Kenneth Pienta, M.D., Is New Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research

The University of Michigan Board of Regents recently approved the appointment of Kenneth J. Pienta, M.D., as Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research at the University of Michigan Medical School and Director of the Michigan Institute of Clinical and Health Research (MICHR).

“Dr. Pienta is already a valued member of the U-M team,” says Steven L. Kunkel, Ph.D., Senior Associate Dean for Research. “As an accomplished physician scientist whose research career has spanned the entire translational research continuum, from basic science discovery to patient care, Dr. Pienta is ideally suited to lead MICHR and assist me in creating a common vision for clinical and translational research at Michigan.”

Dr. Pienta is a Professor of Internal Medicine and Urology; Director, Urologic Oncology Program, U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center; and Director, Experimental Therapeutics for the Michigan Center for Translational Pathology. He is also affiliated with the Cellular and Molecular Biology Program and the Center for Computational Medicine and Biology.

Since 1995, Dr. Pienta has been the Director of the U-M Prostate Specialized Program of Research Excellence. He has a proven, peer-reviewed track record in developing a translational research program that successfully incorporates bench research, agent development, and clinical application. He has international expertise in the development of novel chemotherapeutic programs for prostate cancer. His endeavors in translational research led to the first ever American Association for Cancer Research Team Science Award. As chairman of the Translational Medicine Committee of the Southwest Oncology Group, he is responsible for incorporating the paradigm of translational medicine into clinical trials.

Dr. Pienta is the author of more than 250 peer-reviewed articles and has been the principal investigator on numerous local and national clinical trials. He has a significant clinical presence as an internationally recognized clinician in prostate cancer, as well as being recognized for his development of a “rapid autopsy” program to collect metastatic prostate cancer tissue. He is currently involved in research to define the tumor microenvironment of prostate cancer metastases, as well as developing new therapies for prostate cancer.

In 2005, Dr. Pienta was elected to the American Society of Clinical Investigation. He is a two-time American Cancer Society Clinical Research Professor Award recipient, and he serves on the Boards of the Paget Foundation, Bone and Cancer Foundation, and Southwest Oncology Group.

Dr. Pienta is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. He completed his internal medicine residency at the University of Chicago and his medical oncology fellowship at Johns Hopkins University. He was an Assistant Professor of medicine at the Wayne State University School of Medicine from 1991-1994. Dr. Pienta joined the University of Michigan in 1994 as an Associate Professor of medicine and surgery.

Office of Research Welcomes Joan Keiser, Ph.D.

Senior Associate Dean Steven L. Kunkel, Ph.D., FAHA, has joined the Office of Research from a 20 year career with Park Davis and Pfizer Global Research and Development. At Pfizer, Dr. Keiser was Vice President for Cardiovascular and Metabolic Diseases research overseeing a portfolio of discovery and early clinical drug discovery projects from five research sites around the world.

Dr. Keiser’s ties to the University of Michigan Medical School began in 1978 when she joined the Ph.D. program in Physiology. She reestablished ties with the University in 1994 when she joined the faculty as an Adjunct Professor of Physiology. For the last eight years, Dr. Keiser has taught in the Medical School M1 curriculum. Her role in the Office of Research involves research strategic planning. Please join us in welcoming Dr. Keiser to the Office of Research.

Electronic Routing and Proposal Management (eRPM) is Coming!

Many faculty and staff are aware that all of campus is moving to an electronic routing and approval process for sponsored projects. By late Spring, the Health System will be using the new eRPM (Electronic Routing and Proposal Management) system to route proposals. eRPM also posts all project award documents (PANs and PACs) – creating an electronic file of all official award paperwork.

In February 2009, there will be two large-scale, lecture-style information sessions to give any interested faculty and staff an overview of the eRPM system along with an introduction to the required business process changes within the Medical School and Hospital. Jim Randolph from DRDA/MAIS and Heather Offhaus from the Medical School Grant Review & Analysis Office will be presenting. Both sessions will have the same content and are scheduled for:

Wednesday, February 11, 2009
1:00 - 3:00 PM
3330 Med Sci I

Thursday, February 12, 2009
9:00 - 11:00 AM
3330 Med Sci I

Please register to attend a session online at (http://cgi.research.umich.edu/training/research/research_training_dates.lasso?descr_id=297).
In addition to this opportunity, you are invited and encouraged to visit the eRPM Sandbox and test the look and feel at your leisure. In the Sandbox you may create proposals (test versions only – do not use the system for real projects at this point), practice uploading documents, and try out the features of downloading a federal opportunity and form set through the system. You may access the Sandbox through the eResearch site on the web (http://www.umich.edu/~eresinfo/erpm/sandbox.html).

