NEW THIS WEEK

New Study Indicates the Risks For Alzheimer's in Prostate Cancer Patients Receiving ADT Are Not Increased

A recent report by Medscape, cited a new study in the Journal of Clinical Oncology, in which researchers analyzed 14 years of data involving more than 1.2 million men with prostate cancer. The study showed that the risks for Alzheimer's were not increased in prostate cancer patients receiving androgen deprivation therapy (ADT), which is in contrast with the previous studies indicating an increased risk not just for both Alzheimer's and cognitive impairment.

New Imaging Technique Spots Oxygen-Deprived Prostate Tumors

According to a new study published in Theranostics, scientists at the University of Cambridge, have created a new imaging technique that uncovers oxygen levels in prostate tumors. This could lead to a less invasive identification of aggressive tumors.

IN THE AUA

Announcing the 2017 Rising Stars in Urology Research

The Rising Stars in Urology Research Award Program provides up to $200,000 urology surgeon-scientists with established career development awards to ensure that their protected time for research remains stable to best develop their independent research programs. Congratulations to the 2017 Rising Stars in Urology Research Award recipients, Vijaya Vemulakonda, MD, from the University of Colorado Health Sciences Centre, and Hao Nguyen, MD, PhD from the University of California San Francisco.
Diabetes and Diabetic Uropathy Symposium - Register Now!

The Diabetes and Diabetic Uropathy Symposium, hosted by the AUA, Duke Division of Urology, the American Diabetes Association, the Society of Urodynamics, Female Pelvic Medicine & Urogenital Reconstruction (SUFU), and the Society for Pelvic Research (SPR), will be held on October 8-9, 2017. Held at AUA Headquarters in Linthicum, MD, this two-day meeting will bring together multidisciplinary diabetes researchers with the goal of advancing research in diabetes and diabetic uropathy. Basic science, translational and clinical researchers interested in diabetes in general are encouraged to attend, as well as those with an emphasis on diabetes-associated lower urinary tract dysfunction. Travel awards for trainees and early-careers investigators are available. The deadline for registration is September 25, 2017.

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AUA Annual Meeting In May 2018-Save the Date!

Start making plans now for the 2018 AUA Annual Meeting occurring May 18-21, 2018 in San Francisco, CA. Entering its 113th year, the AUA Annual Meeting is the largest gathering of urologists in the world, providing unparalleled access to groundbreaking research, new guidelines and the latest advances in urologic medicine. With all the AUA has to offer, it's no wonder Annual Meeting attendees unanimously report that the knowledge they take from the meeting positively impacts their practices.

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CONFERENCES and WORKSHOPS

2017 NIH Regional Seminars (Funding/Grants Administration)-Registration Is Now Open!

The National Institutes of Health invites you to participate in the 2017 NIH Regional Seminar on Program Funding and Grants Administration to be held on October 25-27, 2017, in Baltimore, MD at the Renaissance Baltimore Harborplace Hotel. The Seminar serves the NIH mission and training for the next generation of biomedical and behavioral scientists, and is intended to: Demystify the application and review process; clarify federal regulations and policies; and to highlight current areas of special interest or concern. Appropriate for those who are new to working with the NIH grants process – administrators, new and early stage investigators, researchers, graduate students, etc. For those with more experience, the seminar offers a few more advanced sessions, updates on policies and processes direct from NIH staff, as well as valuable presentation resources to share with your institution. The deadline for registration is October 4, 2017.

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Second Global Summit On Precision Diagnosis For Prostate Cancer
The Second Global Summit on Precision Diagnosis for Prostate Cancer will be held on October 13-14, 2017 in Boston, MA. This event is a unique multi-disciplinary forum organized to fill the currently existing gaps among the thought leaders working on cutting-edge diagnostic tools (e.g., biomarkers, imaging, genomics, genetics) in order to educate the key health care stakeholders, create a consensus-based joint strategy, and stimulate novel ideas for improving screening, early detection and treatment. The deadline for registration is October 4, 2017.

American Cancer Association of Cancer Research (ACCR) Special Conference

The ACCR's special conference will be held on December 2-5, 2017, in Orlando, FL. The topic of this year's conference is: "Prostate Cancer: Advances in Basic, Translational, and Clinical Research." The conference will cover the current findings on the basic biology underlying prostate cancer and how these may be translated to the clinic, and the full range of topics from basic science to clinical research. This is a unique opportunity for interactions and exchanges between clinicians and scientists on important topics, and to join internationally-recognized experts and hear the latest in the field of prostate cancer research. The deadline for advanced registration is October 18, 2017.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

OHF Global Registry Initiative: Application Is Now Open!

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.

Apply Now!

