CANCER BIOLOGY

Seminars/Presentations
Drs. Shao-yu Chen and Xiaopan Chen, along with Jie Liu will be attending the 38th Annual Research Society on Alcoholism Scientific Meeting June 21-25 in Bellevue, Washington. They will be presenting the following two posters entitled “Up-regulation of miR-200a suppresses ethanol-induced apoptosis in neural crest cells by down-regulation of p38 MAPK signaling” and “Over-expression of miR-200c protects against ethanol-induced apoptosis in neural crest cells by targeting MAPK kinase 6.”

Publications


Employee News
We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following volunteers who have joined our department:

Aditi Warhekar is a summer volunteer in the lab of Dr. Krishna Kumar Veeravalli. From the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, Class of 2017, she is majoring in Biochemistry with a minor in Chemistry.

Mayuresh Gadgil is a summer volunteer in the lab of Dr. Ken-ichiro Fukuchi. He is a sophomore at Truman State University in Kirksville, MO, majoring in Biology and is looking to pursue a career in medicine.

Samiha Sarkar, a student at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign majoring in Molecular Cellular Biology and Gabriel Sahakyan, a student at Dunlap High School, are summer volunteers in the lab of Dr. Eleonora Zakharian.
In addition, **Heather Kentzel**, a 2014 graduate of Eureka College with a Bachelor’s Degree in Chemistry with pre-medicine emphasis and Psychology minor will be a 1-year volunteer in the lab of **Dr. Eleonora Zakharian**.

**Gabe Swords** has joined the department this summer as a 900 hr. employee in **Dr. Stephen Lasley’s** lab. Gabe will be a junior this fall at Eureka College, majoring in Chemistry with a pre-med emphasis.

**LIBRARY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES**

**FEATURED AUTHOR:**

The Library of the Health Sciences – Peoria supports the missions of the Colleges of Medicine and Nursing through its research services and collections as an integral piece of a thriving scholarly environment.

This month we would like to congratulate our Featured Author: Jorge C. Kattah, M.D., from the Department of Neurology. A copy of the book will be on display in the Library throughout the month.

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Dr. Kattah has also had a number of other publications this year. Many of which were with colleagues here at UIC. A few recent citations of interest:


**LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT:**

Peoria Academy of Sciences Treasure Hunt

Looking for a fun activity to do with your kids this summer? Stop by the library and do the Treasure Hunt. The Peoria Academy of Sciences has been holding the hunt for 25 years, and this is the 2nd year that the Library and the College of Medicine have participated as a science site. This year we feature the immune system using Dr. Macdonald’s children’s book, *The Whooping Cough Germ that Became a Hero*, and a superhero theme. So come see us at the circulation desk for help getting started and to pick up your passport. We hope that you have so much fun that you’ll want to visit all 21 sites!
HUMAN RESOURCES

Please welcome new employee…

Kris Barr, Account Tech II, Medical Billing

Helpful websites for reference:

Delta Dental:  http://soi.deltadentalil.com


All health plan administrator websites can be located on below link:
http://www2.illinois.gov/cms/Employees/benefits/StateEmployee/Pages/state-admindir.aspx

HEALTH OUTCOMES

The review the following list of presentations; note below for special honors for Dr. Ren’s efforts:

Dr. Carl Asche co-presented the workshop:
"Evaluation of the Barriers and Opportunities of Big Data in Health Outcomes Research"
at the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) 19th Annual International
Meeting to be held May 31-June 4, 2014 at the Palais des Congrès de Montréal, Montreal, QC, Canada.
The purpose of this workshop is to review sources of Big Data and their advantages and disadvantages vs. standard databases used for health outcomes research.

The following poster presentations were presented at the International Society for Pharmacoeconomics and Outcomes Research (ISPOR) 19th Annual International Meeting to be held May 31-June 4, 2014 at the Palais des Congrès de Montréal, Montreal, QC, Canada:

Kirkness CS, Ren J.  Walking speed predicts work status due to health in community dwelling women:  The osteoarthritis initiative (OAI).

Ren J, Asche CV, Kirkness CS.  Risk on using logistic regression to illustrate exposure-response relationship of infectious disease. *NOTE:  This poster won top honors


Asche CV, Ren J, Hippler SE. Evaluation of medical quality based on readmissions within 30 days among beneficiaries in central Illinois.
Asche CV, Eurich DT, Hippler SE. Review of models used in economic analyses of new oral treatments for type 2 diabetes mellitus.

Labeit A. Breast and cervical cancer screening in UK: dynamic interrelated process?


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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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**NEWS RELEASES**

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UICOMP news releases available at: [http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/news](http://peoria.medicine.uic.edu/news)

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**EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHTS**

The ‘employee spotlights’ are a great way to put some faces with some names, as we’re all located in a variety of locations, sharing a common mission. Thank you to all for your daily support of the College of Medicine’s goals; your commitment, dedication, and hard work, are greatly appreciated!

Laureen Perkins

My name is Laureen Perkins. I started working in the Dean’s Office in 2001. My days are never dull and are filled with many opportunities. I manage Dean Rusch’s calendar, manage faculty affairs/HR issues, manage the promotion
packet process for faculty and manage the multiple processes the University roll out each year. I enjoy working at the University because I have been fortunate to work with great people. What a blessing!!!!

I am married to Tony. He is an RN and works for HUMANA. We have two children, Daniel and David. Daniel is 23 years old and is an Assistant Manager for Sprint. He is our techy, outgoing kid who tries to keep us in the modern age. David is almost 16 and keeps us in an exhausted state. We spend most of our non-working time following him around the golf course. David placed fourth in the state in high school golf last fall and competes in the spring/summer in various weekend tournaments throughout the state. He is passionate about golf and hopes to go on to college and play golf. We also have a spoiled Golden Retriever, Maci, who runs the show. She is a terrific dog with lots of personality and loves to melt your heart to get what she wants.

