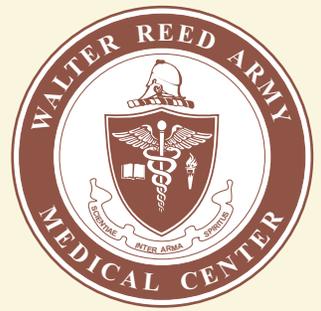


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News and notes from the Department of Clinical Investigation
Walter Reed Army Medical Center
Washington, D.C.

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Congratulations to the Bailey K. Ashford Research Award Nominees!

The Department of Clinical Investigation is proud to announce the nominees for the 29th Annual Bailey K. Ashford Clinical and Laboratory Research Award. DCI received 38 nominations this year. The nominees are:

Clinical: CPT Jimie Anderson (General Surgery), MAJ Philip Belmont (Orthopaedic Surgery), CPT Jay Bucci (Internal Medicine), MAJ Mark Cossentino (Gastroenterology), CPT(P) Jasmine Daniels (Hematology/Oncology), CPT Jonathan Davison (Internal Medicine), CPT Marten Duncan (Gastroenterology), MAJ Eric Elgin (Cardiology), MAJ Kevin Gancarczyk (Urology), CPT Philip Gentlesk (Cardiovascular Diseases), MAJ Edward Gorak (Hematology/Oncology), MAJ Christos Hatzigeorgiou (General Medicine), CPT(P) Donald Helman (Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine), MAJ Inku Hwang (Gastroenterology), MAJ Timothy Lee (Internal Medicine), CPT James Maxwell (Nephrology), CPT Michael Moffatt (Nephrology), MAJ Brian Mulhall (Gastroenterology), CPT Nathan Negin (Internal Medicine), CPT Karin Nicholson (Internal Medicine), MAJ Mary Parker (Vascular Surgery), CPT Russell Peckham (Internal Medicine), CPT Joel Reynolds (Nephrology), LT Ruth Scrano, USN (Pediatrics), MAJ Scott Shawen (Orthopaedic Surgery), and CPT Christine Waasdorp (Pediatrics).

Laboratory: MAJ Philip Belmont (Orthopaedic Surgery), CPT(P) Jasmine Daniels (Hematology/Oncology), MAJ Eric



Elgin (Cardiology), MAJ Charles Fox (General Surgery), MAJ Barnett Gibbs (Infectious Diseases), MAJ David Harford (Pediatric Hematology/Oncology), CPT Sean Montgomery (General Surgery), CPT Jeremy Perkins (Hematology/Oncology), LCDR David

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HIPAA Takes Effect 14 April!

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996 includes patient privacy regulations that go into effect on 14 April 2003. HIPAA, also known as "The Privacy Rule", specifically defines confidentiality as it pertains to research.

If you are a PI on a WRAMC approved research protocol and you will not be enrolling any new patients after that date, HIPAA does not apply to you, and you do not need to make any changes. If your protocol will be consenting/enrolling new patients after that date, HIPAA does apply to your study.

To find out whether your protocol needs an Authorization, please consult the HIPAA Research Roadmap (Figure 1). Most protocols currently enrolling patients and that have a consent form will need to develop a patient Authorization (see the authorization template, Figure 2). Authorization will be reviewed by DCI staff and forwarded to the Privacy Board for final approval.

For more information on HIPAA, please see the DCI website which includes HIPAA regulations, templates and presentations. (Cont on pages 3 & 4)

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WRAMC Researchers Win PRIA Awards

Congratulations to WRAMC researchers as they won 3 Presidential Research Initiative Awards (PRIA) at the 49th annual meeting of the American Association of Electrodiagnostic Medicine in Toronto, Canada in October.

The following won PRIA, with the first authors receiving a cash award:

- 1) Potts RE, Barner KC, Landau ME, Campbell WW. **Body mass index as a risk factor for ulnar neuropathy and carpal tunnel syndrome.**
- 2) Landau ME, Barner KC, Campbell WW. **Optimal distance for screening conduction studies for ulnar neuropathy at the elbow.**
- 3) Diaz MI, Landau ME, Barner KC, Campbell WW. **Optimal distance for nerve conductions: the 10 cm rule in the 21st century.**

In addition, there were two Junior Member Recognition

Awards. These are given to junior members who are first authors on an accepted abstract. The first was given to CDR Robert E. Potts, USN (Clinical Neurophysiology Fellow) for the first abstract listed above. MAJ Kristen C. Barner MC (Neurology Staff) was awarded the second for:

Barner KC, Landau ME, Campbell WW. **Body Habitus Effect on Ulnar Nerve Conduction Velocity Across the Elbow**

DCI would like to congratulate the above researchers for their hard work!



