain Management"

TRIPLL: Seth, can you give us some background information on the study you're working on.

Seth Laucks: Our study looks at how physicians, physical therapists and patients consider the long-term and short-term implications of their decisions about specific pain management interventions. Types of interventions we investigate range from pet therapy to various opioids.

TRIPLL: How are you gathering your information?

Seth Laucks: We hold focus groups with physicians, physical therapists and patients at New York Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical College and its associated practices in New York City. In these groups we discuss patient and provider preferences regarding pain management techniques and the perceived short-term and long-term effects of each.

So far, we have conducted two physician focus groups and two physical therapist focus groups.

TRIPLL: Are you seeing any emerging trends in these focus groups?

Seth Laucks: We have seen a variety of responses and opinions. Providers have stressed that patient expectations play a large role in the decision making process. Some providers see these expectations as a result of patient education on pain management techniques. In addition, providers view older adults as less at risk for drug seeking behavior. However, there has been an indication the physicians are more hesitant to prescribe strong pain

medication because of the higher likelihood of side effects in older adults. Some providers note that older adults seem more willing to tolerate pain compared to younger patients.

TRIPLL: Have you seen any differences between the physical therapist and physician groups?

Seth Laucks: Yes, it seems that physical therapists are more likely to talk about patients in a holistic manner. They speak far beyond the diagnosis and drug indications to personality and social factors more readily than the doctors. Physicians have been forthcoming in talking about how their patients obtain information about treatment options.

TRIPLLL What do you see as the broader implications for this study?

Seth Laucks: The more we understand the subtle factors that influence both provider and patient decision making, the better providers and patients can engage in dialogue about their pain management strategies.

Upcoming Events

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

Weill Cornell Medical College

Managing Pain in Elders: Challenges and Choices

Oct. 26, 2010

This all-day event, which is geared towards anyone who works with seniors, will feature presentations that explore different approaches to palliative care and discuss ways to reduce physical and emotional pain for elderly people.

9am-4:30pm at UJA Federation of New York, 130 E. 59th Street, Continuing education credits offered

For more information, go to <http://www.jewishhome.org/who-we-are/jewish-home-lifecare-news/eighth-annual-palliative-care-conference> or contact Ellen Lewis at elewis@jewishhome.org.

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 or 646-962-8154 with any questions.

Grants.Gov Training (Adobe-Forms-B)

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:

September 21, 2010, 10:00am-12:30pm (limited availability)

October 7, 2010, 1:00pm-3:30pm

*These training sessions are for those preparing competing applications that must be submitted electronically through Grants.gov for deadlines in October and November. This includes, but is not limited to, the following NIH mechanisms and deadlines:

Hospital for Special Surgery

Components of physical/social and psychological assessment of the elderly patient

September 27, 2010, 9am

Richard Menschal Lecture Hall -2nd floor HSS

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Fall 2010 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.

Living with Osteoarthritis

Monday, November 22, 2010

10am-2pm

Program Description:

Osteoarthritis (OA) is the most common type of arthritis in the

United States, with nearly 27 million people affected by it. For people living with OA, pain and stiffness can affect activities associated with daily living. In conjunction with medical treatment, self-management of symptoms is important in slowing down the progression of OA. This program brings together HSS clinicians to discuss the importance of physical activity, nutrition, pain management and self-management techniques used in the treatment of osteoarthritis.

Columbia University

Columbia University Dept of Rehabilitation Medicine
TRIPLL Presentation, Dr. Cary Reid
GR (P&S building), 630 West 168th Street 1st floor
September 2, 8:30-9:30am

TRIPLL Fall Networking Event
Hess Commons
5-7pm, October 21st
Refreshments will be served

Columbia University School of Nursing
TRIPLL Principal Investigator Dr. Cary Reid will present in a doctoral seminar at Columbia University School of Nursing. Dr. Reid will discuss the issues surround pain and pain management in older adults.
November 2, 2010

The AGS' Online Continuing Medical Education Program
"Pharmacologic Management of Persistent Pain in Older Persons," is now up and running. The free program, which offers 1 AMA PRA Category 1 credit, focuses on AGS' 2009 guideline, Pharmacologic Management of Persistent Pain in Older Adults, and is based on this year's popular annual meeting session examining how to implement the guideline. The program includes Power Point presentations by session moderator Bruce A. Ferrell MD, and by presenters Keela Herr, PhD, RN; James D. Katz, MD; and Perry G. Fine, MD. The CME program, which takes roughly an hour to complete, will be available through June 21 of next year.