For those that would like hands-on training in a small setting (in addition to the overview and business process discussion), there will be several opportunities for Health System faculty and staff in the Taubman Library. The sessions will be led by eRPM trainers from MAIS. You may register through the web at (http://cgi.research.umich.edu/training/research/research_training_dates.lasso?descr_id=303).

Finally, if you would like the history and information about the eRPM project, please visit (http://www.umich.edu/~eresinfo/pm.html).

The Health System’s Unit Liaison for this project is Heather Offhaus in the Grant Review & Analysis Office. Feel free to contact Heather at (hmills@umich.edu) or 734-763-4272 with any questions about the system, training, or related information.

**BMRC New Initiatives Fund to Support Basic Science Research**

**Deadline: February 16, 2009**

The Medical School’s Biomedical Research Council (BMRC) is accepting applications to a New Initiatives funding program to support high-quality scientific projects of a primarily basic science nature that are specifically aimed at applying innovative ideas or technology to longstanding problems of critical biomedical importance. For more details about the program and eligibility requirements, please visit the website (http://www.med.umich.edu/medschool/research/support/funding/newinitiatives.htm). If there are questions about the information on the website, please contact Camille Mrozowski in the Office of Research at 734-615-8802 or (cmrozow@umich.edu).

**Research Compliance**

**Training and Education**

**Human Research**

**Information for Device Researchers and Developers**

Most seasoned investigators are aware that federal regulations prohibit commencing research involving human subjects until after an IRB has approved the study or has determined it is exempt. A problem the IRB occasionally encounters is that device investigators know the definitions of “human subjects” and “research” as written in the federal regulations known as the “Common Rule,” 45 CFR 46 subpart A, but not as defined in the Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) device regulations.

The Common Rule defines a “Human Subject” as: “[A] living individual about whom an investigator . . . conducting research obtains: (1) Data through intervention or interaction with the individual, or (2) Identifiable private information” (45 CFR 46.102[f]). It defines “Research” as: “[A] systematic investigation, including research development, testing and evaluation, designed to develop or contribute to generalizable knowledge.”

In contrast, FDA device regulations use different definitions. “Subject means a human who participates in an investigation, either as an individual on whom or on whose specimen an investigational device is used or as a control . . .” 21 CFR 812.3 (p). Research is defined as “[A]ny experiment that involves a test article and one or more human subjects [or specimens] . . . the results of which are intended to be submitted to . . . FDA.” 21 CFR 56.102 (c).

**What difference does this make for investigators developing new devices?** If we use the example of actual humans entering a trial, the difference in terms of IRB review is nil. However, if we are referring to **anonymized specimens** used in early phases of device development, the difference is significant.

Under the Common Rule using completely deidentified specimens would not require IRB review because the specimens do not qualify as “human subjects” because there is no “identifiable private information” associated with the specimens. But under FDA device regulations, the definition of both subjects and research are met if the investigator intends to submit to the FDA the scientific data obtained using the specimens. This data is often submitted to support an application for an “investigational device exemption” (IDE). **Therefore, this use requires IRB review and approval.**

For more information on this topic, contact us at (irbmed@umich.edu) or see the FDA Guidance document titled “Guidance on Informed Consent for In Vitro Diagnostic Device Studies Using Leftover Human Specimens that are Not Individually Identifiable” at (http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/oivd/guidance/1588.pdf).

**Animal Research**

**Happy New Year from the UCUCA Office!**

- **Adding New Students to Protocols**
  Please remember that any new students should be added to your protocol if they will be working with animals. In order to add new personnel, please send an email to the UCUCA Office (ucuca.office@umich.edu) and provide the student’s name and contact information, the UCUCA approved protocol number, and the principal investigator’s name. Or log into eSirius and select “Submit an amendment to an approved protocol.”

- **Vaporizer Use**
  As a result of the recent Association for the Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care, International (AAALAC) site visit, the UCUCA office now needs to be notified of the existence of vaporizers and the last date the machine underwent the required yearly maintenance. If your laboratory uses a vaporizer and has not already responded to our emailed survey, please contact the UCUCA office so that we may add you to our database. In addition, ULAM has arranged to have a service technician visit campus twice yearly to service anesthetic machines and vaporizers and can arrange to
provide service to your machine at that time. Machines are required to undergo at least yearly maintenance as required by the “UM Program for Monitoring Anesthetic Machines and Vaporizers.” Please feel free to contact the UCUCA Office at 734-763-8028 or (ucuca.office@umich.edu) if you have any questions or concerns.