Fiscal Year 2003 (FY03) Department of Defense (DOD) Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program (PRMRP)

The Defense Appropriations Act of 2003 (Public Law 107-248) provides \$50 million to fund peer-reviewed medical research. The Executive Agent for this program, the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC), is soliciting scientifically meritorious proposals addressing the military relevance of the proposed efforts. The USAMRMC requests intramural and extramural research proposals in the following 28 topic areas: Acellular Matrix Research for Military Orthopedic Trauma, Alcoholism Research, Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, Anti-diarrhea supplement, Army Nutrition Research, Augmented Care in the Chain of Stroke Survival (ACCESS), Blood-related Cancer Research, Bone-related Disease Research, Cell Response to Anti-cancer Agents, Mt. Sinai Cancer Research Program, Casualty Care Research Center, Chiropractic Care, Epilepsy, Infectious Disease Tracking System, Interstitial Cystitis Research, Low Vision Research, Medical Digital Assistance, Military Relevant Disease and Injury, Miniature Renal Assist Devices, Natural Toxin Detection Technology, Neuroscience Research, Paget's disease, Personal Intelligent Medical Assistant, Providence Cancer Center, Respiratory Research, Smoking Cessation, Social Work Research, and Volume Angio CAT (VAC) Research. Proposals are being requested from agencies of local, state, and federal governments, educational institutions, non-profit organizations, and private industry. Applicants are encouraged to collaborate with federal agencies (military treatment facilities and research laboratories, Department of Veterans Affairs, Centers for Disease Control, etc.). Proposals will be assessed based on how they complement existing DOD research. Both the USAMRMC Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) 02-1 and the FY03 PRMRP supplement to the USAMRMC BAA 02-1 contain information pertinent to proposal submission, evaluation, and selection. The USAMRMC Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) 02-1 is available at <http://www.usamraa.army.mil/pages/index.cfm>. The FY03 PRMRP supplement to the USAMRMC BAA 02-1 is available at http://www.usamraa.army.mil/pages/doc/FY03-PRMRP_BAA.doc. Complete proposals must be submitted electronically no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on April 17, 2003.

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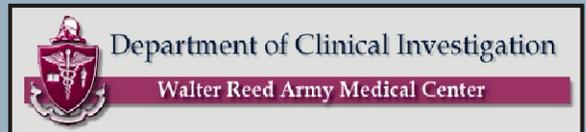


Figure 1. HIPAA Research Roadmap*

<p>Are you intending to collect data on any of the 18 personal health identifiers?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Names 2. Street address, city, county, 5-digit zip code 3. Months and dates (years are OK) and ages >89 (unless all persons over 89 years are aggregated into a single category) 4. Telephone numbers 5. Fax numbers 6. E-mail addresses 7. Social security number 8. Medical record number 9. Health plan beneficiary number 10. Account number 11. Certificate/license number 12. Vehicle identification number (VIN) and/or license plate number 13. Device identifiers and serial numbers 14. URLs (Uniform Resource Locators) 15. Internet protocol address number 16. Biometric identifiers, such as finger and voice prints 17. Full face photographic images or any comparable images 18. Any other unique identifying number, characteristic, or code such as patient initials 	<p>No →</p>	<p>HIPAA does not apply.</p>
<p>Yes ↓</p>		
<p>Will the Protected Health Information (PHI) be completely de-identified, based on one of these criteria?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The data collection forms and database will be stripped of all 18 identifiers, and the Master Link irrevocably destroyed shortly after subject enrollment. b. A statistician can verify that there is less than a “very small” risk that an individual’s identity can be detected. 	<p>Yes →</p>	<p>No Authorization or Waiver is necessary.</p>
<p>No ↓</p>		
<p>Can you limit your collection of personal health identifiers to just dates, city/state/zip, and/or “other unique identifier” (#18 above)? (defined as a “limited data set” in HIPAA-speak)</p>	<p>Yes →</p>	<p>Provide a Data Use Agreement. No Authorization or Waiver is necessary.</p>
<p>No ↓</p>		
<p>Is obtaining patient Authorization “impracticable,” as determined by the IRB? (protocol may qualify as “HIPAA minimum risk” – see DoD regulation 6025.LL-R, C7.9.2).</p>	<p>Yes →</p>	<p>Request Waiver in protocol, but disclosures must be tracked.</p>
<p>No ↓</p>		
<p>Is data collection “preparatory to research” in order to determine how many potential research subjects meet study recruitment criteria?</p>	<p>Yes →</p>	<p>No Authorization necessary.</p>
<p>No ↓</p>		
<p>Research subject will need to sign Authorization – the Authorization should be separate from the informed consent form</p>		

