New Funded Grants!

Congratulations to Sue Gardner who was recently funded by NINR for two large projects. Sue is the PI on an R01 titled “Severe Pain During Wound Care Procedures: Model and Mechanisms.” This project aims to “predict which patients are likely to have severe pain during wound care procedures so that they can be targeted for preventive pain control strategies, including use of opioid analgesics and special dressings.” Read more here.

Sue is also a Co-Investigator on a second R01 titled “Decoding the Microbial Bioburden of Diabetic Foot Ulcers: A Metagenomic Approach” awarded to Dr. Elizabeth Grice at the University of Pennsylvania. This project will conduct the “first longitudinal study of the role of the DFU microbiome on DFU outcomes using WGS metagenomic sequencing” as well as be “the first to examine the impact of two commonly employed antimicrobial interventions on the DFU metagenome.” For more information, read here.

Please join us on congratulating Sue on this outstanding accomplishment!

CON Summer Grants Workshop June 15-18

Thanks to everyone who attended our 2015 Summer Grants Workshop! We were pleased with the turnout, which included individuals from the CON as well as a number of visitors from different colleges across campus.

We worked on 8 proposals during the workshop and will be scheduling a “booster” session in the fall to see how things are going. In addition, the November 10 Research Lunch will feature a “Data Blitz” during which 5 of the faculty who were awarded CON Dean’s Research Grants will report on their current findings. We hope you will join us to learn more about their exciting projects!
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I-CART Requests for ICTS Services – Maria Hein

As many of you may have heard, the ICTS recently started using an electronic platform to manage requests for their services. As of May 13, 2015, anyone requesting a new service (e.g., a new REDCap account) is directed to use I-CART to submit the request.

I-CART stands for Iowa Catalog and Research Tracker. To see what services are available for request through I-CART, visit http://www.i-cart.icts.uiowa.edu. To begin using I-CART, remember that every study is required to name a PI, which must be a faculty member. However, individuals on the project team can order services on behalf of that study. So that PI’s are kept in the loop, each service request generates an email to the PI of the project.

I-CART allows you to request a quote for services vs. placing an order for services. That way, you can get a cost-estimate in advance of beginning a new project. Right now, many of the services available are related to bioinformatics consultation. Eventually they will be transitioning the Clinical Research Unit (CRU) services and related lab costs to I-CART as well. At this time, any services that are currently offered at no cost (e.g., REDCap account set up and consultation) will continue to be offered free of charge. Services that require payment now (e.g., data migration and cleaning) will still require a fee for service. If you have any questions regarding I-CART, please contact Maria Hein (maria-hein@uiowa.edu) or Linda Hand (linda-hand@uiowa.edu).

CON Research Forum: September 8, 2015

Our first monthly Research Forum and Lunch of the 2015-2016 school year will take place on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 in 133 CNB. For the 11 AM talk, we are delighted to welcome Dr. Peter Damiano and Dr. Elizabeth Momany from the UI Public Policy Center will talk about “Health Policy Research and the UI Public Policy Center: Opportunities for Collaboration.”

For the Research Lunch at noon, Dr. Barbara Rakel will present on “Non-pharmacologic Strategies for the Control of Postoperative Pain.” All faculty, staff and students are welcome to attend! To access recordings of past research events, please visit: http://nursing.uiowa.edu/research/past-forums

CON Publications

A list of 2014 and 2015 (through July 31, 2015) publications at the CON is included in the PDF version of the August 2015 ONRS Update available here: http://nursing.uiowa.edu/research/onrs-monthly-updates
**2014 Publications**

**Brokel, J.** (2014). Evidence-based clinical decision support improves the appropriate use of antibiotics and rapid strep testing. *Evidence Based Medicine, 19*(3), 118. doi: 10.1136/eb-2013-101625


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