New Faculty

**Susan Shafii, MD** Assistant Professor in the Division of Vascular Surgery

Dr. Susan Shafii received her MD at the University Of South Florida College Of Medicine and remained at USF to complete her general surgery residency. She then went on to complete a vascular surgery fellowship at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Her clinical interests are aortic disease, limb salvage, and venous disease. Her research interests include limb salvage, aortic aneurysms and chronic aortic dissections with aneurysmal degeneration as well as novel techniques for aneurysmal repair. She has spent the past two years at Emory University where she has expanded the Grady Memorial Hospital vascular surgery program to include a new vascular lab as well as incorporating cases in the cardiac catheterization lab.

Please join us in welcoming Dr. Shafii.

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**PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Dr. Henry Buchwald was invited to speak at the First Mediterranean Congress for the Surgery of Obesity and Metabolic Disorders in Antalya, Turkey on October 1-4, 2015. He is gave four talks:

- Bariatric/Metabolic Surgery Complications Management
- Bariatric Procedures are Both Restrictive and Malabsorptive, but they are Primarily Metabolic
- Electromodulation and Nerve Stimulation
- Origin and Basics of Metabolic Surgery

He also moderated a Plenary Session and a Live Surgery Session.
Funding Announcements and Opportunities

News & Notices:

Funding Opportunities:

The Center for Health African-American Men through Partnerships (CHAAMPS) Disparities Scholars Program
CHAAMPS invites applications for research projects using national health databases with a focus on disparities in unintentional and violence-related injuries and homicide, head injuries in athletes and chronic diseases, including cardiovascular disease, stroke, hepatitis C and cancer, especially prostate cancer, in African American men across their life course. Learn more here

Call for Abstracts for 6th Annual Masonic Cancer Center Research Symposium
The Masonic Cancer Center’s Science Council announces its Sixth Annual Research Symposium November 10, 2015, in the Cancer and Cardiovascular Research Building from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Students, staff, postdocs and PIs are encouraged to participate and submit an abstract for the poster session. Visit the website for more information and to submit an abstract online.

American Cancer Society’s Institutional Research Grant University of Minnesota
Applications open: September 21, 2015, 8:00 am
Applications close: October 19, 2015, 5:00 pm
Funding: Up to $30,000 for one year
The purpose of the American Cancer Society’s Institutional Research Grant (ACS-IRG) is to support the initiation of promising new cancer-related research projects by junior faculty members (Assistant Professors or their equivalents), so they can obtain preliminary results that will enable them to compete successfully for national research grants. IRGs are intended to support independent, self-directed investigators early in their careers, for whom the institution must provide research facilities or space customary for an independent investigator. Detailed descriptions of the funding opportunity, evaluation criteria, and submission requirements can be found in the online application.

RFA-CA-15-502
Limited Competition: Childhood Cancer Survivor Study (U24)
The purpose of this limited competition Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to continue support for the Childhood Cancer Survivor Study (CCSS) as a resource enabling broad studies on the long-term effects of cancer and its associated therapies on survivors of pediatric cancers.
Funding amount: NCI intends to commit $4.31 million in FY 2017 to fund one award.
Key Dates:
Letter of Intent due January 8, 2016
Application due February 8, 2016

MCC Program Support Grants 2016
The goal of the MCC Program Support Grants is to enhance the theme of each program and improve the merit descriptor of each program on the next CCSG renewal.
Funding: See program announcement
Dates:
September 14, 2015: Applications open
October 16, 2015: Applications due
December 14, 2015: Award date
Award Period: January 1, 2016-December 31, 2016

PAR-15-333 - Sustained Support for Informatics Resources for Cancer Research and Management (U24)
The central mission of ITCR is to promote research-driven informatics technology across the development lifecycle to address priority needs in cancer research.
Key Dates:
LOI due October 20, 2015
Application due November 20, 2015
PAR-15-331 - Advanced Development of Informatics Technologies for Cancer Research and Management (U24)
The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite Cooperative Agreement (U24) applications for advanced development and enhancement of emerging informatics technologies.
Key Dates:
LOI due October 20, 2015
Application due November 20, 2015

PAR-15-332 - Early-Stage Development of Informatics Technologies for Cancer Research and Management (U01)
As a component of the NCI's Informatics Technology for Cancer Research (ITCR) Program, this FOA focuses on early-stage development from prototyping to hardening and adaptation. Early-stage development is defined for the purpose of this FOA as the initial development or the significant modification of existing tools for new applications.
Key Dates:
LOI due October 20, 2015
Application due November 20, 2015

PAR-15-334 - Development of Innovative Informatics Methods and Algorithms for Cancer Research and Management (R21)
As a component of the NCI's Informatics Technology for Cancer Research (ITCR) Initiative, this FOA encourages applications focused on the development of novel computational, mathematical, and statistical algorithms and methods that can considerably improve acquisition, management, analysis, and dissemination of relevant data and/or knowledge.
Key Dates:
LOI due October 20, 2015
Application due November 20, 2015

NOT-CA-15-026 - Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for Enabling Biomimetic Tissue-Engineered Technologies for Integrative Cancer Research (U01)
The National Cancer Institute intends to publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to support the Cancer Tissue Engineering Collaborative (TEC) Research Program. The FOA will invite cooperative agreement research project (U01) applications aimed at the development and characterization of state-of-the-art biomimetic tissue-engineered technologies for understanding cancer biology, prevention, early detection, diagnosis and treatment.
Key Dates:
The FOA is expected to be published in Winter 2015 with an expected application due date in March 2016.

NOT-CA-15-023 - Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for NCI Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (NCI Omnibus R21)
The National Cancer Institute (NCI) intends to publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to solicit applications for NCI Exploratory/Developmental Research Grant Program (NCI Omnibus R21).
This Notice is being provided to allow potential applicants sufficient time to develop meaningful collaborations and responsive projects.
Key Dates:
The FOA is expected to be published in early September 2015 and it will have a single Application Due Date in early November 2015.

RECOGNITION PROGRAM
Do you see someone working hard in your area and contributing to the department’s success by fulfilling our mission, vision and values? If so, take a moment to nominate this person for an Employee Recognition Award.

Completed nomination forms should be sent to Michelle Lunden.

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