**Training**

Animal care training is based on regulatory requirements (Public Health Service Policy and the Animal Welfare Act) and the commitment of the University of Michigan to ensure that animal research performed here is done in the most humane and effective manner. As the animal research program has grown over the years, it has become necessary to increase staff and develop new ways of providing support to animal users. In order to improve the utilization of training resources, increase the coordination of training activities and messages, and reduce redundancy in training, all of the training provided by ULAM and UCUCA has been combined into a centralized unit. To this end, the ULAM Training Core has been created. By having trainers from each area work together, we plan to improve the consistency and availability of courses offered to all of our customers.

The training core offices and wet lab have moved from the North Ingalls Building (NIB) to the Life Sciences Institute Building (LSI). Training will be coordinated through the Training Core rather than the UCUCA office.

**Training Core Offices**

Location: 1016 LSI  
Phone: 734-763-8039  
Email: ulamtraining@umich.edu  
Website: http://www.ulam.umich.edu/training.htm

**Staff Structure**

Faculty Supervisor: Melissa Dyson, DVM, MS, DACLAM  
Research Staff Training Specialist: Melissa Rogers, LVT  
Clinical Training Specialist: Lori Roberts, LVT, LAT  
Husbandry Training Specialist: Daphne Molnar BS, CMAR, RLATg  
Husbandry Trainers: Chris Mannor, BS, LAT and Shelly Yakich, LAT

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

The frequently asked questions (FAQs) highlighted here come from a list of FAQs for research maintained by the Office of Research. To see the complete list, visit (http://www.med.umich.edu/medschool/research/support/).  

**Q)** How do I initiate the clinical research billing review?  
**A)** To initiate the clinical research billing review, the study team must provide several documents to the Clinical Research Billing Unit (CRBU). The required documents are the protocol, consent, and a billing calendar. If the study has any sponsors, budgets (internal and external) and agreements/grants should also be provided. The documents can be the draft versions the study team believes are final. IRB and DRDA approvals of the documents are not required for them to be provided to the CRBU. The CRBU review should take place at the same time as these other reviews. All documents should be sent to the CRBU at (CRB-Unit@umich.edu). Any questions about the process can be sent to this email address or the CRBU can be contacted at 734-998-6880.

**KUDOS**

Cassandra Wong Receives Lamar Houston Award  
The Executive Board of the National Association of Scientific Materials Managers (NAOSMM) implemented a new award to honor individuals whose service to NAOSMM is beyond the category of outstanding or exceptional. The Lamar Houston Award is named in honor of the NAOSMM founder who had the inspiration to establish the association in 1974. Cassandra Wong, who is now Director of the Biomedical Research Core Facilities, was the recipient of the first Lamar Houston Award presented at the 35th Annual Conference and Trade Show. Ms. Wong has been the Trade Show Coordinator for NAOSMM for many years and has contributed innumerable hours of her time to make the trade show work each year. She has done so without a proper committee to assist her but still fulfilled the duties of the most heavily tasked committee in NAOSMM. The exhibitors and members owe a great deal of gratitude to her for her organizational skills, desire and dedication. Cassandra Wong personifies the spirit of the award, the dedication that the founder of NAOSMM established, and is a very worthy recipient of the Lamar Houston Award. Please join us in congratulating Ms. Wong.

**FUNDING/AWARD OPPORTUNITIES**

Funding opportunities listed below are for external limited submissions and opportunities within the University of Michigan only. To search for other funding and recognition opportunities, visit (http://www.med.umich.edu/medschool/research/support/funding.htm). This webpage contains a link to M-Quest (a database of opportunities for grants, honors, prizes and fellowships created and maintained by the Office of Research) as well as information on email alert groups.

**External Limited Submissions**

These are opportunities in which the sponsor has limited the number of proposals allowed from an institution. These competitions require an internal review to select the proposals to submit to the sponsor from the University of Michigan.  

Abstracts listed here are general information about these funding programs. We strongly urge interested applicants to visit
the listed website to verify complete eligibility, program information, and application procedures before submitting an application.

