



CWRU Diabetes, Obesity & Metabolism Center Kickoff Meeting

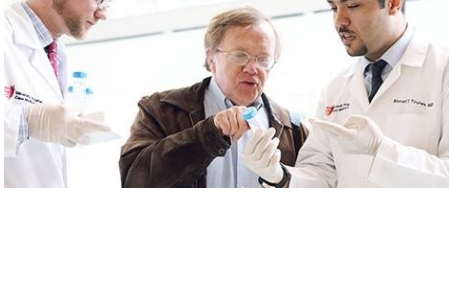
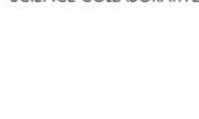
SAVE THE DATE - March 18, 2022 - 9am to 1pm

Join us at the kickoff meeting to create a new
CWRU Diabetes, Obesity & Metabolism Center

This cross institutional meeting is an opportunity to hear from National leaders in the field, learn about plans for the Center and to meet collaborators and take part in workshops to design the future of the Center.

This is a virtual event and is intended for anyone interested in Diabetes, Obesity, and Metabolism such as healthcare providers, academic researchers, and community partners.

Stay tuned for registration information later in January
This event is supported by CTSC and UH Diabetes and Obesity Center
Questions? Contact: diabetes@uhhospitals.org



Department of Medicine: 2022 Team Science Challenge - Deadline for Submissions Extended

Purpose

Team Science is an important means of advancing modern medical research. The awards from the Department of Medicine will provide support for developing a major research proposal. The recipient teams will be multidisciplinary, derived from at least two divisions of the Department of Medicine and/or a faculty member from the Department of Medicine and others from departments outside of medicine, and be multi PI. Grants will have an initial annual budget not to exceed \$25,000 direct costs each and be for up to one year in duration.

Eligibility

Co-Principal Investigators representing different disciplines are required. At least one of the Principal Investigators must be a member of the faculty of the Department of Medicine at Case Western Reserve University. Post-doctoral fellows, residents, graduate students and research associates are not eligible to apply for these research grants, but may be an integral part of a proposal made by a faculty member.

Application Deadline: February 1, 2022

[Get more info and the application form here >](#)



UH Clinical Network Leadership Announcement:
Department of Medicine, Divisions of Infectious Disease and Internal Medicine
from Kim Sanders, Director, UHPS Medical Services

Debbie Rudisille, Administrator in the Department of Medicine who supports the divisions of Infectious Disease and Internal Medicine has announced her retirement effective 12/31/21. Debbie celebrated 41 years at UH this year! She has supported Infectious Disease for almost 40 years and Internal Medicine for 4 years. Debbie has been a great partner to the division chiefs, faculty, administration, and staff throughout her tenure. We wish Debbie well and thank her for the many contributions she has made to the Department of Medicine and the organization.

I am happy to share the news that **Marina Mikals** has accepted the position of Administrator I for the Department of Medicine to support the divisions of Infectious Disease and Internal Medicine effective Monday, January 3rd. Marina joined UH in 2014 as a Practice Manager for OB-GYN before accepting a role as an Operations Strategist. She served as an Operations Strategist for the Patient-Centric and Revenue Management (PCARM) project which included implementing the Soarian scheduling and financial system for over 300 unique practices, specifically focused on registration and billing workflows. Marina was promoted to Manager for Electronic Revenue Oversight, which is the position she has held most recently.

She has a Bachelor's degree in Health Administration from the University of Phoenix.

Welcome Marina!

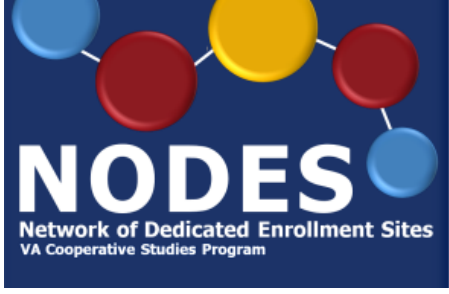


Director, Case Comprehensive Cancer Center Candidate Search

Case Western Reserve University (CWRU) and its academic medical center partners, Cleveland Clinic (CC) and University Hospitals (UH), which together form the consortium of the NCI designated comprehensive cancer center, seek the next director for the Case Comprehensive Cancer Center (Case CCC). The Case CCC provides a unique forum and academic network for cancer researchers across our community to accomplish more than they may individually. Through the Case CCC, our medical institutions are linked in a stronger and more unified effort to understand the causes and progression of cancer and to use that understanding to develop treatments and to reduce the likelihood that our population will develop cancer and suffer from its consequences.

[Read More >](#)

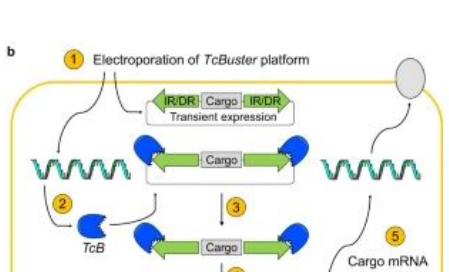
Awards - Appointments - Publications



Drs. Curtis Donskey and Margaret Tiktin, leaders of the Cleveland Clinical Research Center, were chosen as a Cooperative Studies Program (CSP) **Network of Dedicated Enrollment Sites (NODES)**

The **Cleveland VA Clinical Research Center** is designed to enable clinical researchers to provide new treatments more efficiently and quickly to Veterans by supporting new methods and approaches to clinical and translational research and to assemble interdisciplinary teams to cover the complete spectrum of medical research. The Cleveland VA is currently engaged in 7 studies sponsored by the VA Cooperative Studies Program (CSP), with an additional 4 in discussion. Drs. Donskey and Tiktin have extensive experience serving as a Lead Site for 3 multi-center VA trials.