FY17 DoD Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program (PRCRP) Bladder Cancer Research Funding

The goal of the Peer Reviewed Cancer Research Program (PRCRP) is to improve quality of life by decreasing the impact of cancer on active duty Service members, their families, and the American public. Bladder cancer research is supported under this program. The pre-application deadline for PRCRP Career Development Awards is September 12, 2017.
Apply Now for Sexual Medicine Society of North America (SMSNA) Research Grants

The SMSNA is now accepting applications for the SMSNA Scholars in Sexuality Research Grants Program. This unique program offers young investigators who are interested in sexuality research the opportunity to obtain funding to support their research. Funding is available to graduate or medical students, residents in graduate medical training programs, and post-doctorate/post-residency fellow. The SMSNA encourages applications from aspiring researchers in specialties including, but not limited to: urology, psychology, psychiatry, gynecology, internal medicine, geriatrics, public health, physiology, genetics, molecular biology, social work, and law. The application deadline is October 1, 2017.

NIH Administrative Supplements for Validation Studies of Analytical Methods for Dietary Supplements and Natural Products (PA-17-447)

This FOA builds on existing NIH awards to support the performance and publication of formal single-laboratory validation studies of relevant quantitative analytical methods. Candidate constituents for quantitative method validation studies may include, but are not limited to: phytochemicals, nutrients, and potentially deleterious substances such as pesticides and mycotoxins. Multi-laboratory validation studies will not be supported through this FOA. The three application deadlines are: October 15, 2017, January 15, 2018, and April 15, 2018.

NIA Paul B. Beeson Emerging Leaders Career Development Award in Aging (K76)

This FOA invites early-stage physician and other health-professional investigators with a commitment to aging research to apply for this award to advance their research and leadership skills in their specialty and in the broader field of aging and geriatrics research. The National Institute on Aging is pursuing this initiative to recruit new investigators who have begun to establish research programs and who, through this award, will be ready to assume leadership roles in their field of expertise and will be poised to change theory, practice and health outcomes related to the health of older individuals. Unlike other mentored K awards, candidates for this award must have received competitively awarded research support as a PD/PI at the faculty level or have otherwise leveraged faculty-level research support to develop an independent line of research. They must show evidence of leadership in the clinical or research domain. The application deadline is October 19, 2017.

Pragmatic Research in Healthcare Settings to Improve Kidney Disease Prevention and Care (R18)

The purpose of this Research Demonstration and Dissemination Projects (R18) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to encourage research applications to test approaches to improve kidney disease prevention and/or treatment in routine healthcare settings. Research applications should be designed to test practical and potentially sustainable strategies that target the prevention or improved care of kidney disease, or the prevention or delay of the complications of
kidney disease. The goal of the research is to obtain results that will improve routine healthcare practice and inform healthcare policy for the prevention or management of these conditions. **The application deadline is October 24, 2017.**

**NIH Limited Competition for the Continuation of the Chronic Renal Insufficiency Cohort Scientific and Data Coordinating Center (U24)**

The purpose of this Limited Competition is to extend the Chronic Renal Insufficiency Cohort (CRIC) Study by continuing to support the Scientific and Data Coordinating Center. The CRIC Study is a multi-center, prospective, observational cohort study of men and women with chronic kidney disease (CKD). The operational components of the study include seven Clinical Centers and a Scientific and Data Coordinating Center (SDCC). The CRIC Study, established in 2001, has recruited approximately 5,500 study participants and followed them with annual in-person clinic visits and interim telephone contacts. **Pre-application starts on September 26, 2017. Application Deadline is: October 26, 2017 by 5:00 PM**

**Research Grant Program: Oxalosis & Hyperoxaluria Foundation (OHF)**

The OHF is currently soliciting research proposals for its Fall 2017 cycle. The OHF supports research that will ultimately lead to new diagnostics, treatments, and/or a cure for primary hyperoxaluria and related hyperoxaluric conditions. Up to $200,000 total cost per project per year can be requested, with a maximum project length of 2 years. Meritorious projects are selected after a rigorous scientific review process. **The application deadline is November 1, 2017.**

**George M. O’Brien Kidney Research Core Centers (P30)**

The goal of the **O’Brien Kidney Research Center** program is to make state-of-the art technologies and resources readily accessible to a broad spectrum of investigators pursuing studies in relevant topic areas. The emphases for this program are fourfold: (1) to attract new scientific expertise to and develop new tools for the study of human kidney physiology and disorders in humans and in animal and other models; (2) to encourage multidisciplinary research in these areas; 3) To explore new areas with translational potential; and 4) to generate Developmental Research (DR)/Pilot and Feasibility (P and F) studies which could lead to new and innovative approaches to study kidney disease. **The application deadline is November 1, 2017.**

**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 and the winners will be honored among peers at the AUA National Meeting in May.

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