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FEATURED CLINICAL TRIAL

EMPACT-MI- A study to test whether empagliflozin can lower the risk of heart failure and death in people who had a heart attack (myocardial infarction)

PI: John Kotter, MD

This is a study in adults who had a heart attack (myocardial infarction). The purpose of this study is to find out whether a medicine called empagliflozin helps to lower the chances of having to go to the hospital for heart failure and whether it lowers the chances of dying from cardiovascular disease.

People who are in hospital may join the study soon after being treated for their heart attack. Participants are put into 2 groups by chance. One group takes 1 empagliflozin tablet a day. The other group takes 1 placebo tablet a day. Placebo tablets look like empagliflozin tablets but do not contain any medicine. All participants continue their standard treatment. Empagliflozin belongs to a class of medicines known as SGLT-2 inhibitors. Empagliflozin is a medicine that helps people with type 2 diabetes to lower their blood sugar. Researchers think that empagliflozin might also help people after heart attack who are at risk for heart failure, whether or not they have diabetes.

Participants are in the study for about 1 to 2 years. During this time, there are about 4 visits in person, 2

visits are done either by phone or by use of a mobile application. Results between the empagliflozin and placebo groups are compared. The doctors also regularly check the general health of the participants.

Primary Outcome Measures:

1. Composite of time to first heart failure hospitalisation or all-cause mortality [Time Frame: up to 24 months]

Secondary Outcome Measures :

1.Total number of HHF or all-cause mortality [Time Frame: up to 24 months]

2.Total number of non-elective Cardiovascular (CV) hospitalisations or all-cause mortality [Time Frame: up to 24 months]

3.Total number of non-elective all-cause hospitalisations or all-cause mortality [Time Frame: up to 24 months]

4.Total number of hospitalisations for MI or all-cause mortality [Time Frame: up to 24 months]

5.Time to CV mortality [Time Frame: up to 24 months]

For more information See:

<https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04509674>

Or Contact: Ben Rushing 859-323-5259

CURRENTLY ENROLLING CLINICAL TRIALS

BIO LIBRA - AnaLysis of Both Sex and Device Specific FactoRs on Outcomes in PATients with Non-Ischemic Cardiomyopathy

PI: Aaron Hesselson, MD

Coordinator: Ben Rushing 859-323-5259

Objective: This study is designed to evaluate the combined risk of all-cause mortality and treated ventricular tachycardia (VT) or ventricular fibrillation (VF) events by subject sex and by implanted device type. All-cause mortality, VT or VF alone, risk of cardiac death, and sudden cardiac death will be analyzed for the total cohort, as well as by subject sex and by the implanted device type

OPTIMIZER SMART POST - APPROVAL STUDY

PI: Aaron Hesselson, MD

Coordinator: Ben Rushing 859-323-5259

Objective: Post-approval study that evaluates data such as cardiac outcomes, quality of life, mortality, and functionality. Long-term data needed to assess complication rates and potential interactions with other implantable devices in the intended patient population. The post-approval study (PAS) protocol designed to address these concerns in a real-world setting.

BIO-AffectDX- Atrial Fibrillation associated with Heart Failure treated by BIOTRONIK's CRT-DX System

PI: Aaron Hesselson, MD

Coordinator: Ben Rushing 859-323-5259

Objective: To evaluate the percent of all subjects with improvement from baseline in heart failure patients with paroxysmal, persistent, and long-standing

persistent AF subtypes implanted with a two-lead BIOTRONIK CRT-DX system.

LEADLESS-II - A safety and effectiveness trial for a leadless pacemaker system

PI: Aaron Hesselson, MD

Coordinator: Jennifer Isaacs 859-323-4738

Objective: To confirm the safety and effectiveness of the Aveir device from implant through 6-weeks in a subject population indicated for a VVI(R) pacemaker.

General Cardiology:

EMPACT-MI – A study to test whether empagliflozin can lower the risk of heart failure and death in people who had a heart attack (myocardial infarction)

PI: John Kotter, MD

Coordinator: Ben Rushing 859-323-5259

Objective: To demonstrate the superiority of empagliflozin 10 mg once daily versus placebo, in addition to standard of care, for the reduction of the composite endpoint of time to first heart failure hospitalization or all-cause mortality in high-risk patients hospitalized for acute MI.

RELIEVE-HF TRIAL: REducing Lung congestion symptoms using the v-wave shunt in adVancEd Heart Failure

PI: John Gurley, MD

Coordinator: Stephanie Morris 859-323-5366

Objective: To provide reasonable assurance of safety and effectiveness of the V-Wave Interatrial Shunt System by improving meaningful clinical outcomes in

CLINICAL TRIALS CONTINUED

patients with NYHA functional class II, class III or ambulatory class IV heart failure, irrespective of left ventricular ejection fraction, who at baseline are treated with guideline-directed drug and device therapies.