We enjoy working on home improvement projects, working in the yard, seeing movies, fishing, shopping, watching hockey and golf, finding new restaurants to try with our friends and family, taking Maci to PetsMart and dog parks, boating and spending time chilling with our kids. Our favorite vacation is going to the ocean where I hope to retire one day.

Aimee Oliver

Left: Daniel and David Perkins
Below: Maci Perkins
Hello everyone. My name is Aimee Oliver and I am a Certified Medical Assistant at the Pediatric Subspecialty Center. I am 41 years old and grew up as the youngest of four girls in Metamora. I currently reside in Bartonville with my husband of 2 years, Butch, my 11 year old daughter Isabella and our dog, Keeper. I also have a 20 year old step son, Levi, who no longer lives with us. We have a wonderful home situated on 5 acres of wooded land. I spend a great deal of time outside when the weather is nice planting flowers and tending to our garden. My husband and I also like to spend time working together caring for our yard and the paths in the woods. We spend a great deal of time in the summer months splitting wood for bon fires in the summer and fires in the fireplace in the winter. When I have free time I enjoy reading, taking walks with our dog, watching movies and scrapbooking.

I have been working at UICOMP since October 2011 and love my job and everyone I work with. We are a rather large, and always busy, clinic seeing on average between 60-90 patients a day. My primary job duties include taking vital signs and rooming patients, cleaning and stocking rooms, making reminder calls, taking incoming calls, checking patients out and scheduling appointments, drawing blood from our patients and assisting the doctors and nurses in any way they may need me to. In addition, I am responsible for keeping an inventory of the supplies for the office and laboratory and ordering any supplies the clinic may need. Outside of our subspecialty office in the Hillcrest building, I also work one day each month in our busy genetics clinic when Dr. Hoganson comes down from Chicago to see patients in the central Illinois area. I also make the drive to Bloomington twice a month to facilitate a GI clinic we operate in the Easter Seals building in Bloomington. I am very fortunate to be able to say that I love my job and everyone I work with. It isn’t often when you find a home in an office where EVERYONE gets along and works together to make the clinic run smoothly, and we have that at Peds Subspecialty. It is truly like an extended family where everyone is supportive and caring, not only for the patients but their co-workers as well. I look forward to many more years at Peds Subspecialty.

I am Cheryl Perry, Clinical Supervisor for Primary Pediatrics in the Allied Building and Child Development at Easter Seals. I have been blessed with the best staff and providers. They are very supportive and together we work together to make things better for our patients. The best part of my job is seeing all the beautiful children come through our clinic and watching them grow up. I am so glad I joined the team here at UICOMP.

My husband and I have been married 33 years and have three children. Scott 26, Civil Engineer and 1st Lieutenant in the Air Force. James 25, a Welder by trade and also served in the US Army. Katie 22, Miss Rodeo Illinois 2014 and ICC graduate with a bachelor’s degree in Pre-Veterinary Science. I am the EMS Captain for Spring Bay Fire and Ambulance Department where I have volunteered for 33 years. We also have 2 dogs ( Whiskey and Nox), 2 cats (Salem and Fatcat), 6 laying hens, a donkey ( Maisey) and 2 Quarter horses( SoCo and Annie ).

In my spare time I love to sew and craft and work in my flower garden. This year I have been traveling with my daughter to rodeos and fundraisers for Miss Rodeo Illinois. This summer I am going to Cheyenne Frontier Days in Wyoming. I can’t wait.
Special thanks to the following employees who donated their time to make and serve popcorn in May: Angela Daniels, Debbie McCollum, Gail Davis, Kim Stejskal, Lois Hill, Robin Tucker, and Stephanie Sampson.

Congratulations to

Kim Alexander

Pediatrics – Allied Building

Kim was also a winner of the SAW Trivia Contest held prior to Staff Appreciation Week.
For her efforts, she has received a $25 movie gift card.

Save the Dates

August 2014   CSEC Elections

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Save the Dates

Chillin’ and Grillin’

June 12, 2014

Help us Kick-off the Summer with a BBQ cook-out.
11:30 – 1:00 in front of lunch room at Main Campus.
Serving grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and soda.
Watch for details in future emails. If you would like food delivered offsite please contact your CSEC representative no later than noon Wednesday, June 11th 2014. Volunteers needed to serve. Contact Stephanie at ssamps3@uic.edu to help out
Remember - Volunteers eat free!!!
Proceeds to benefit UICOMP Pediatric Resource Center (PRC) Child Abuse Prevention Awareness

July 18, 2014   UICOMP Family Picnic & Cook-out

See below for details

August 2014   CSEC Elections
UICOMP Family Picnic
Friday July 18th, 2014

Location: UICOMP “Receiving” Lawn Area Behind Building
Please park in employee parking lots, dinner will be served starting at 5pm
Raffles and other events will be present if you would like to participate. Bring a
side dish to serve 10-12, lawn chairs, and yard games. We will be having a trash
can punch that evening so please bring something to add that is, of course, kid
friendly.

Lots of fun with friends, co-workers and family!!
CSEC will be providing meat, condiments, tableware and fun types of
entertainment for everyone! Please RSVP with your family’s total count by July
11 to Stephanie Sampson at ssamps3@uic.edu. This will enable us to buy enough
supplies for the event. Thank you CSEC😊!

MISCELLANEOUS/PERSONAL
JUNE BIRTHDAYS
To add your birthday, contact Shannon at sdoerr@uic.edu

Father’s Day June 15

Think green…

…only print when necessary.

The deadline for submission of information for the July issue is June 27; submit news to sdoerr@uic.edu