* Note: HIPAA is a complex law, and its research application is still subject to interpretation. This Roadmap is subject to revision as the interpretation of the law evolves. For more information, see DoD regulation 6025.LL-R. March 10, 2003

Figure 2. Authorization for Research Use of Protected Health Information

[Investigator: This is the template Authorization for Research Use of Protected Health Information. First, fill in the blanks. Then, customize the sections that are italicized to be appropriate for your particular research study. Finally, remove all other italicized sections. For more information, consult DoD regulation 6025.LL-R, section C5.3]

Protocol Title: _____

Principal Investigator: _____ **Work Unit #:** _____

The federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) includes a Privacy Rule that gives special safeguards to Protected Health Information (PHI) that is identifiable, in other words, can be directly linked to you (for example, your name, Social Security Number, birth date, etc.). We are required to advise you how your PHI will be used.

1. What information will be collected?

For this research study, we will be collecting information about... *Example: your overall health status, any side effects that you are experiencing, and how the medicines are affecting the size of the tumors.* In addition, we will be collecting the following personal health identifiers: *Dates, initials, etc.*

2. Who may use my PHI within the Military Healthcare System?

The members of the WRAMC research team will have access to your health information in order to find out if you qualify to participate in this study, *to administer research treatments, to monitor your progress, and to analyze the research data.* Additionally, your PHI may be made available to health oversight agencies such as the WRAMC Department of Clinical Investigation and other agencies.

3. What persons outside of the Military Healthcare System will receive my PHI?

Examples: The Principal Investigator or designee will send your PHI to the CALGB Data Coordinating Center at Duke University (or its successors) to be analyzed. The study sponsor may need to do an audit of the research records. If you experience a complication, we may need to send a copy of your medical record (with your name and other personal identifying information blacked out) to the study sponsor.

4. What is the purpose for using or disclosing my Protected Health Information (PHI)?

a. The members of the WRAMC research team need to use your PHI in order to analyze the information to *find out whether the drug we are testing is effective and to monitor your safety.*

b. *For disclosures outside the DoD: Your blood sample, which will be labeled with your initials, will be sent to the Tissue Bank at Ohio State University (or its successors) for testing in accordance with the approved study.*

5. How long will the researchers keep my Protected Health Information?

The WRAMC research team in the *Cardiology Service* will keep the research data *for up to three years* after the end of the study. *Then all the information will be destroyed.* The master code will be destroyed as soon as *all data collection is completed.* *For a database or tissue banking study: There is no expiration date.*

6. Can I review my own research information? *Examples:*

a. *If the research includes blinding research participants to their study group: You will not be able to look at your research information until the study has ended.*

b. *If the research data was obtained from persons other than a health care provider under a promise of confidentiality, and access to the data would likely reveal the source of the information: You will not be able to look at your research information.*

c. *Other studies: You may look at your personal research information at any time.*

7. Can I cancel this Authorization?

Yes. If you cancel this Authorization, you will no longer be included in the research study.

For an interventional study: However, the information that has already been collected will be kept by the research team to assure patient safety.

For a survey that involves no physical risks to the patient: The information we collected from you can be destroyed at your request.

If you want to cancel your Authorization, please contact the Principal Investigator at *phone number.*

8. What will happen if I decide not to sign this Authorization?

If you decide not to sign this Authorization, you will not be able to participate in this research study. Refusal to sign this Authorization will not result in any loss of medical benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

9. Can my Protected Health Information be disclosed to parties not included in this Authorization?

There is a potential that your research information will be shared with another party not listed in this Authorization in order to meet legal or regulatory requirements (for example, certain infectious diseases have to be reported to State officials). This disclosure is unlikely to occur, but in that case, your health information would no longer be fully protected.