MK-5475-007: A Phase 2/3, Multicenter, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-Controlled, Adaptive Design Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of MK-5475 in Adults with Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

PI: David Booth, MD

Coordinator: Stephanie Morris 859-323-5366

Objective: Two cohorts to evaluate the effect of MK-5475: 1) versus placebo on the pulmonary vascular resistance (PVR) at Week 12, 2) versus placebo on 6-minute walk distance (6MWD) at Week 12.

Stephanie Morris, CCRP

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FELLOWS NEWS/ACCOMPLISHMENTS

WELCOME NEW FELLOWS



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Chief Fellow, PGY6



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Krystof Andress, MD
PGY6



Daniel Krause, MD
PGY6



Eric Kreps, MD
PGY6



Tony Nguyen, MD
PGY6



Raya Mannan, MD
PGY6



Marc Paranzino, DO
PGY6



Ranjan Banerjee, MD
PGY5



Kevin Cao, MD
PGY5



Ethan Fry, DO
PGY5



Adham Karim, MD
PGY5



Benjamin Stoner, MD
PGY5



Rocky Wool, DO
PGY5



Jad Ballout, MD
PGY4



Nakeya Dewaswala, MD
PGY4



Awa Drame, MD
PGY4



Sara Klinger, MD
PGY4



Ahmed Noor, MD
PGY4



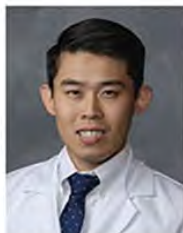
Nicole Dexter, MD
PGY4



Saima Shikari-Dossaji,
DO, PGY4



Ashley Brunmeier, MD
ACI



Joshua Eason, DO
ACI



Josue Villegas-Galaviz,
MD, Advanced Heart
Failure



Matthew Rafn, MD, MPH
Interventional Cardiology



Matthew Sousa, MD
Interventional Cardiology



Hussam Hawamdeh, MD
Interventional Cardiology

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for the 8th annual UK Gill Affiliate Network Annual Meeting

Presented virtually through a series of live video sessions

Thursday, Nov. 4 - Friday, Nov. 5

Presentation times range from 8 a.m. EDT - 1 p.m. EDT

Formal invitation to follow.

MORE INFORMATION

For additional information, contact Rebecca Craft (rebecca.craft@uky.edu),
or visit the conference website at <https://www.cecentral.com/live/20849>.



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AFFILIATE NEWS GAN ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Gill Heart & Vascular Institute Affiliate Network brings together hospitals throughout the Commonwealth that are interested in working together to enhance access to high-quality cardiovascular care. The meeting not only provides a glimpse into the future of cardiovascular medicine, but also offers strategies from leading national experts on how to position CV programs for success. This year's meeting features presentations focused on cardiovascular clinical care, quality, marketing, and management as well as sessions that examine trends in healthcare compliance and the current landscape of value-based purchasing.

MORE INFORMATION

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AFFILIATE NEWS

NEW LEADERSHIP LOOKS TO THE FUTURE

LEXINGTON, Ky. from UKNow (Aug. 3, 2021) – Dr. Rick McClure has deep roots in the University of Kentucky and UK HealthCare communities.

In 1983, he earned his medical degree from the UK College of Medicine, followed by both an internal medicine residency and cardiology fellowship at UK HealthCare. After about 12 years away, McClure returned to the University of Kentucky in 2004 to help establish a network of UK outreach clinics to improve heart health across the Commonwealth.

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in Kentucky and the state is among the top 10 in the country for cardiovascular mortality.

UK Gill Heart & Vascular Institute is at the forefront of the battle against heart disease and stroke. Its goal is to provide every patient with exceptionally compassionate care in the safest and most appropriate manner possible based on the best evidence and the latest technological advances.

When McClure returned to UK, he and his team spent the next 17 years building the robust and

expanding network of UK-affiliated hospitals across the Commonwealth that he hoped would continue the UK Gill Heart & Vascular Institute’s mission.

“We want to help Kentuckians lead healthier lifestyles and encourage their participation in cardiac screenings to reduce the negative impact of cardiovascular disease on the community,” said McClure, who served as medical director of the UK Gill Affiliate Network.

Officially established in 2014, the UK Gill Affiliate Network now boasts 18 affiliate hospitals across the Commonwealth, from Pike County to McCracken County. The network allows the Gill Heart & Vascular Institute to work closely with regional hospitals to provide the highest quality of cardiovascular care. Through the network, specialists at the Gill Heart & Vascular Institute provide cardiovascular-specific education and training programs for network doctors, advanced practice practitioners, nurses and staff to ensure the most up-to-date cardiovascular knowledge is available to them. Network members have remote access to cardiovascular educational opportunities and complimentary participation in cardiovascular

conferences as well as personalized and customized attention from the Gill Heart & Vascular Institute to support the network hospitals’ needs across the cardiovascular spectrum.

The UK Gill Affiliate Network also assists cardiovascular programs in achieving and maintaining subspecialty accreditations, provides clinical cardiology coverage and supports cardiac program growth and development. In addition, the network facilitates collaboration between local providers and Gill cardiologists, vascular surgeons and cardiothoracic surgeons. Developing these relationships allows for open communication and collaboration of care for patients.