**Dana Foundation Program in the Neuroimmunology of Brain Infections and Cancers**

**Internal Deadline: February 11, 2009**

The Dana Foundation Neuroimmunology Program invites proposals focusing on brain infections and cancers. Specifically, they are inviting studies of (1) immune-based therapies for primary brain tumors and for metastases to the brain of other cancers; (2) immune responses to infections in the brain, including but not limited to viral encephalitis, meningitis, cerebral malaria, and prion diseases; and (3) how immune functions are carried out and modified in the brain. Some examples of the areas of focus are:

- Exploring ways to stimulate immune cell recognition and attack of primary brain tumors and metastases.
- Measuring responses to therapeutic vaccines or other immunotherapies for treating brain tumors.
- Determining ways to prevent and defend against viral infections in the brain.
- Examining ways to treat infections in the brain, including cerebral malaria.
- Characterizing the roles of immune cells in normal brain and how these functions are modified under abnormal brain conditions.

Projects involving collaborations with NIH intramural researchers or industry scientists are acceptable. The Foundation will provide grants totaling up to $200,000 payable over three years.

**The UM Medical School may submit one proposal for this program.** Deadline for submission of an application to the foundation is April 1, 2009. This program focuses on providing support to faculty tenure track researchers early in their career, at the assistant professor level, or early in their associate professor career. Established researchers pioneering efforts in brain infections and cancers, however, are also eligible to apply. Postdoctoral fellows are not eligible.

For consideration as an institutional nominee, submit the following electronically in a single PDF document by February 11, 2009 to (limitedsubmissions@umich.edu): a 3-page research plan, a NIH formatted biosketch, and a nominating letter from the department chair. We acknowledge receipt of all electronic submissions. If you do not receive a response from us by the end of the next business day, please call us at 734-763-4086. Contact Kathryn Ridner at 734-763-4086 or (kidner@umich.edu) with any questions. Visit the Dana website (http://www.dana.org/grants/neuroimmunology) for more information.

**Internal Submissions**

**UM Research Partnership Program**

**Deadline: February 2, 2009**

The Research Partnership Program includes the following funding opportunities available to faculty and graduate students. To obtain guidelines and application forms, visit (http://www.research.umich.edu/funding/um_sources/): a 3-page research plan, a NIH formatted biosketch, and a nominating letter from the department chair. We acknowledge receipt of all electronic submissions. If you do not receive a response from us by the end of the next business day, please call us at 734-763-4086. Contact Kathryn Ridner at 734-763-4086 or (kidner@umich.edu) with any questions. Visit the Dana website (http://www.dana.org/grants/neuroimmunology) for more information.

**The Spring/Summer Research Grants Program** will award a maximum of 40 grants to faculty to enable them to hire doctoral students to assist with their research and scholarly projects while providing both financial support and tasks of intellectual benefit to participating doctoral students. In addition, there will be two Sokol Grants for Faculty and Graduate Student Research Projects in the Sciences awarded as a part of this program.

**The Distinguished Faculty and Graduate Student Seminars Program** will provide a maximum of five awards to groups of faculty, students or graduate
programs proposing innovative seminars and colloquia to foster collaboration and stimulate new research. Awards will range from $5,000 to $10,000 and may be used to complement funds from department, college or external sponsors.

**UM Geriatrics Center Biology of Aging Pilot Grant Competition**

**Deadline: February 6, 2009**

The University of Michigan Geriatrics Center announces the availability of funds to support pilot/feasibility research in the Biology of Aging. Funding is provided by the National Institute on Aging via the Nathan Shock Center for the Basic Biology of Aging, directed by Dr. Richard Miller. The Pilot Grant competition is sponsored by the Center’s Research Development Core, directed by Dr. Susan Brooks.

Proposals should address either fundamental questions in the genetics or cell and molecular biology of aging or mechanisms of aging in specific organ systems. Only those with full-time faculty positions at the University of Michigan are eligible. Most awards are made to junior faculty, but senior scientists are encouraged to apply if they are seeking support for new initiatives in aging research. Awards are for one year, not to exceed $40,000, with funding available by July 1, 2009. A second year of funding may be requested on a competitive basis.

Applications can be obtained from the website (http://sitemaker.umich.edu/nsc/home) or by contacting Jane Heibel (jheibel@umich.edu or 734-615-8462 or (ritterj@umich.edu)).

**Michigan Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center (MADRC) Pilot Project Funding**

**Deadline: February 16, 2009 – 5:00 PM**

The Michigan Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center (MADRC) invites members of the University of Michigan scientific community to submit an application for pilot project funding. The proposed research should be relevant to Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias. Two projects will be funded for a period of one year, beginning 6/1/09 and ending 5/31/10. Two additional projects will be considered for funding beginning 6/1/10 and ending 5/31/2011. Each pilot project will receive $35,000 in direct costs.