10. Who should I contact if I have any complaints?

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you may file a written complaint with the WRAMC Privacy Officer, 6900 Georgia Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20307. Telephone: 202-782-3501.

The signature below acknowledges receipt of this Authorization:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

If you are a parent, court-appointed representative, or acting as power of attorney, indicate your authority to act for the participant: _____

Print Name: _____

A copy of this signed Authorization will be provided to you.

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Recently Approved Protocols at WRAMC

Congratulations to the following principal investigators on their recently approved protocols. The following protocols have been approved since last issue.

Department of Allergy-Immunology

MAJ Warner Carr, MC 03-33007EX: Epinephrine Prescribing Patterns For Anaphylaxis At WRAMC.

MAJ Warner Carr, MC 03-33008EX: Use of HE2000 in the Treatment of Leishmaniasis in the U937 Cell Line.

Department of Medicine

Endocrinology Service

CPT Amanda M. Bell, MC 03-13011EX: A Retrospective Review Evaluating the Rating of Thyroid FNA Cellular Content Adequacy by Endocrinologists and Pathologists as Compared to the Internal WRAMC Standard

CPT David Y. Gaitonde, MC 03-13012EX: Papillary Thyroid Cancer: A Review of the Walter Reed Experience

Gastroenterology Service

MAJ John Napierkowski, MC 03-14014: The Effect of Bowel Preparation in Wireless Capsule Endoscopy (WCE)

CPT David Sachar, MC 03-14015: A Prospective Comparison of a New Immunochemical Fecal Occult Blood Test, InSURE,™ With Standard Guaiac, Fecal Occult Blood Sampling, Hemoccult.

Jennifer Lee, R.N., DAC 03-14015EX: Current GI endoscope disinfection and Quality Assurance practice patterns

MAJ Brian Mulhall, MC 03-14016EX: The Cost-effectiveness of Screening for Barrett's Esophagus in Patients undergoing Endoscopy for Gastroesophageal Reflux

General Medicine Service

CPT Nicole Richard, MC 03-10013EX: Recombinant Human Thyrogen And Its Use In Surveillance For Recurrent/Residual Thyroid Cancer In Patients Treated At WRAMC.

MAJ C. Hatzigeorgiou, MC 03-10014EX: A Survey of Mental Health in a Sleep Clinic

Hematology-Oncology Service

COL Joseph Drabick, MC 03-15024: CALGB 90102: A Phase II Study of Cisplatin, Gemcitabine, and ZD1839 (IRESSA) (IND #61187, NSC 715055) for the Treatment of Advanced Urothelial Tract Carcinoma

MAJ Jamie Waselenko, MC 03-16015: A Randomized Phase II Study of Thalidomide 200mg + Dexamethasone Versus examethasone Alone as Maintenance Therapy for Multiple Myeloma Following Autologous Bone Marrow

Infectious Disease

CPT Timothy Straight MC 02-19005: Validation of a Diagnostic Algorithm for the Evaluation of Nosocomial Febrile Illness

LTC Glenn Wortmann, MC 03-19006: Rate of Bacteremia after Routine Teech Brushing

LTC Joel Fishbain, MC 03-19004EX: Nosocomial Transmission of Methicillin Resistant Staph Aureus: Identifying At-Risk Patients

LTC Glenn Wortmann, MC 03-19005EX: Development of New Leishmaniasis Diagnostic and Prognostic Indicators

MAJ Barnett Gibbs, MC 03-19007EX: Fielding and Evaluation of Voice and Data Transfer Capabilities of a Global Satellite Telephone Network in Support of USAMRMC Research Laboratories

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Recent WRAMC Publications

Congratulations to the following WRAMC investigators on their recently published papers. This list was compiled from a recent MEDLINE search of the literature. Listed articles have been cleared through DCI and the WRAMC Public Affairs Office. If you have recently published, and we have not included your publication, please let us know so we may list your publication in the next issue of the newsletter.

Winslow CP, Cook TA, Burke A, Wax MK. **Total nasal reconstruction: utility of the free radial forearm fascial flap.** *Arch Facial Plast Surg.* 2003 Mar-Apr;5(2):159-63.

Lentz JJ, Leek MR. **Spectral shape discrimination by hearing-impaired and normal-hearing listeners.** *J Acoust Soc Am.* 2003 Mar;113(3):1604-16.