“By collaborating with local community hospitals and their providers through education, training and community out

“My vision is for the UK Gill Affiliate Network to be a model for the rest of the nation on how an academic medical center can collaborate with hospitals throughout the state to improve cardiovascular care and improve efficiency,” Rajagopalan said.



Dr. Navin Rajagopalan (right) will take over for Dr. Rick McClure as the medical director of the UK Gill Affiliate Network. Pete Comparoni | UK Photo.

reach the residents of those communities benefit from access to state-of-the-art cardiovascular care near where they live,” McClure said. “This also reduces the stress and cost that many will incur by having to travel to a large center such as UK.”

McClure leaves his role as medical director of the UK Gill Affiliate Network to become the acting chair of the UK Department of Internal Medicine. UK cardiologist Dr. Navin Rajagopalan will step in as the new medical director of the UK Gill Affiliate Network. They will continue to work together to provide the best care possible for the patients we serve.”

“We have accomplished so much over nearly two decades and yet there is still so much more to do,” McClure said. “I look forward to seeing top-notch cardiovascular care continue to transform under Dr. Rajagopalan’s leadership.”

Rajagopalan served as the director of heart failure and medical director of heart transplantation at UK HealthCare for nearly a decade before pursuing a leadership opportunity in New Jersey. He was recruited back to UK HealthCare in 2020 to serve as the associate director of the UK Gill Affiliate Network and the associate director of the Organ Failure and Transplant Network.

His clinical and research interests include systolic heart failure, peripartum cardiomyopathy and donor selection for heart transplantation.

“Dr. Rajagopalan is the perfect physician to take on this vitally important leadership position from Dr. McClure. They both excel in their ability to listen to the needs of our patients and their care providers across the state, and they are always searching for opportunities to

improve in this excellence that has become standard with Gill Heart & Vascular Institute affiliations,” said Dr. Vincent L. Sorrell, acting chief of the Division of Cardiology. “I have personally witnessed Navin’s careful approach to his patients and his commitment to quality for more than a decade and therefore, I am certain that the Gill Affiliate Network is in good hands.”

Rajagopalan plans to continue exploring ways to provide additional resources to affiliate hospitals and to help disseminate the most advanced technology throughout the Commonwealth.

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ALLIANCE RESEARCH INITIATIVE

ONE-YEAR MILESTONES - SEPTEMBER 14, 2021

In August 2020, the College of Medicine officially launched 18 Alliance Initiative teams from each of the five research priority areas (substance use disorder; cardiovascular; diabetes and obesity; neuroscience; and cancer) and emerging areas of science. As the goals outline, these Alliance Initiative teams include members from 24 departments in the College of Medicine and nine colleges across the University.

There are four Cardiovascular Alliance teams: MYRA, TISA, TITAL and UK-AARC. The following pages are a summary report of their research efforts at the one-year funding mark. See: <https://med.uky.edu/alliance> to learn more and join a CV- Alliance.

TISA

Transdisciplinary Implementation Science Alliance

METRICS

PUBLICATIONS	GRANT SUBMISSIONS	CLINICAL TRIALS	NEW FUNDING	# OF MENTEES
42	17	0	\$4,136,777	4

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

Jing Li, MD, MS
Mahesh Kudrimoti, MD
Gretchen Wells, MD, PhD

SUMMARY

Improvements in patient care depend on breakthroughs in research and translation of research findings into clinical care. But of all the discoveries in research to improve patient care, only a fraction are actually put into practice in clinics and hospitals. This gap between research and practice has fueled the expansion of implementation science research to support the optimal use of evidence-based practices in clinical and community systems of care. The Transdisciplinary Implementation Science Alliance (TISA) works to bring research successes into health care practice, especially across traditional fields. To reach its goal, TISA will practice team science, breaking down the silos that often prevent cooperation between disciplines (e.g., cardiology, oncology) and organizational structures (e.g., scientists, clinicians).

