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NEXT VIRTUAL SEMINAR: TUESDAY, JUNE 16 AT 12:00 PM

Our next virtual seminar is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 16 at 12:00 PM. Please note the time change.** A Zoom link to access the seminar will be sent out to all members via email. The seminar will be a special interest group presentation by **Dr. Andres Rojo-Duarte** (clinical presentation) and **Dr. Dean Yimlamai** (basic science presentation). Dr. Duarte-Rojo will be speaking on Complications of Cirrhosis in Patients and Dr. Yimlamai will be speaking on Fibrosis in Pre-Clinical Models.

If you have any questions, please email Amanda Bytzura at **bytzuraam@upmc.edu**.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Dr. Lans Taylor is currently looking for a post-doctoral associate to join his lab to work on Human Liver Microphysiology Systems (MPS). The ideal candidate would have excellent experimental skills and an interest in harnessing a team of clinicians and scientists to explore treatment options for NAFLD. **Please [click here](#) for the full job description and spread the word to anyone you know who may be interested.**

TISSUE APPROVAL REQUEST

If you will be having tissue processed by Kim Fuhrer in the Developmental Lab, please contact Kate Smith, BRPC Core manager, at smithkm13@upmc.edu to obtain approval prior to moving forward with the processing. This will ensure that we can adequately track spending so that no one will be denied an opportunity to have tissue processed. Please note that this only applies to human samples. Please contact Kate for more information regarding animal samples.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

- **Dr. Alejandro Soto-Gutierrez** is senior author on an original article in Cell Reports entitled, "Assembly and Function of a Bioengineered Liver for Transplantation Generated Solely from Induced Pluripotent Stem Cells." Please **click here** to read the full text.

- **Dr. Paul Monga** published an open access “Thinking Out Loud” opinion article in Gene Expression: The Journal of Liver Research entitled, “Inside-out” or “Outside-in”: Choosing the right model of Hepatocellular Cancer.” Please **click here** to read the full text.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Mid-Career Enhancement Awards to Integrate Basic Behavioral, Biomedical, and/or Social Scientific Processes (K18 No Independent Clinical Trials)

(PAR-20-211)

NIH Basic Behavioral and Social Science Opportunity Network

National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health

National Cancer Institute

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

National Institute of Mental Health

National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities

Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research

Application Receipt Date(s): March 17, 2021, March 17, 2022, March 17, 2023 All applications are due by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. All types of non-AIDS applications allowed for this funding opportunity announcement are due on these dates.

Mid-Career Enhancement Awards to Integrate Basic Behavioral,

Biomedical, and/or Social Scientific Processes (K18 Basic Experimental Studies with Humans Required)

(PAR-20-226)

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Alcohol-HIV/AIDS Program Project Comorbidities, Coinfections, and Complications Research: Intervention and Cross-Cutting Foundational Research (P01 Clinical Trial Optional)

(RFA-AA-20-009)

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

Application Receipt Date(s): Only accepting applications for the AIDS

Application Due Date listed below.



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