Gancarczyk KJ, Wu H, McLeod DG, Kane C, Kusuda L, Lance R, Herring J, Foley J, Baldwin D, Bishoff JT, Soderdahl D, Moul JW. **Using the percentage of biopsy cores positive for cancer, pretreatment PSA, and highest biopsy Gleason sum to predict pathologic stage after radical prostatectomy: the center for prostate disease research nomograms.** *Urology.* 2003 Mar;61(3):589-95.

Landau ME, Diaz MI, Barner KC, Campbell WW. **Optimal distance for segmental nerve conduction studies revisited.** *Muscle Nerve.* 2003 Mar;27(3):367-9.

Lee AJ, Norton SA. **The scars of smallpox.** *Arch Dermatol.* 2003 Mar;139(3):279-80.

Swanson SJ, Hale DA, Mannon RB, Harlan DM, Kirk AD. **Kidney transplantation with rabbit antithymocyte globulin and sirolimus monotherapy.** *Lancet.* 2003 Mar 15;361(9361):969-70.

Winters GR 3rd, Maydonovitch CL, Wong RK. **Schatzki's rings do not protect against acid reflux and may decrease esophageal acid clearance.** *Dig Dis Sci.* 2003 Feb;48(2):299-302.

Brown CG. **Testicular cancer: an overview.** *Medsurg Nurs.* 2003 Feb;12(1):37-43

Abbott KC, Hshieh P, Cruess D, Agodoa LY, Welch PG, Taylor AJ, Yuan CM. **Hospitalized valvular heart disease in patients on renal transplant waiting list: incidence, clinical correlates and outcomes.** *Clin Nephrol.* 2003 Feb;59(2):79-87.

Glanton CW, Hypolite IO, Hshieh PB, Agodoa LY, Yuan CM, Abbott KC. **Factors associated with improved short term survival in obese end stage renal disease patients.** *Ann Epidemiol.* 2003 Feb;13(2):136-43.

Mulhall BP, Wong RK. **Infectious Esophagitis.** *Curr Treat Options Gastroenterol.* 2003 Feb;6(1):55-70.

Kent SM, Flaherty PJ, Coyle LC, Markwood TT, Taylor AJ. **Effect of atorvastatin and pravastatin on serum C-reactive protein.** *Am Heart J.* 2003 Feb;145(2):e8.

Bessinger GT, Conologue TD, Krivda SJ, Turiansky GW. **Violaceous plaques in a patient with acquired immunodeficiency syndrome.** *Arch Dermatol.* 2003 Feb;139(2):215-20.

Matsumoto C, Swanson SJ, Agodoa LY, Holtzmuller KC, Abbott KC. **Hospitalized gastrointestinal bleeding and procedures after renal transplantation in the United States.** *J Nephrol.* 2003 Jan-Feb;16(1):49-56.

Abbott KC, Glanton CW, Agodoa LY. **Body mass index and enrollment on the renal transplant waiting list in the United States.** *J Nephrol.* 2003 Jan-Feb;16(1):40-8.

Abbott KC, Bucci JR, Agodoa LY. **Total hip arthroplasty in chronic dialysis patients in the United States.** *J Nephrol.* 2003 Jan-Feb;16(1):34-9.

Lee TC, O'Malley PG, Feuerstein I, Taylor AJ. **The prevalence and severity of coronary artery calcification on coronary artery computed tomography in black and white subjects.** *J Am Coll Cardiol.* 2003 Jan 1;41(1):39-44.

Abbott KC, Trespalacios FC, Taylor AJ, Agodoa LY. **Atrial fibrillation in chronic dialysis patients in the United states: risk factors for hospitalization and mortality.** *BMC Nephrol.* 2003 Jan 24;4(1):1.

Shawen SB, Belmont PJ Jr, Klemme WR, Topoleski LD, Xenos JS, Orchowski JR. **Osteoporosis and anterior femoral notching in periprosthetic supracondylar femoral fractures: a biomechanical analysis.** *J Bone Joint Surg Am.* 2003 Jan;85-A(1):115-21.

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Clinical Research Meetings & Conferences

Below is a list of meetings and conferences focusing on various aspects of clinical research. For more information, please see the specific website:

7-8 April: The Future Face of Protecting Human Subjects: Legislation and Implementation.