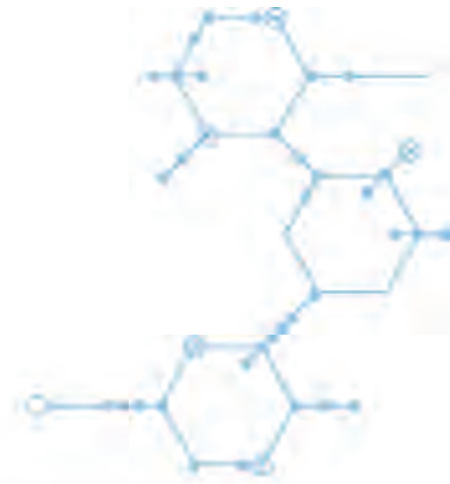


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Amit Arbune, MD, Assistant Professor - Department of Internal Medicine
Ana Bastos de Carvalho, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor - Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
Erin Burke, MD, Assistant Professor - Department of Surgery
Roberto Cardarelli, DO, MHA, MPH, Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine
Niraj Chavan, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor - Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
Jessica Clouser, MPH, Research Director - Center for Health Services Research
Mark Dignan, PhD, Professor - Department of Internal Medicine
Mary Beth Fisher, DO, Fellow - Department of Internal Medicine
Rachel Graham, DrPH, Assistant Professor - College of Public Health
Alla Grigorian, MD, PhD, Associate Professor - Department of Internal Medicine
Vedant Gupta, MD, Assistant Professor - Department of Internal Medicine
Pam Hull, PhD, Associate Professor - Department of Behavioral Science
James Keck, MD, Assistant Professor - Department of Family and Community Medicine
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Mahesh Kudrimoti, MD, Professor - Department of Radiation Medicine
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Lovoria Williams, PhD, Associate Professor - College of Nursing
Mark V. Williams, MD, Professor - Department of Internal Medicine





MYRA

Myocardial Recovery Alliance

METRICS

PUBLICATIONS	GRANT SUBMISSIONS	CLINICAL TRIALS	NEW FUNDING	# OF MENTEEES
0	2	4	0	1

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

Ken Campbell, PhD
Emma Birks, MD, PhD

SUMMARY

The Myocardial Recovery Alliance (MYRA) leverages existing clinical and scientific strengths at the institution to improve understanding of myocardial recovery. With support from bioengineers and geneticists, the translational research team will forge new collaborations to improve therapies for patients with heart failure. The MYRA alliance has already developed remarkable computer models of hearts that grow and evolve in response to pharmaceutical and genetic manipulation on the molecular level.



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VITAL

Virus Induced Thrombosis Alliance

METRICS

PUBLICATIONS	GRANT SUBMISSIONS	CLINICAL TRIALS	NEW FUNDING	# OF MENTEEES
20	8	2	\$5,342,000	1

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

Beth A. Garvy, PhD
Sidney W. Whiteheart, PhD

SUMMARY

The Virus Induced Thrombosis Alliance (VITAL) is investigating why infections cause an increased risk of cardiovascular disease. The combination of cardiology and virology is critical, especially now, as the effect of COVID-19 on clotting becomes clear. VITAL's initial focus on the thrombotic risks associated with HIV1+/AIDS has grown into a collaboration with the Bluegrass Care Clinic to examine coagulation dysfunction in COVID-19 patients. The team has already launched clinical studies of monocytes, platelets, and coagulation factors in HIV1+/AIDS patients and SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 patients with varying severity of disease, and has begun a longitudinal study on changes in hemostasis occurring during SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 disease and recovery from it.



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UK-AARC

UK Aortopathy Alliance Research Center



METRICS

PUBLICATIONS	GRANT SUBMISSIONS	CLINICAL TRIALS	NEW FUNDING	# OF MENTEES
15	5	2	\$835,000	3

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS

Alan Daugherty, PhD
Lisa A. Cassis, PhD

SUMMARY

The University of Kentucky Aortopathy Alliance Research Center (UK-AARC) works to use the existing strengths of basic science researchers to enhance the translation of their research to the clinical and population arena, speeding the bench to bedside process. UK-AARC is especially focused on research that will aid in the goal of developing effective pharmacological treatments as alternatives to surgery. The team's first collaboration is the development of an aortopathy-focused photoplethysmography, a device measuring blood flow, for use in clinical practice.



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INAUGURAL MATTHEW SZABUNIO SYMPOSIUM ON CARDIO-ONCOLOGY

SATURDAY

OCTOBER 16

7:15 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

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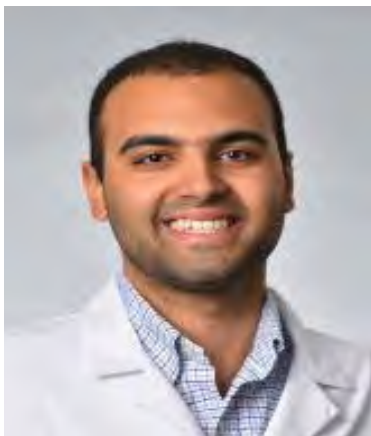


David Aguilar, MD
Professor of Medicine

Fellowship: Cardiovascular Medicine (including Level III Adult Echocardiography and Level II Nuclear Cardiology training), Brigham and Women's Hospital

Internal Medicine Residency: Brigham and Women's Hospital Harvard Medical School

Research Interests: Dr. Aguilar's research predominantly focuses on cardiometabolic diseases, such as type 2 diabetes, obesity, and hypertension, and their adverse associations with cardiovascular outcomes, such as stroke and heart disease.