Applications must include the following NIH PHS 2590 forms: (A) Form Page 1: Face Page; (B) Form Page 2; (C) Form Page 4: Detailed Budget for Initial Budget Period; and (D) Biographical Sketch Format Page. The research description (Form Page 2) cannot be longer than 10 pages. Please fill these forms out in Microsoft Word format and submit them using Microsoft Word as well. These forms may be found at (http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/2590/2590.htm).

On Form Page 2 please include Specific Aims (Objectives), Background, Methods, and Relevance. We encourage everyone to apply, but applications received from junior investigators, established investigators who are new to Alzheimer’s disease research, and investigators who have not previously received pilot project funding through the MADRC will be looked upon favorably. At the end of the funding period, the MADRC anticipates one or more publications and/or continued funding in the form of a new R01 or equivalent grant resulting from funded proposals.

Please email all final applications to (clkenna@umich.edu). For questions please contact Courtney Kennedy at 734-615-8462 or (clkenna@umich.edu). The website for the MADRC is (http://www.med.umich.edu/Alzheimers/).

**OVPR UM Research Faculty Awards**

**Deadline: February 20, 2009**

Research Faculty Awards recognize the important role research faculty play in the intellectual life and work of the University. For more information and nomination guidelines, visit (http://www.research.umich.edu/contacts/ovpr/RFawards/) or contact Jane Heibel at 734-763-1290 or (ritterj@umich.edu).

- **Collegiate Research Professorship** – designed to recognize exceptional scholarly achievement and impact on advancing knowledge in science, engineering, health, education, the arts, the humanities or other academic fields of study. This award carries an annual stipend of $2,000 for the initial five-year term.
- **Research Faculty Achievement Award** – designed to recognize outstanding scholarly achievements, as represented by significant contributions to an academic field of study over time, a specific outstanding discovery, or the development of innovative technology. ($1,500)
- **Research Faculty Recognition Award** – designed to recognize exceptional scholarly achievements, as evidenced by publications and/or other scholarly activities in any academic field of study. ($1,000)

**Rackham UM Faculty Awards**

**Deadline: Various (see below)**

Several faculty awards are offered through the Rackham Graduate School. For complete details, visit (http://www.rackham.umich.edu/faculty_staff).

- **Distinguished Faculty Achievement Awards**

  **Deadline: February 20, 2009**

  These awards honor senior faculty who have consistently demonstrated outstanding achievements in the areas of scholarly research and/or creative endeavors, teaching and mentoring of students and junior faculty, service and a variety of other activities which have brought distinction to themselves and to the University of Michigan. The award is $1,500.

- **Faculty Recognition Awards**

  **Deadline: February 20, 2009**

  These awards are intended for faculty in the earlier phase of their careers who have demonstrated substantive contributions to the University through significant achievements in scholarly research and/or creative endeavors; excellence as a teacher, advisor and mentor; and distinguished participation in the service activities of the University. The award is $1,000.

- **Distinguished University Professorships**

  **Deadline: March 9, 2009**

  The Distinguished University Professorships recognize exceptional scholarly and/or creative achievement, national and international reputation, and superior teaching skills. Each professorship carries with it an annual salary supplement of $5,000 and an annual research supplement of $5,000. The duration of the appointment is unlimited, and the title—without the

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salary and research supplements—may be retained after retirement.

**Deadline Watch**

**OVPR Staff Service Awards Program**

**Deadline: January 23, 2009**

(http://www.research.umich.edu/contacts/ovpr/staff.awards/Nomination_guidelines.html)

For questions, contact Jane Ritter at 734-763-1290 or (riterj@umich.edu).

**Distinguished Faculty Lectureship Award in Biomedical Research**

**Deadline: February 6, 2009**

(http://www.med.umich.edu/medschool/faculty/facultyawards/facultylectureship.htm)

Direct any questions to Camille Mozrowski at (cmrozow@umich.edu).