This national workshop will be held in Burlington, MA and is sponsored by OHRP, Lahey Clinic and Harvard University of Public Health. It is targeted for persons involved in the conduct, sponsorship, and oversight of research involving human subjects protection and will present participants with informational workshops and roundtable discussions on topics including current federal regulations for protection of human research subjects and current and proposed legislation for protection of human research subjects <http://ohrp.osophs.dhhs.gov/wrkshp.htm>

25 April: An Integrated Approach of Patient Protection: Aligning Institutional, Industry, & Investigator Interests.

This is a research community forum in Philadelphia, PA sponsored by OHRP and the Main Line Health Heart Center in Philadelphia. Topics include regulations and ethical principles that govern human subjects research and potential areas of conflict that may exist in the performance of research. [Http://ohrp.osophs.dhhs.gov/wrkshp.htm](http://ohrp.osophs.dhhs.gov/wrkshp.htm)

25-26 April: Exploring Cultural Currents: Domestic and International Issues in Research with Human

Subjects. This PRIM&R co-sponsored conference will be held in Houston, TX and will focus on the challenges and opportunities facing researchers who work with different cultures both in this country and internationally. <http://www.primr.org/conferences.html>

1-3 May: Building a Research Agenda in Communication Sciences and Disorders: Lessons for Success.

This ORI sponsored conference will be held in Savannah, Georgia and will focus on scientific integrity and promote the responsible conduct of research to researchers specializing in communication sciences and disorders who are in the early stages of their careers. <http://ori.dhhs.gov/html/programs/upcomingconferences-workshops.asp>

4-6 June: PRIM&R & IRB101: Protecting Research Volunteers: Ethics & Practice.

This national workshop will be held in New Orleans, LA and is sponsored by OHRP, Tulane University HSC and Xavier University. Attendees will have the opportunity to attend an informational workshop and participate in discussions on topics including: current DHHS federal guidelines for protection of human research subjects and proposed legislation for human research protections <http://ohrp.osophs.dhhs.gov/wrkshp.htm>

CITI Web-Based CE Research Course Reminder

DCI would like to remind WRAMC researchers that completion of the Collaborative IRB Training Initiative (CITI) Continuing Education Course is required for all PIs that have completed one of the two basic training requirements, but not in the past 3 years.

DCI currently has two basic training options available to WRAMC investigators: the full length (or "core") CITI Web-based Research Course and the onsite "live" Research Course. Completion of ONE of these courses is required for all individuals wishing to serve as a Principal Investigator (PI) on a WRAMC research protocol and is highly encouraged for all personnel involved in research.

Please note that new protocols received by DCI with PIs that have not complied with this requirement may have their approval date delayed until this requirement is met. Previously trained investigators with ongoing protocols who have not been trained in the last three years need to complete this continuing education course to remain in good administrative standing.

For more information on the CITI continuing education course and to begin training see www.wramc.amedd.Army.mil/Departments/dci/WebCourse-CE.htm.

Research Alert List Reminder!

In order to provide better service to Walter Reed researchers, DCI has established a Researcher Alert List.

The Researcher Alert List consists of important periodic updates on policy changes, procedures, regulations, etc. that directly impact Walter Reed medical researchers.

If you are a Principal Investigator, Associate Investigator, research nurse, or want to be kept informed of key research developments, it is important that you be included on this list.

In order to receive the Research Alerts, e-mail Ms. Marty Green at (202) 782-7864 or Marty.Green@na.amedd.army.mil, and request to be added to the Research Alert list.



USUHS Annual Research Day: 14-15 May

The Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS) has scheduled the 10th annual Faculty Senate Research Day & Graduate Student Colloquium for 14 and 15 May 2003. This year's theme is "From Bench to Bedside and Battlefield: Translational Research at the Nation's Medical School."

Research Day is held to promote basic science and clinical research collaboration among investigators at USUHS, WRAMC, the National Naval Medical Center, the Naval Medical Research Center, WRAIR, the Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute, the Henry M. Jackson Foundation for the Advancement of Military Medicine and other affiliated institutions.

The event seeks to promote research career enhancement and to educate the researcher in such topics as animal use, grants administration, new methodologies,

ethics, patent issues, and radiation & lab safety. Research Day also aims to encourage student awareness and involvement in research activities.

The two day event will include invited lectures addressing this year's theme, workshops, and oral & poster presentations by USUHS graduate students and other affiliated institutions. This year's keynote speaker is John Gearhart, Ph. D. from the Developmental Genetics Laboratory, Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics at The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. His talk will be entitled: "Human Embryonic Germ Cells: Differentiation and Transplantation."

