NEW THIS WEEK

NEW DoD Kidney Cancer Research Program Announcements Released, Informational Webinar Available

Pre-Applications are now being accepted for four different award mechanisms as part of the new Department of Defense (DoD) Kidney Cancer Research Program (KCRP). In an effort to assist researchers from urology and other disciplines in navigating and submitting grant applications, the AUA and its advocacy partners, Action to Cure Kidney Cancer (ACKC), KCCure, and the Kidney Cancer Action Network (KCAN), hosted an informational webinar presented by the DoD's KCRP Program Manager, Dr. Donna M. Kimbark. A recording of this highly-informative webinar is now available online. The Pre-Application deadline for all funding opportunities is December 20, 2017.

Learn More

Registration Now Open for the 2018 Annual Urology Advocacy Summit

The American Urological Association will host its first independent advocacy summit on March 12-14, 2018 in Washington D.C. This new, AUA-led event aims to expand, strengthen and unify the voice of urology on policy matters impacting our practices and patients by bringing together a broad array of stakeholders, including patient advocates and researchers. The conference will host speakers ranging from urologists to patients, government employees and members of Congress. It will also feature training in grassroots lobbying for those new to the process, and opportunities for participants to meet with lawmakers and their staff, and officials from agencies such as the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services or the National Institutes of Health.

Learn More

NIH and FDA Regenerative Medicine Innovation Workshop: Focus on Adult Stem Cells

The NIH and FDA are hosting the Regenerative Medicine Innovation Workshop on December 6-7, 2017 at the Bethesda North Marriott & Convention Center. The purpose of the workshop is to explore the state of regenerative medicine science involving adult stem cells with a focus on approaches to the development of safe and effective products. The workshop will identify critical gaps that must be addressed to enable significant innovation and rapid advancement of RM approaches and will explore issues related to product development and standards, regulatory science, and clinical applications. The framework for sessions in six scientific fields is a set of key questions designed to identify the scientific, technical, and operational challenges as well as to highlight strategies for enabling major transformative advances and the development of clinical applications using adult stem cells.
NIH - Individualizing Treatment for Urinary Incontinence: Evolving Research Questions into Research Plans

The NIH will hold the Individualizing Treatment for Urinary Incontinence meeting on **February 1-2, 2018 in Bethesda, MD**. The goal of this meeting is to build on the ideas generated by the March 2017 meeting to develop fundable, interdisciplinary, investigator-initiated research proposals that will lead to better outcomes for currently available treatments by individualizing them to each patient, considering characteristics across the spectrum from biology to the social determinants of health. Adopting this broader framework for research will require engaging researchers from scientific fields beyond urology. In March 2017, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) hosted Individualizing Treatment—Broadening the Framework for Urinary Incontinence Research, where participants reviewed numerous biologic and non-biologic factors that may influence individual treatment success and identified hypotheses and research questions to build the knowledge base that will enable better targeting of existing treatments to appropriate persons with UI. Read the March 2017 meeting summary.

Investigator-Initiated Clinical Trials Targeting Diseases within the Mission of NIH (R01 Clinical Trial Required)

This Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) invites applications for investigator-initiated clinical trials within the mission of the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIH) to be conducted at no more than two clinical research centers. Applications for clinical trials submitted under this FOA should be hypothesis driven, have clearly described aims and objectives, and have a high likelihood that the trial findings will improve understanding, diagnosis, prevention or treatment of the diseases studied and have the potential to impact clinical practice and/or public health. The application deadline is February 5, 2018.

IN THE AUA

Access the Latest Science from the 2017 AUA Annual Meeting!

The 2017 AUA Annual Meeting featured an extraordinary array programs devoted to urologic research! You can now access **FREE** Webcasts from this year’s Basic Sciences Symposium:

- Progenitor Cells and the Origin of Prostate Cancer, Speaker: Michael M. Shen, PhD
- Clinical Trials and Bioethics of Regeneration, Speaker: Carlos R. Estrada Jr., MD
- The First Tissue Engineered Neo-Urinary Conduit Clinical Trial for Complete Organ Replacement: Successes, Pitfalls, Challenges, Speaker: Trinity J. Bivalacqua, MD
- Regenerating and Replacing Organs: Research Ethics and Policy Issues, Speaker: Nancy King, JD
- Bench to Bedside: The Clinical Drug & Device Development Pathways, Speaker: Christopher J. Cutie, MD
CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Register Now for the 2017 SBUR Fall Symposium

This year's **SBUR 2017 Fall Symposium**, "Multiple Genetic and Epigenetic Mechanisms of Urologic Disease," will be held **November 9-12, 2017 at the Westshore Grand in Tampa, FL.** In addition to over 30 outstanding scientific presentations, the agenda will include a “Career Choices and Survival Forum,” a Q&A session with experts addressing scientific careers. Experts include Susan Lim, Ph.D., Program Director at National Cancer Institute; Michael A Tessel, Ph.D., Director of Graduate Career Development and Employer Relations at The University of Chicago; Carolyn Best, Ph.D., Director of the Office of Research at the American Urological Association; and David Degraff, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Pathology at Penn State.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**NIH Social Epigenomics Research Focused on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R21)**

The purpose of this FOA is to support and accelerate innovative exploratory and developmental human epigenomic investigations focused on identifying and characterizing the mechanisms by which social experiences at various stages in life, both positive and negative, affect gene function and thereby influence health trajectories or modify disease risk in minority and health disparity populations. **The application deadline is November 15, 2017.**

**2017 Diokno/Lapides Essay Contest: Now Accepting Applications!**

Win the most prestigious urology prize in the world and have your innovative ideas recognized among those of the greatest urologists of the past 30+ years. This contest is open to all physicians, PhD scientists, and MD and PhD trainees throughout the world. Essays will be judged in a blinded fashion by an independent panel. Contest winners will be announced on January 8. Winners will then be honored among peers at the AUA National Meeting, and Awards Dinner in San Francisco, CA on May 19, 2018. **The essay submission deadline is December 15, 2017.**

**Testing Interventions for Health-Enhancing Physical Activity (R01 - Clinical Trial Optional)**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to fund highly innovative and promising research that tests multi-level physical activity intervention programs acting on at least two levels of the socio-ecological model and designed to increase health-enhancing physical activity: 1) in persons or groups that can benefit from such activity; and 2) that could be made scalable and sustainable for broad use across the nation. **This FOA provides support for up to 5 years for research planning, intervention delivery, and follow-up activities. Early Submission date is January 6, 2018. The first application deadline will be February 5, 2018. The next four application deadlines are: October 5, 2018; June 5,**
OHF Global Registry Initiative: Open Application Deadline!

A call for proposals has been issued to develop international collaborative patient registries and databases to identify the determinants of the clinical manifestations and prognosis of patients with primary hyperoxaluria. Financial support will be given to international collaborative projects that develop and make use of well-defined patient cohorts covering a wide range of genetic and cultural backgrounds. The application deadline is open for this initiative.