Talal Alnabelsi, MD
Assistant Professor of Medicine

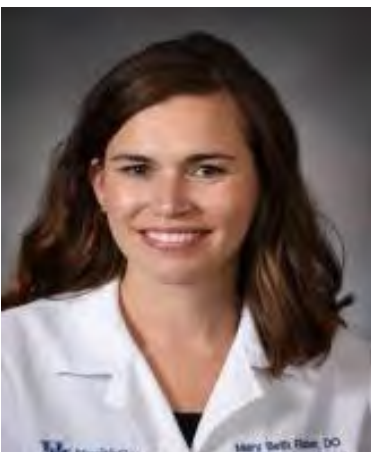
Fellowships: Advanced Cardiovascular imaging fellow (CT/PET): Houston Methodist Hospital

Cardiovascular Disease: University of Kentucky

Internal Medicine Residency: Einstein Medical Center, Philadelphia

Research Interests: Dr. Alnabelsi's research includes PET Myocardial perfusion imaging, utilizing multi-modality imaging to streamline care, Infective Endocarditis, and troponin elevation in sepsis.

Outside Activities: Big foodie and a sports fanatic (basketball, NFL, football, tennis, basketball and formula 1).



Mary Beth Fisher, DO
Assistant Professor of Medicine

Fellowship: Cardiovascular Disease
University of Kentucky

Internal Medicine Residency: University of Kentucky

Clinical and Research Interests: Dr. Fisher's interests include women's heart health, cardio-obstetrics, and cardiovascular disease prevention.

Outside Interests: Dr Fisher along with her husband, two children and two dogs have settled into life in Lexington after completion of her training. Outside of clinical duties she enjoys spending her free time outside with her family including running, hiking, and gardening.



Amartya Ignaszewski, MD

Assistant Professor of Medicine

Fellowship: Advanced Heart Failure/Transplant Cardiology Fellowship Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, IL

Cardiovascular Disease Fellowship

Cooper University Hospital, Camden, NJ

Internal Medicine Residency: SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY

Research Interests: Dr. Ignaszewski's research includes adherence to guideline-based management of atrial fibrillation and sex-differences in medical therapy and oral anticoagulation for thromboembolic risk reduction in non-valvular atrial fibrillation.



Amartya Kundu, MD, FACC

Assistant Professor of Medicine

Fellowship: Interventional Cardiology and Cardiovascular Disease, University of Massachusetts Medical School

Internal Medicine Residency: University of Massachusetts Medical School

Research Interests: Dr. Kundu's research focuses on outcomes following acute myocardial infarction, systematic reviews & meta-analyses evaluating the efficacy of different percutaneous interventions, and invasive management of cardiogenic shock.

Other Interests: Dr. Kundu is an avid traveler (has traveled to over 30 countries) who loves visiting new places and learning about different cultures. He also enjoys listening to music, trying different cuisines, and spending time with family and friends.



Denada S. Palm, MD

Assistant Professor of Medicine

Fellowship: Structural Heart, Peripheral Vascular Interventions, and Interventional Cardiology- Brigham and Women's Hospital; Harvard Medical School; Boston, MA

Cardiovascular Medicine- Univ. of Illinois at Chicago; Chicago, IL

Internal Medicine Residency: Univ. of Cincinnati; Cincinnati, OH

Research Interests: Dr. Palm's research interests involve high risk percutaneous coronary interventions and contemporary management of cardiogenic shock.

Outside Interests: Involve spending time with my family, husband and three children. We just welcomed our youngest this summer!



AUGUST GILL RECOGNITION AWARDS

The Gill Recognition Program seeks nominations of staff, faculty, trainee, or an entire area to recognize outstanding work based on one or more of the criteria below.

- Going the extra mile to help colleagues or patients
- Inspiring others
- Preventing a serious adverse event
- Embracing a spirit of constant improvement
- Creating a valuable learning opportunity or environment
- Developing an innovative approach or solution
- Outstanding commitment to a scholarly pursuit

Nominations should include the individual name or area and a brief description of the outstanding work.

The Gill Recognition Award will be awarded monthly. You may open the nomination form on your web browser by clicking the link below: Gill Recognition Program.

If the link above does not work, try copying the link below into your web browser: <https://redcap.uky.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=-JFK4EPMJ83>

See past winners here: <https://internalmedicine.med.uky.edu/cvrc-gill-award>

The **Cardiac Cath Lab** (pictured above) received the Gill Recognition Award for being recognized by a UK HealthCare patient. Here is what the patient

wrote on her patient survey to compliment the staff who provided care during her visit to the Cath Lab on 2/24. "I have dealt with a lot of medical staff in the past, but they really outdid themselves in the Cath Lab. I can not say enough about Cory. he was so genuine and nice and easy to ask any questions to. Steve, Clarissa and Faith were awesome in the procedure room as well. I also saw Peta for my echo and she was super gentle, which I needed after my procedure." She asks for the manager to review and recognize the staff for their great work.

"I have dealt with a lot of medical staff in the past, but they really outdid themselves in the Cath Lab."