**UMMS AWARDED GRANTS**

**External Awarded Grants**

**Anesthesiology**

**PI:** Harris, Richard

**Co-I:** Clauw, Daniel (Anesthesiology Department)

**Title:** PREGABALIN ON BRAIN RESPONSE TO MECHANICAL PAIN AS ASSESSED BY FUNCTIONAL MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING PROTON MAGNETIC RESONANCE SPECTROSCOPY AND SUBJECTIVE RATINGS (A DOUBLE-BLIND PLACEBO-CONTROLLED CROSS-OVER STUDY IN FIBROMYALGIA SUBJECTS TO EXAMINE EFFECTS OF)

**Sponsor:** Pfizer Incorporated

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 12/01/08-10/31/09; $737,829

**Internal Medicine**

**PI:** Baker, Laurence

**Title:** BIOLOGY OF PROSTATE CANCER PREVENTION TRIAL SUBCONTRACT

**Sponsor:** NIH - Subcontracts TO University of Texas

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 08/20/08-04/30/09; $5,261

**PI:** Burant, Charles

**Co-I:** Byun, Jaeman (MI Metabolical & Obesity Ctr) / Das, Arun (MI Metabolical & Obesity Ctr)

**Title:** RECHARGE: METABOLOMICS CORE

**Sponsor:** Various Sponsors TO Medical University of Vienna

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 11/01/08-10/31/11; $5,200

**PI:** Chan, Kevin

**Title:** ANTIVIRAL ACTIVITY OF AEROSOLIZED ALN-RSV01 PLUS STANDARD OF CARE IN LUNG TRANSPLANT PATIENTS INFECTED WITH RESPIRATORY SYNCTIAL VIRUS (RSV) (ALN-RSV101-106: A MULTI-CENTER, RANDOMIZED, DOUBLE-BLIND, PLACEBO-CONTROLLED STUDY TO EVALUATE THE SAFETY AND)

**Sponsor:** Anylum Pharmaceuticals TO Quintiles, Inc.

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 12/05/08-02/04/11; $90,280

**PI:** Chen, Yuqing

**Title:** CRP BIOLOGY AND VASCULAR DISEASE

**Sponsor:** NIH 1 R01 HL 088391 01 A2

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 12/10/08-11/30/13; $1,842,979

**PI:** Chetcuti, Stanley

**Title:** IMPELLA RECOVER LP 2.5 SYSTEM VERSUS INTRA AORTIC BALLOON PUMP (IABP) IN PATIENTS UNDERGOING NON-EMERGENT HIGH RISK PCI (PROTECT II: A PROSPECTIVE, MULTI-CENTER RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL OF THE)

**Sponsor:** Abiomed, Inc.

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 07/01/08-06/30/10; $44,686

**PI:** Erba, Harry

**Title:** PROTEINASE 3 PR1 PEPTIDE MIXED WITH MONTANIDE ISA-51 VG ADJUVANT AND ADMINISTERED WITH GM-CSF IN ELDERLY PATIENTS WITH AML IN FIRST COMPLETE REMISSION OR ADULTS IN SECOND COMPLETE REMISSION: A PIVOTAL STUDY (UMCC 2008.037: A PHASE 3, RANDOMIZED, DOUBLE BLIND, MULTICENTER STUDY OF)

**Sponsor:** The Vaccine Company TO Ingenix Pharm Services

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 11/21/08-03/23/12; $249,453

**PI:** Hussain, Maha

**Title:** UMCC 2008.033: A PHASE 1/II TRIAL OF ABI-008 (NAB-DOCETAXEL) IN PATIENTS WITH HORMONE-REFRACTORY PROSTATE CANCER

**Sponsor:** Abaxis BioScience, Inc.

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 12/08/08-12/07/11; $110,073

**PI:** Kaul, Daniel

**Title:** CONVENTIONAL AND HIGH Dose OSELTAMIVIR IN THE TREATMENT OF IMMUNOCOMPROMISED PATIENTS WITH INFLUENZA (A DOUBLE-BLIND, RANDOMIZED, STRATIFIED, MULTI-CENTER TRIAL EVALUATING)

**Sponsor:** Hoffmann-Laroche, Inc TO Quintiles, Inc.

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 12/19/08-09/30/10; $36,742

**PI:** Keshamouni, Venkateshwar

**Title:** TARGETING TGF-BETA MEDIATED TUMOR-STROMAL INTERACTIONS IN LUNG CANCER

**Sponsor:** American Cancer Society

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 01/01/09-12/31/12; $720,000

**PI:** Koch, Alissa

**Title:** FUNDING FOR RHEUMATOLOGY RESEARCH TRAINEES TO PRESENT DATA AT MEETINGS

**Sponsor:** Genentech, Inc.

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 10/24/08-10/23/09; $7,500

**PI:** McMillan, Tracy

**Title:** TLR9 ACTIVATION AND FIBROTIC RESPONSES IN ALVEOLAR EPITHELIAL CELLS

**Sponsor:** NIH 1 K08 HL 094666 01

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 12/01/08-11/30/13; $668,560