American Academy of Pain Management Annual Meeting
September 21-24, 2010 Las Vegas, NV
http://www.aapainmanage.org/conference/Registration%20FormV10_14_09.pdf

The 9th International Conference on Urban Health
October 27-29, 2010 in New York, NY.
Organizers of the conference encourage academics, professionals,

members of non-profit organizations, policymakers, community members, and individuals from the private sector of diverse backgrounds and disciplines to submit an abstract.

This year's theme, Good Governance for Healthy Cities, was chosen to showcase the importance of governance in creating healthy cities and improving the health of urban populations, as well as the social and public health policies that are required to address these issues.

Funding Opportunities

Pain-Related Funding:

Arthritis Foundation Research Grants

The Arthritis Foundation is pleased to announce the 2010 RFA for Postdoctoral Fellowships, Doctoral Dissertation Awards, and New Investigator Grants. Proposals must be submitted through proposalCENTRAL (<https://proposalcentral.altum.com/>). The notification of intent to apply is solely for the purpose of organizing Peer Review.

Application forms available through proposalCENTRAL. Do not submit more than one application per applicant. (template will be provided)

August 17, 2010

Notification of Intent to Apply (deadline)

September 1, 2010 (5:00 pm Eastern)

Application Due (deadline)

October 5, 2010 (5:00 pm Eastern)

Arthritis Foundation, Inc., New York Chapter 2011 Research Fellowship Award in Orthopaedics

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) announces a call for Research Project Grant (R01) applications from institutions/organizations that propose to study biological, neurobiological, psychosocial, and clinical mechanisms and processes by which aging and/or age-related diseases affect the experience of pain; examine biological, neurobiological, psychosocial, and clinical factors that impact pain experience and prevalence in older people; evaluate existing pain assessment and/or management approaches in older adults; or 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 purpose of the Arthritis Foundation, Inc., New York Chapter Research Fellowship Award in Orthopaedics is to encourage and support orthopaedic research by physicians-in-training.

The one-year award begins July 1, 2011.

Application is by paper submission only. To access an electronic version of the application materials, visit the Research section of the New York Chapter website at: <http://www.arthritis.org/communities/Chapters/NY/ResearchApps/home.asp>. An original and five copies of the application must be received by the Chapter office by September 17, 2010.

NIH Funding Opportunity: Aging and Pain

This announcement encourages proposals to study the mechanisms and processes by which aging and/or age-related diseases and conditions affect the experience of pain, and to evaluate existing or new pain assessment methods and management approaches, especially in older adults. Studies may include molecular biological, biochemical, genetic, imaging, physiological, pathological, behavioral, social, clinical, and/or epidemiological approaches. For examples of research topics and approaches that may be considered as well as for more information, please visit grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-09-193.html.

NIH Blueprint for Neuroscience Research Grand Challenge on the Transition from Acute to Chronic Neuropathic Pain (R01)

Request for Applications (RFA) Number: RFA-DE-11-002
Purpose. This FOA is issued as an initiative of the NIH Blueprint for Neuroscience Research. The Neuroscience Blueprint is a collaborative framework through which 16 NIH Institutes, Centers and Offices jointly support neuroscience-related research, with the aim of accelerating discoveries and reducing the burden of nervous system disorders.

The goal of this FOA is to facilitate research collaborations between pain scientists and non-pain neuroscientists with expertise in neuroplasticity in order to study biological mechanisms underlying the transition from acute to chronic pain. These collaborations will capture insights and expertise from disciplines where transitions from health to disease have been extensively examined. The purpose of this FOA is to encourage submission of multi-PI grant applications that propose highly collaborative, multidisciplinary research projects addressing neuropathic pain conditions. An expected outcome of this FOA will be the formation of partnerships between pain researchers and non-pain neuroscientists to develop new collaborations focused on understanding the maladaptive neuroplastic changes that occur during the transition from acute to chronic neuropathic pain.

Funds Available and Anticipated Number of Awards. The participating Neuroscience Blueprint Institutes intend to commit \$5 million in 2011 to fund approximately 7-10 awards in response to this FOA. Awards issued under this FOA are contingent upon the availability of funds and the submission of a sufficient number of meritorious applications.