Jacob Stone was nominated by the entire Cardiac Rehab Staff (**See photo below**). This is what they wrote about Jacob: Jacob is a wonderful leader, always going the extra mile to improve patient care, by innovative approaches and constantly thinking about improvement of current procedures. In the past year Jacob has been able to adapt to the pandemic constraints while maintaining high quality care for the cardiac rehab patients. Cardiac Rehab closed its doors for only 8 weeks due to COVID19, while many programs across the state remained closed for well into the Summer months, very much in part to Jacob's efforts. During the closure Jacob initiated home exercise plans for current patients at time of closure and continued communication about reopening.

He created a reopening plan that

ultimately the national cardiac rehab organization released very similar info weeks later, he was ahead of the curve. During this time, he explored, and was able to initiate and implement a hybrid home based cardiac rehab program to serve those patients who were affected by their local cardiac rehab facility closures, that otherwise would not have been able to receive cardiac rehab services. In addition to these accomplishments, he is well on his way to approval of a cardiac rehab facility expansion adding much needed additional space for equipment and expanded dietary educational opportunities. He has also been an integral part of designing a cardiac rehab specific workflow in EPIC that is tailored to our facility. Jacob continually provides outreach education

about cardiac rehab to incoming residents and fellows and recently provided education to Cardinal Hill providers as well. He has participated in many community service events about hands only CPR, including teaching the UK Football team this life saving skill. Not only is Jacob the supervisor of cardiac rehab with all the manager duties, he also still provides patient care on a daily basis. His dedication and passion for the cardiac rehab program here at UK has been unwavering, and we, his staff, are so fortunate and blessed to have him as our fearless boss. We believe he is most deserving of this recognition.





AUGUST GILL RECOGNITION AWARDS CONT.

Mindy Thompson nominated **Ken Campbell, PhD** of Physiology. Mindy said: Dr. Campbell meets most, if not all, of the criteria for this award. A few years after his arrival at the University of Kentucky, Dr. Campbell developed an innovative approach with one of the cardiologist to startup a cardiac biobank using limited resources available to his lab. Dr. Campbell serves as the Director of Graduate Studies and teaches several courses to include MD826. He takes pride in making course material exciting, easily accessible and comprehensible. While most professors might dread receiving class reviews at the end of the semester, Dr. Campbell welcomes the

the opportunity for improvement. He frequently seeks ways to improve both professionally and personally. Dr. Campbell has an inspiring personality that allows him to encourage others and has allowed him to build an unbelievable internal and external network. The support he offers his colleagues and mentees is unsurpassed. This, I was able to witness when he had a lab reunion Zoom. Several of his previous students or post docs joined a Zoom reunion to catch up. All five of them had nothing but positive things to say about Dr. Campbell but most importantly, the work culture they

described is the same, if not better, today. A positive work culture can be challenging to create let alone maintain, and improve, over the course of 17 years which speaks volumes to his character and leadership!

"Dr. Campbell has an inspiring personality that allows him to encourage others".

SEMINARS AND JOURNAL CLUBS

* Check website for details.

Cardiovascular Seminar Series

Fridays at 8:00 am

This forum brings to campus prominent external speakers and provides presentations by UK faculty to ensure their research expertise is widely known.

<https://cvrc.med.uky.edu/cvrc-current-seminar-schedule>

Cardiovascular Journal Club

Tuesdays at 8:00 am

Presenters in this forum discuss specific citations including basis for this publication's selection, strengths and weaknesses, from the perspective as if he/she were the original reviewer. For more information contact:

Greg Graf, Ph.D. or Ryan Temel, Ph.D.

<https://cvrc.med.uky.edu/cvrc-current-journal-club-schedule>

Blood Cell Journal Club

4th Friday of each month at 4:00 pm

The journal club was started a number of years ago in an effort to provide a focal point for the hemostasis community at UK. The focus is usually on platelets but they also discuss papers on Coagulation and Immune responses.

<https://cvrc.med.uky.edu/cvrc-blood-cell-journal-club-2018>

Cardiovascular Seminar Series for Today's Clinician-Scientists

TODD 170

Noon- 12:50 PM and Zoom

Speakers will discuss late-breaking research, critical review of the guidelines, and other relevant cardiovascular topics. These presentations are expected to deliver knowledge and strategies that directly result in changes in practice that can improve patient outcomes.

Thursday 1/27/2022

Thursday 2/24/2022 - Speaker: Anna Hemnes, MD, Vanderbilt University Medical System

Thursday 3/24/2022

Thursday 4/28/2022 - Speaker: Hakan Oral, MD, Frankel Cardiovascular Center, University of Michigan Health

Thursday 5/26/2022

Thursday 9/29/2022

Thursday 10/27/2022



SEPTEMBER CVRC RESEARCH DAY

LEXINGTON, Ky. By Mallory Olson, in UKNOW (Sept. 14, 2021)

What if there were a way to cure hypertension associated with obesity? University of Kentucky researcher Frédérique Yiannikouris, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the University of Kentucky College of Medicine's Department of Pharmacology and Nutritional Sciences, may be on track to find it.

Specializing in obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease research, Yiannikouris' most recent research project is focused on a novel molecule, found in the fat, liver and kidney, that might help to cure hypertension associated with obesity.