**PI:** Reisman, David

**Title:** UMCC 2008.039: AXITINIB (AG-013736) AS SECOND LINE THERAPY FOR METASTATIC RENAL CELL CANCER: AXIS TRIAL

**Sponsor:** Pfizer Incorporated TO INC Research, Inc

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 11/25/08-11/30/11; $429,282

**PI:** Reisman, David

**Title:** UMCC 2007.126 A FEASIBILITY STUDY INVESTIGATING TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE IN CHEMOTHERAPY-NAIVE PATIENTS

**Sponsor:** Pfizer Incorporated TO INC Research, Inc

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 11/25/08-11/30/11; $429,282
WITH STAGE IIIIB OR IV NON-SMALL CELL LUNG CANCER (NSCLC) TREATED WITH THE EGFR-TKI, ERLOTINIB

**Sponsor:** NIH - Subcontracts TO Vanderbilt University

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 12/17/08-12/31/12; $149,400

**PI:** Saran, Rajiv

**Co-I:** Gillespie, Brenda (Ctr Statistical Consul & Res) / Korgaonkar, Sonal (Int Med-Nephrology)

**Title:** ESTABLISHMENT OF A COLLABORATIVE FOR CLINICAL/TRANSLATIONAL RESEARCH BETWEEN THE RENAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE (RRI) AND THE UM-KIDNEY EPIDEMIOLOGY AND COST CENTER (UM-KECC)

**Sponsor:** Renal Research Institute, LLC

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 08/01/08-07/31/09; $190,000

**PI:** Wodden, Francis

**Title:** UMCC 2008.063: CONTINUING ACCESS TO THE TYROSINE KINASE INHIBITOR OF VEGFR-2, AG-013736 (A406) FOR PATIENTS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVING AG-013736 IN CLINICAL TRIALS

**Sponsor:** Pfizer Incorporated TO INC Research, Inc

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 12/01/08-12/31/12; $42,624

**Medical School Administration Enabling Technologies**

**PI:** Woolliscroft, James

**Co-I:** Engleberg, N (Int Med-Infectious Diseases) / Hanss Jr, Theodore (MSA Enabling Technologies)

**Title:** 2009 HEALTH CER DESIGN PHASE

**Sponsor:** Hewlett, William and Flora, Foundation, The

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 01/01/09-12/31/09; $500,000

**Michigan Institute for Clinical and Health Research**

**PI:** Clauw, Daniel

**Co-I:** Athey, Brian (Psychiatry-ASAP) / Bhavnani, Suresh (Computational Medicine and Bio)

**Title:** ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPLEMENT FOR CTSA CONSORTIUM PROJECT

**Sponsor:** NIH - Subcontracts TO University of Pittsburgh

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 09/15/08-06/30/09; $75,000

**Microbiology and Immunology**

**PI:** Carruthers, Vernon

**Title:** PROTEOLYTIC MODULATION OF TOXOPLASMA INVASION PROTEINS

**Sponsor:** NIH 1 R01 AI 063263 01 A2

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 12/01/08-12/31/13; $1,899,560

**PI:** Chang, Cheong-Hee

**Title:** IMMUNE REGULATION BY THYMCYOTE-SELECTED CD4 T CELLS

**Sponsor:** NIH 1 R01 AI 073677 01 A2

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 01/01/09-12/31/13; $1,689,298

**PI:** Raghavan, Malini

**Co-I:** Fogozaheva, Irina (College of Pharmacy) / Rizvi, Syed (Microbiology and Immunology)

**Title:** INTERACTIONS AND MECHANISMS OF FUNCTION OF THE TAP COMPLEX

**Sponsor:** NIH 2 R01 AI 044115 10 A2

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 01/01/09-12/31/13; $1,705,540

**Molecular & Behavioral Neuroscience Institute**

**PI:** Umemori, Hisashi

**Title:** ACTIVITY-DEPENDENT SYNAPSE REFINEMENT IN THE HIPPOCAMPUS IN VIVO

**Sponsor:** Whitehall Foundation, Inc.

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 01/01/09-12/31/11; $225,000

**PI:** Watson, Stanley

**Co-I:** Akl, Huda (Molecular & Behav Neurosc Inst) / Meng, Fan (Molecular & Behav Neurosc Inst) / Thompson, Robert (Psychiatry Department)

**Title:** COCAINE REGULATION OF MIRNAS IN RATS WITH DIFFERING VULNERABILITY TO DRUG ABUSE

**Sponsor:** NIH 1 R01 DA 028573 01

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 09/15/08-06/30/13; $2,021,984