<http://neuroscienceblueprint.nih.gov>

Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons

Closes:10/31/2010

Maximum:\$40,000

Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation Grants, Awards and Fellowships

As a premier funder of neurosurgical studies, the Neurosurgery Research and Education Foundation (NREF) of the American Association of Neurosurgeons (ANS) focuses on providing fellowship funding in basic neuroscience and neurosurgical programs in North America. The NREF strongly encourages research projects from all fields of neurosurgery.

The NREF sponsors two neurosurgical research grant programs annually:

* Research Fellowship - Open to residents only, the Research Fellowship is offered as a one-year research project grant of \$40,000.

* Young Clinician Investigator Award - Designed to support young neurosurgeons pursuing careers as clinician investigators, the Young Clinician Investigator Award is open to junior faculty for a one-year grant of \$40,000.

The NREF endorses the submission of applications for both patient-orientated clinical research and basic science research. Applications from all neurosurgical areas of focused practice are encouraged. Application submission deadline for 2011 research opportunities is October 31, 2010.

These focus areas include: Head trauma and brain injury, Tumors, Spine-related conditions mechanics, diseases, tumors, injury, repair techniques, etc, Pain management, Stroke

For additional information on the NREF research grant programs, contact the Development department at (847) 378-0500 or nref@ aans.org .

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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>

Aging-Related Funding:

2011 Brookdale Leadership in Aging Fellowship Program

The primary goal of The Brookdale Leadership in Aging Fellowship Program is to foster the development of a new generation of leaders in the field of aging by supporting investigators in the developmental stages of their careers. The Foundation is looking for future leaders in aging and, therefore, is not providing Fellowships for people who are already well established in the field. Applicants who have had an NIH or R01 type award would generally seem too far into their career to apply for this Leadership in Aging Fellowship. Candidates must demonstrate that they would benefit from a concentrated period of time to undertake a research project with significance in the field of aging. All applications must:

Provide learning and leadership opportunities for the candidate; Involve a project with potential to advance the knowledge base in the field of aging; Be based at the sponsoring institution. Each candidate must: Demonstrate leadership potential; Provide evidence of an ongoing commitment to a career in aging; Have already earned a PhD or MD; candidates should be between their first and tenth years of their graduate degree. The deadline for application submission is 5 p.m. ET Monday, November 1, 2010. Applications will only be accepted through the Brookdale Leadership in Aging Program's Online Application system; no late submissions or submissions sent by mail, email or facsimile will be accepted.

It is recommended to access the application, review it, and see the FAQ section before contacting the Foundation with any questions. For more information contact:

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The Brookdale Foundation

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

Novel Biomarkers to Accelerate Drug Discovery for Frontotemporal Dementias

The deadline date for applications is September 9, 2010. Submission of a Letter of Intent (LOI) is required at least 2 weeks prior to the applications deadline.

Drug discovery for frontotemporal dementias (FTD) has been hindered by the heterogeneity of the disease. FTD specific biomarkers that reflect pathological differences are needed to select appropriate patients for clinical trials and monitor target-specific responses to investigational treatments. The Alzheimers Drug Discovery Foundation (ADDF) and The Association for Frontotemporal Dementias (AFTD) challenge scientists to meet this unmet medical need by submitting applications through this Request for Proposals (RFP).

The ADDF and AFTD are particularly interested in: FTD relevant imaging agents; CSF and plasma based assays; and TDP-43 and tau-focused biomarkers specifically relevant to FTD populations.

ADDF/AFTD will provide grants for one-year duration (up to \$100,000 each) with the possibility of follow-on funding.

REVIEW PROCESS: Applications will be confidentially reviewed by ADDF and an external Scientific Review Committee, including AFTD scientific advisors.

Applications from biotechnology companies will also be reviewed by ADDF's external Business Advisory Board.

Award winners will be publicly announced in Spring 2011.

All applications must be submitted electronically at www.alzdiscovery.org. To further discuss scientific or financial aspects of proposals, please contact: Diana Shineman, PhD, Assistant Director for Scientific Affairs
Phone: 212-901-8007

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For more information regarding the application process, please contact: Adam Liebling, Senior Grants Manager
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National Institutes of Health Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award (K23)

Deadline: March 12, July 12, November 12, 2010.