The deadline to submit online abstracts for presentations is 28 April. For more information, please see www.usuhs.mil/resday/rd2003.html

"Investigator 101" CD-ROM Now Available

The **Investigator 101 CD-ROM** was produced by the Public Responsibility in Medicine and Research (PRIM&R) organization and provides education on the responsible conduct of human research and protection of human subjects. The course contains two presentations, Part 1: "The History and Ethics of Human Subject Research", with Dr. Jeffrey Cooper (Chair, IRB Albany Medical Center), and Part 2: "The Top 10 Responsibilities of Investigators", with Ms. Ada Sue Selwitz (Office of Research Integrity, University of Kentucky). Both talks are divided into short modules. Written transcripts of the talks and a comprehensive set of hyper-linked references and reading materials are also available. For more information on the CD-Rom see: www.primr.org/101cdrom.html.

Copies of the CD-ROM are available to WRAMC researchers at no charge. For your free copy, please call DCI at 202-782-6389.

IRB Calendar

The following Institutional Review Board (IRB) meetings will be held in the months of April, May & June:

CLINICAL INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE (CIC):

01 April	06 May	03 June
15 April	20 May	17 June

HUMAN USE COMMITTEE (HUC):

08 April	13 May	10 June
22 April	27 May	24 June

INSTITUTIONAL BIOSAFETY COMMITTEE (IBC):

12 June

All meetings will begin at 1300, except HUC meetings which will start at 1200. All meetings will be held in the fourth floor conference room, Building 6, WRAMC.

Congratulations to the BKA Research Award Nominees! (Cont from pg 1)

Regis (Pediatric Infectious Disease), LCDR Richard Ruck, USNR (Pediatrics), MAJ Steven Spencer (Pediatric Infectious Disease), and MAJ Kenneth Taylor (Orthopaedic Surgery).

The BKA is presented annually to the graduating trainee who has contributed the most significant research during his/her years of training at WRAMC. Finalists will be chosen by a selection committee, with each finalist presenting his/her research findings at the BKA Symposium on 1 May in Joel Auditorium at 1300 hours. DCI invites the WRAMC community to join us for these presentations.

All finalists will be presented with an Army Commendation Medal, with the award winners (one from each category) presented with an engraved medallion and a \$750 prize at the graduation ceremony in June.

A poster session will also be included as part of the symposium to feature some of the exceptional research achievements of our graduating residents and fellows in Rm 2H26 from 1000 to 1700 hours.

For questions about the award or symposium, please contact CPT Ken Capps at (202) 782-7823 or via E-mail at Ken.Capps@na.amedd.army.mil.

Recently Approved Protocols at WRAMC (cont. from p. 5)

Nephrology Service

- CPT Joel Reynolds, MC 03-11006: The % of Kidney Transplant Recipients Followed in a Single Center Outpatient Nephrology/Transplant Clinic with BK Virus Infection (WRAMC)
- MAJ Kevin C. Abbott, MC 03-11015EX: Use of beta-blockers and aspirin in Acute Coronary Syndrome by Patient Renal Function in the Military Healthcare System

Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine Service

- Shana Rechter, R.N 03-17022EX: Collection And Analysis Of Department Of Defense Critical Care Patient Data From The Walter Reed Army Medical Center In Order To Evaluate The Feasibility Of Intensive Care Unit Monitoring For Surveillance Of Infectious Disease Outbreaks And Early Detection Of Bioterrorism Threats In The National Capitol Area (NCA)
- MAJ Andrew Shorr, MC 03-17023EX: Incidence of thrombocytopenia and other severe hematological complications arising in treatment of nosocomial pneumonia
- MAJ Andrew F. Shorr, MC 03-17024EX: Is transfusion a risk factor for ventilator-associated pneumonia(VAP)?"
- MAJ Andrew F. Shorr, MC 03-17027EX: Impact Of Antibiotic Selection On Outcomes For Bacteremic Pneumococcal Pneumonia

Department of Neurology

- Deborah Warden, M.D. 02-71010: Telemedicine Assessment of Neurobehavioral Consequences of Traumatic Brain Injury
- Edward Urban, M.D. 02-71012: A Study of the Use of Telemedicine/Teleradiology Consultation in Acute Stroke, Part II
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