Hypertension is another name for high blood pressure. It is normal for blood pressure to fluctuate during the day, but if it consistently stays high, you are considered hypertensive. High blood pressure means that blood is pushing too hard against artery walls. The force of this blood can damage the heart and the delicate inner lining of the artery walls. This damage can lead to many health problems.

Kentucky is one of the top five states in the nation for high adult obesity rates, with 36.6% of the population considered obese. The accumulation of fat is just one aspect of the incredibly complex disease. The metabolic changes that occur with obesity result in an increase in cardiovascular risk

factors, like hypertension, poor bone quality and insulin resistance. "If you can keep your blood pressure below 120 mmHg, the risk of cardiovascular disease drops dramatically," Yiannikouris said. "In this context, identifying novel molecules and/or receptors involved in the control of blood pressure will allow us to better understand the link between obesity and hypertension and find novel therapeutic treatments for these highly prevalent diseases."

Yiannikouris' study focuses on the unique receptor, called the prorenin receptor (PRR), which she and her team believe could represent a potential therapeutic target in the treatment of cardiovascular disease. More specifically, they are studying the role of PRR in fat mass growth,

in the accumulation of lipid in the liver and in the regulation of blood pressure, with a special emphasis on the difference between men and women.

“We recently found a new paradigm of crosstalk between adipose tissue and the liver, involving cholesterol, triglyceride and PRR,” she said. “Interestingly, we found that PRR contributes to lipid stability and that PRR can also be separated into a soluble form, called sPRR. This soluble form can induce an increase in blood pressure during the development of obesity.”

Both hyperlipidemia and hypertension are risk factors in cardiovascular disease. Even with antihypertensive treatment, the mortality rate is higher in patients who are hypertensive taking anti-hypertensive drugs than in a population of people with normal blood pressure. Yiannikouris said despite a wide range of available treatments, a significant number of patients have resistant hypertension.

“Understanding the mechanism by which PRR contributes to dyslipidemia and hypertension will provide critical insights to develop new drugs targeting PRR and/or its soluble form,” Yiannikouris said. “This can, in turn, result in manageable blood pressure, when combined with sustainable lifestyle changes.”

Yiannikouris’ research program is just one example of the type of research projects presented during the 2021 Cardiovascular Research Day, held in conjunction with the Fredrickson Lipid Research Conference. The multiday event celebrates innovative research in cardiovascular health. It is hosted by the University of Kentucky Saha Cardiovascular Research Center and the UK Gill Heart & Vascular Institute. The conference was the first in-person scientific conference in the field of lipid and lipoprotein metabolism and cardiovascular disease in nearly two years.

With 250 attendees from UK and nearly 40 other universities, the event showcased a wide variety of research activity from scientists and researchers, from trainees to prominent senior scientists.

After opening remarks by Alan Daugherty, Ph.D., director of the UK Saha Cardiovascular Research Center, several distinguished speakers presented their research. Steven Steinhubl, M.D., the director of Digital Medicine and an associate professor of genomic research for Scripps Research Translational Institute, presented “Healthcare Transformation and the Need for More Unreasonable Clinician-Researchers.”

Elizabeth McNally, M.D., Ph.D., the director of the Center for Genetic Medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, was honored with the UK Gill Heart & Vascular Institute Outstanding Contributions to Cardiovascular Research award.

She presented “The Genetic Landscape of Heart Failure.”

Katherine Gallagher, M.D., an associate professor of surgery, Section of Vascular Surgery, and Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Michigan, was awarded the UK Gill Heart & Vascular Institute Early Career Award. She presented “Epigenetics in Vascular Disease.”

Judged poster sessions concluded with an awards ceremony recognizing the best presentations. The event was made possible by support from the UK Saha Cardiovascular Research Center, the UK Office of the Vice President for Research, the UK Cardiovascular Research Priority Area and the Gill and Saha foundations.

“In this context, identifying novel molecules and/or receptors involved in the control of blood pressure will allow us to better understand the link between obesity and hypertension and find novel therapeutic treatments for these highly prevalent diseases.” - Dr. Yiannikouris.

For more information about the programs mentioned please see the following web pages:

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UK Office of the VPR
UK CV-RPA
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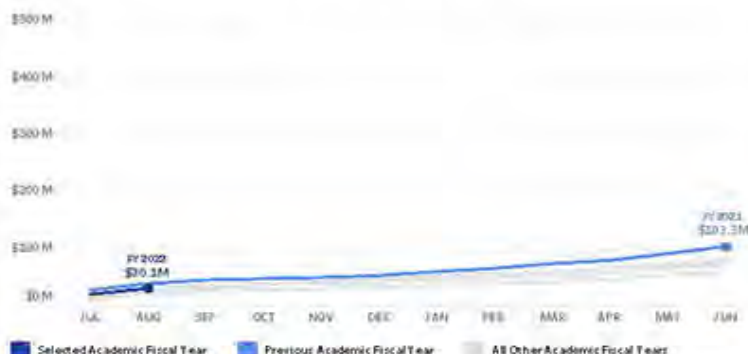
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CUMULATIVE AWARDS (\$) RECEIVED BY MONTH



