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## TRIPLL News

May 2010

**From the Translational Research Institute on Pain in Later Life.**

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### News

#### **TRIPLL Investigator Presents on the NBC Nightly News**

Dr. Steven Passik, a TRIPLL co-investigator, presented information about opioid abuse and chronic pain on the NBC Nightly News with Chuck Scarborough on May 17, 2010. Dr. Passik explained that the United States prescription drug abuse and diversion problem stems from two issues: problems with treating chronic pain and problems with opioid abuse. Dr. Passik noted the disconnect between many physician's desire to treat their patients' chronic pain and the reluctance to prescribe opioids. Dr. Passik also gave tips on how to safely dispose of medications at home.

To see the news segment go to: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A33pk5bp1kU&feature=player\\_embedded#!](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A33pk5bp1kU&feature=player_embedded#!)

#### **Short Report: NIH 5th Annual Pain Consortium, May 2010**

On May 5, 2010 over 200 pain researchers met at the 5th annual NIH Pain Consortium meeting in Washington, D.C. The annual meeting was aimed at introducing and developing new ideas on pain management and translational research, and this year's theme was "Moving Towards Personalized Pain Management." One session "Translating Research into Tailored Clinical Practice" had

direct relevance to TRIPLL and was entirely devoted to pain research and methods of translation. Five presentations were given on this topic, including "Trends and Risks of Chronic Opioid Therapy Among the Elderly" by Michael Von Korff, Ph.D., Group Health Research Institute and "Psychopathology as a Predictor of the Efficacy of Pain Management Strategies" by Ajay D. Wasan, M.D., Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard University.

To see the full video-cast or to learn more about the meeting go to: <http://guest.cvent.com/EVENTS/Info/Summary.aspx?e=16903add-3443-4b8d-8c44-68cf6995ad99>

### **Fourth Annual Bronfenbrenner Lecture: Exploring a Psychosocial Model of Cumulative Risk**

On March 15th, 2010 Dr. Teresa Seeman gave the Fourth Annual Bronfenbrenner Lecutre on cumulative risk, linking biological pathways, social experiences and aging. Dr. Seeman spoke about various factors that impact health and aging and how these factors relate to biological pathways by "getting under our skin." Dr. Seeman indicated that wear and tear on the regulator system can affect the body in different ways, including metabolic regulation, cardiovascular regulation and immune function. Additionally, she spoke about the psychological impact of these factors and the downstream impact on multi-systems in the body over time.

You can watch the complete lecture here: <http://www.ctll.com/publicaccess/blcc-sem/blcc-20100315-eng-ts/f.htm>

### Upcoming Events

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

#### **Weill Cornell Medical College**

#### **"The War on Pain; Whose War Is It; Do We Have The Right Tools to Win; Are We Winning It?" Medicine Grand Rounds**

Dr. Cary Reid

Wednesday, June 22

Uris Auditorium

1300 York Avenue, New York, NY 10021

#### **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>

Friday June 11th, 2010

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

### **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center**

#### **Sensing Stress and Misfolded Proteins in Aging and**

Neurodegenerative Disease

Thursday June 3, 2010

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM

Rick Morimoto, PhD

Bill and Gayle Cook Professor of Biology, Director, Rice Institute  
for Biomedical Research, Northwestern University

Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

1275 York Avenue

Room M-107

New York, NY 10065 Host: Cole Haynes

Tea will be served at 1:15 PM.

#### **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](mailto: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](http://www.hss.edu/files/spring10_edprogram_FINAL.pdf)

### **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](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.  
Deadline for abstract submission: 23:59 EDT, May 31, 2010  
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.  
Submit abstracts through [www.isuh2010.org](http://www.isuh2010.org)

Funding Opportunities

## **Pain-Related Funding:**

### **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>

### **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>

### **Rheumatic Diseases Research Core Centers (RDCCs)**

Release Date: May 14, 2010

Letters of Intent Receipt Date: July 27, 2010

Application Receipt Date: August 27, 2010

Peer Review Date: January 2011

Council Review Date:May 2011

Earliest Anticipated Start Date:July 2011

Additional Information To Be Available Date (Url Activation Date): Not Applicable

Expiration Date:August 28, 2010 Due Dates for E.O. 12372

Purpose.The National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) invites applications for Research Core Centers (P30s) in rheumatic diseases. The Rheumatic Diseases Research Core Centers (RDCCs) will provide shared facilities and services to groups of established, currently funded investigators addressing scientific problems in rheumatic diseases, in order to improve efficiency, accelerate the pace of research, and ensure greater productivity.

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AR-11-001.html>

### **Aging-Related Funding:**

Novel Biomarkers to Accelerate Drug Discovery for Frontotemporal Dementias

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:** 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. 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](http://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

E-mail: [dshineman@alzdiscovery.org](mailto:dshineman@alzdiscovery.org)

For more information regarding the application process,  
please contact: Adam Liebling, Senior Grants Manager

Phone: 212-901-8005 E-mail: [aliebling@alzdiscovery.org](mailto:aliebling@alzdiscovery.org)

### **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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