Level: Junior Faculty

Award Information: Mentor-based; salary and some laboratory/research; 3-5 years support; amount depends on specific NIH institute

Description: The purpose of the Mentored Patient-Oriented Research (POR) Career Development Award (K23) is to support the career development of investigators who have made a commitment to focus their research endeavors on patient-oriented research. This mechanism provides support of supervised study and research for clinically trained professionals who have the potential to develop into productive, clinical investigators focusing on patient-oriented research. Applicants must justify the need for a period of mentored research experience and provide a convincing case that the proposed period of support and career development plan will substantially enhance their careers as independent investigators in patient-oriented research.

Application: March 12, July 12, November 12, 2010. To access applications and instructions, visit

<http://grants.nih.gov/training/careerdevelopmentawards.htm>

Other Funding Opportunities:

The Burroughs Wellcome Fund's (BWF) Career Awards for Medical Scientists (CAMS) Program

The Burroughs Wellcome Fund's (BWF) Career Awards for Medical Scientists (CAMS) program addresses the on-going problem of increasing the number of physician scientists and keeping them in research. BWF believes that this bridging award, supporting the last year(s) of a mentored position in addition to supporting the beginning years of an independent position, will facilitate the transition of a career in research and buy time from service commitments. The CAMS program provides \$700,000 over five years to bridge advanced postdoctoral/fellowship training and the

early years of faculty service. General requirements for candidates include: M.D., D.D.S., D.V.M., Pharm.D., or equivalent clinical degree; proposals must be in the basic biomedical, disease-oriented, translational, or molecular, genetic, or pharmacological epidemiology research. Proposals in the area of epidemiology should contact BWF to determine the eligibility of the proposal. Proposals in health services research or involving large-scale clinical trials are ineligible. During the postdoctoral/fellowship period, awardees may train at degree-granting institutions in the U.S. or Canada; all faculty positions must be taken at U.S. or Canadian degree-granting institutions. During the award period, at least 75 percent of the awardee's time must be devoted to research-related activities. The CAMS program has a lengthy list of eligibility requirements. Interested nominees should read the program announcement at: <http://www.bwffund.org/pages/188/Career-Awards-for-Medical-Scientists/>. In addition, BWF has developed an Eligibility Quiz to assist potential applicants determine if they are eligible to apply: <http://www.bwffund.org/pages/190/Eligibility/>.

Example: Smith-J_BWF-CAMS10.pdf
The New York City Investment Fund BioAccelerate NYC Prize

Letters of intent: Wednesday, September 1, 2010

Pre-proposals due March 2011

The New York City Investment Fund (NYCIF), with assistance of New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC) is sponsoring the second annual BioAccelerate NYC Prize, a citywide competition that will provide funding for biomedical translational research. The focus is technology and research that have advanced beyond the point where an academic institution or the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is prepared to fund, but before the investment and commercial sectors are interested in committing dollars.

The BioAccelerate NYC judges are expected to award between three and six winners who will each receive up to \$250,000 in the form of a grant with participation. A condition of funding is that serious efforts are made to locate any associated spin out company in New York City. The deadline for the pre-proposals is September 1, 2010.

Please email grantsandcontracts@med.cornell.edu for an updated BioAccelerate NYC flyer as well as a pre-proposal application. You may also access information here: <http://www.bioacceleratenyc.org/>

If a faculty member has any questions regarding the details

of this funding opportunity (eligibility, selection criteria, timeline) or would like assistance with the preparation of this award (submission process, proposal development, communications), please contact Brian Lamon Ph.D. at bdl2001@med.cornell.edu or (212) 746-6720.

National Institutes of Health Loan Repayment Programs (LRPs)

Applications will be accepted between September 1 and November 15, 2010

NIH wants to encourage outstanding health professionals to pursue careers in biomedical, behavioral, social, and clinical research. If you commit at least two years to conducting qualified research funded by a domestic nonprofit organization or U.S. federal, state, or local government entity, NIH may repay up to \$35,000 of your qualified student loan debt per year, including most undergraduate, graduate, and medical school loans. Loan repayment benefits are in addition to the institutional salary you receive for your research.

If you are or will be conducting qualified research at a domestic nonprofit institution outside NIH, you may be eligible for one of the five extramural LRPs:

Clinical Research, Pediatric Research, Health Disparities Research, Contraception and Infertility Research
Clinical Research for Individuals from Disadvantaged Backgrounds

You may submit only one LRP application to NIH in any fiscal year, even though your research may be appropriate for more than one of the programs. Applications will be accepted between September 1 and November 15.

Please follow this link for more program details:
http://www.lrp.nih.gov/about_the_programs/index.aspx

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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