**Neurology**

**PI:** Brown, Devin

**Co-I:** Bapuraj, Jayapalli (Radiology Department)

**Title:** CARDIOVASCULAR RESONATOR

**Sponsor:** CVR Global, Inc.

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 12/12/08-12/11/09; $231,253

**PI:** Irani, David

**Title:** LINKING INNATE IMMUNE RESPONSES IN THE CNS TO GLUTAMATE-MEDIATED EXCITOTOXICITY: STUDIES IN ACUTE ALPHAVIRUS ENCEPHALOMYELITIS IN MICE

**Sponsor:** Dana, Charles A. Foundation

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 07/01/08-06/30/09; $36,380

**PI:** Segal, Benjamin

**Title:** IMMUNE-GLIAL/NEURONAL INTERACTIONS AND NEURODEGENERATION: IMPLICATIONS FOR AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES OF THE CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM

**Sponsor:** Teva Neuroscience

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 03/01/09-08/31/09; $68,965

**Obstetrics & Gynecology**

**PI:** Christman, Gregory

**Title:** COOPERATIVE MULTICENTER REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE NETWORK

**Sponsor:** NIH - Subcontracts TO Yale University

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 12/01/08-11/30/09; $66,702

**Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences**

**PI:** Cornblath, Wayne

**Title:** CASE-CROSSOVER STUDY OF PDE5 INHIBITOR EXPOSURE AS A POTENTIAL “TRIGGER FACTOR” FOR ACUTE NAION (A1481259)

**Sponsor:** Pfizer Incorporated TO ICON Clinical Research, Inc.

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 12/03/08-07/31/11; $50,364

**PI:** Trobe, Jonathan

**Title:** PROTEOMICS AND GENOMICS OF GIANT CELL ARTERITIS (AGREEMENT BETWEEN UM AND UUTAH)

**Sponsor:** American Geriatrics Society TO University of Utah

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 10/22/08-10/31/09; $2,000

**Orthopaedic Surgery**

**PI:** Goldstein, Steven

**Title:** BILE ACID CONJUGATES FOR IMPROVING THE ORAL BIOAVAILABILITY OF METHOTREXATE

**Sponsor:** NIH - Subcontracts TO TSRL R41 AR 055402

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 05/01/08-04/30/09; $43,446

**Otolaryngology**

**PI:** Schacht, Jochen

**Title:** TESTING AMINOGLYCOSIDE DERIVATIVES FOR FREE-RADICAL TOXICITY TO HAIR CELLS IN ORGAN OF CORTI EXPLANTS

**Sponsor:** University of Zurich

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 09/01/08-12/31/09; $12,000

**Pathology**

**PI:** Kunkel, Steven

**Co-I:** Hogaboam, Cory (Pathology Department)

**Title:** CYTOKINE PHENOTYPES ALTER THE HOST’S RESPONSE DURING CHRONIC LUNG INFLAMMATION

**Sponsor:** NIH 1 R01 HL 089216 01 A2

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 12/01/08-11/30/13; $1,906,845

**PI:** Kunkel, Steven

**Co-I:** Dou, Yali (Pathology Department) / Standiford, Theodore (Int Med-Pulm./Critical Care)

**Title:** MONOKINE GENE EXPRESSION/REGULATION IN LUNG INJURY

**Sponsor:** NIH 2 R01 HL 031237 24 A1

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 01/09-12/31/13; $1,884,925

**PI:** Visscher, Daniel

**Co-I:** Kunju, Lakshmi (Pathology Department)

**Title:** MANUAL READ OF BREAST TISSUE H&E SLIDES, PERFORMANCE CHARACTERISTICS

**Sponsor:** Aperio Technologies, Inc.

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 11/11/08-03/11/09; $23,820

**Pediatrics & Communicable Diseases**

**PI:** Collins, Katherine

**Title:** CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE IN CHILDREN PROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY (CKID)

**Sponsor:** NIH - Subcontracts TO Johns Hopkins University U01 DK 066174

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 08/01/08-07/31/09; $48,170

**PI:** Hinkovska-Galcheva, Vania

**Co-I:** Shanley, Thomas (Pediatrics-Intensive Care)

**Title:** ROLE OF CERAMIDE-1-PHOSPHATE/CERAMIDE KINASE IN REGULATION OF CALCIUM SIGNALING DURING PHAGOCYTOSIS AND INFLAMMATION

**Sponsor:** American Heart Assoc, Inc.

**Project Dates and Amount of Award:** 01/09-12/31/12; $308,000
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