This award will greatly expand the Cleveland VA capacity to participate in clinical trials sponsored by CSP and the VA Office of Research & Development, to engage with our rural Community Based Outpatient Clinics and to collaborate with our Minority Veterans Program Coordinators, thus expanding access to novel clinical trials for a greater number of Veterans. Participation as a site within NODES will also expand our partnering with VA sites across the nation and participate in VA initiatives for research improvement, evaluation, and planning.

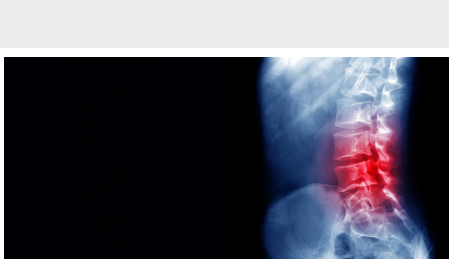


A BAFF ligand-based CAR-T cell targeting three receptors and multiple B cell cancers

This article was published recently in "Nature Communications" about the new CAR-T cell therapy developed in **Dr. Reshmi Parameswaran's** lab.

[Read the Article >](#)

Research News



Classification of Axial Spondyloarthritis Inception Cohort (CLASSIC) study

University Hospitals is conducting a research study for individuals experiencing undiagnosed back pain for three months or more. Learn more about the study and eligibility at the link below.

[Learn More >](#)

Education News



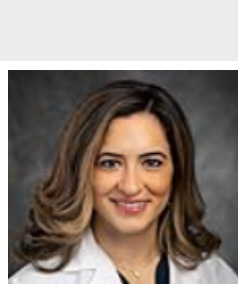
UH Roe Green Center for Travel Medicine Prepares Students for Study Abroad

Dr. Keith Armitage gives advice for travel during this most recent COVID-19 surge.

John Carroll University sophomore Josephine Schierloh is part of a group of students preparing for a two-day trip to the Arizona/Mexico border during winter break in January. She is one of several students traveling to various parts of the world who recently came to the University Hospitals Roe Green Center for Travel Medicine to receive other vaccinations for things like typhoid fever and hepatitis A. She is already vaccinated against COVID-19.

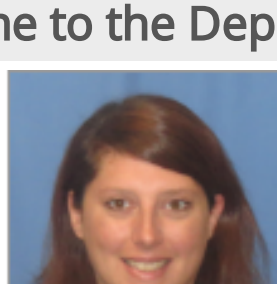
See Fox 8 News' feature on the Roe Green Center for Travel Medicine Clinic for traveling students by clicking [here](#).

Welcome to the Department



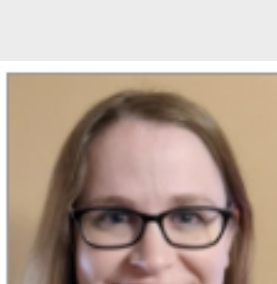
Carine Bou-Abboud, MD

Assistant Professor of Medicine
Division of Gastroenterology and Liver Disease



Marina Mikals

Administrator,
Division of Infectious Diseases & HIV Medicine,
Division of General Internal Medicine



Rebecca Clements

Associate GME Program Administrator
Department of Medicine

Upcoming Events

Medicine Grand Rounds

January 18 - Edsel Maurice Salvana, MD, DTM&H, FPCC, FIDSA
Director, Institute of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology
National Institutes of Health
University of the Philippines Manila
Adjunct Professor for Global Health, University of Pittsburgh
"The Philippine COVID-19 Response: Successes, Failures and Lessons Learned"

Medicine Grand Rounds

January 25 - Alex Gifford, MD
Director, Adult Cystic Fibrosis Program
Director, Cystic Fibrosis Therapeutics Development Center
Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care & Sleep Medicine
"Recent Advances in Clinical Care and Research in Cystic Fibrosis"

Medicine Grand Rounds

February 1 - Aruna Subramanian, MD
Chief, Immunocompromised Host
Infectious Diseases and Geographic Medicine
Stanford
"C-4 Explosive Challenges in Transplant ID - Cocci, CMV, COVID 19, and Cryptic TB"

Medicine Grand Rounds - ANNUAL BERMAN LECTURE

February 8 - Karen Winkfield, MD, PhD
Department of Radiation Oncology
Vanderbilt University Medical Center
MVA Executive Director, Meharry-Vanderbilt Alliance
"TBD"

Medicine Grand Rounds

February 15 - Eli Saade, MD
Division of Infectious Diseases & HIV Medicine
"TBD"

Recurring Events

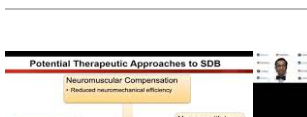
(Zoom information sent out weekly)
Tuesdays @ Noon - **Medicine Grand Rounds Seminar Series** (September - May)
Wednesdays @ Noon - **VA M&M Conference**
Fridays @ Noon - **UH M&M Conference**

Recent Medicine Grand Rounds



Teresa Carman, MD

"Patients with PAD - How Can We Optimize Care?"



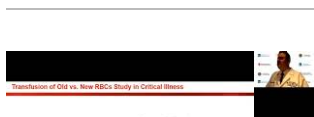
Susheel Patil, MD, PhD

"Obstructive Sleep Apnea: Approaching Treatment Using a Physiologic Paradigm"



Peter Wayne, PhD

"Tai Chi for Whole Person Health: Evidence for Benefits to Balance, Cognition and Pain in Older Adults"



Kenneth Remy, MD

"From Hemolysis to Distancing: From a Storm of Cytokines to Exhaustion of Immunity: SARS-CoV-2 Pandemic Lessons Learned from Sepsis"