Source: University of Kentucky, Office of Sponsored Projects Administration (OSPA) Database
Compiled by: University of Kentucky, Office of the Vice President for Research

FY 2018-2022
TOTAL AWARDS (\$), 5-YEAR TREND
FY CHANGE (%)



FY 2020-2022
COMPOUND ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Source	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	Change (%)
Federal Government	\$48,548,438	\$58,340,207	\$10,382,655	-53.8%
State Government	\$10,340,902	\$23,510,342	\$15,050,496	+20.6%
Industry	\$4,794,206	\$13,242,879	\$1,200,311	-50.0%
Nonprofit	\$4,597,962	\$3,304,336	\$2,066,805	-33.0%
Other	\$3,958,176	\$4,931,924	\$1,371,171	-41.1%
Total	\$72,239,684	\$103,329,688	\$30,071,438	-35.5%

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RIT1-Mediated Protection Following Traumatic Brain Injury
National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke
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An Innovative Therapeutic Approach to Treat Cardiomyopathy
Army Medical Research and Materiel Command
07/01/20-06/30/23

Ken Campbell

Multiscale Modeling of Inherited Cardiomyopathies and Therapeutic Interventions
National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
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Length-Dependent Activation in Human Myocardium
National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
09/15/20- 07/31/24

Dual Filament Control of Myocardial Power and Hemodynamics
University of Missouri
08/25/20- 07/31/24

Computer Modeling of Myosin Binding Protein C and its Effect on Cardiac Contraction
Case Western Reserve
04/01/19-03/31/23

Thick-Filament Regulation In Human Heart Failure
Washington State University
07/01/19-06/30/22

CRCNS: Multi-Scale Models of Proprioceptive Encoding for Sensorimotor Control
Emory University
09/16/16-05/31/2022

Awards for members of Gill Heart & Vascular Institute total over \$33 Mil per year!

Lisa Cassis

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Supplemental Environmental Project Compliance Assistance Tools and Services
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07/01/07-12/31/21

Healthy Kentucky Research Building Fit-up for Vascular Research
Office of the Director
09/23/19-10/31/21

Sex Differences in Angiotensin-Induced Vascular Diseases
National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
03/21/12-05/31/22

Alan Daugherty

University of Kentucky- Baylor College of Medicine Aortopathy Research Center
American Heart Association
04/01/18-03/31/22

A Mechanistic Study to Elucidate the Role of Protein S in Elevating the Risk of Thrombosis in Obese, Pre-menopausal Women
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center- New Orleans
01/15/21- 12/31/24

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Determinants of Aorta Heterogeneity
National Heart Lung and Blood
Institute
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Macrophage Migration Inhibitory
Factor and Urinary Pain
Lexington Biomedical Research
Institute
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Brian Delisle

Transcriptional Regulation of
KCNH2
National Heart Lung and Blood
Institute
03/08/19-02/28/23

Circadian Clock Regulation of Myo-
cardial Ion Channel Expression and
Function
University of Florida
09/01/20- 05/31/22

Toward Early Diagnosis of Long QT
Syndrome Using Machine Learning
and Molecular Dynamics Simulation
of KCNH2
Loyola University
01/01/21- 12/31/21

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Florin Despa

Role of Systemic Amylin Dysho-
meostasis in Alzheimer's Disease
National Institute on Aging
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The Amylin Dyshomeostasis Hy-
pothesis of Vascular Contributions to
Cognitive Impairment and Dementia
(VCID)
National Institute of Neurological
Disorders & Stroke
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Ming Gong

Targeting Timing of Food Intake
as a Novel Strategy against Disrup-
tion of Blood Pressure Circadian
Rhythm in Diabetes
National Heart Lung and Blood
Institute
01/15/19-10/31/22

A Novel Mechanism by which
Smooth Muscle BMAL1 Regulates
IL-6 and Sexual Dimorphism of
Abdominal
Aortic Aneurysm
National Heart Lung and Blood
Institute
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Scott Gordon

The Role of High Density Lipopro-
tein Associated Protease Inhibitor
Activity in Protection Against Ath-
erosclerosis.
National Heart Lung and Blood
Institute
08/20/18-07/31/22

Protease Activity in Atherosclerotic
Plaque Formation and Protection
by Novel HDL-targeting Protease
Inhibitors
Medical Foundation
12/01/18-11/30/21

High Density Lipoprotein Targeting
Protease Inhibitors for Preservation
of Lung Function
Alpha One Foundation Incorporated
07/01/21-06/30/23

Identifying Pharmacokinetic
Markers to Predict Altered
Lipoprotein Kinetics in the Vascepa
to Accelerate Lipoprotein Uptake
and Elimination (VALUE) Study
Amarin Pharma Incorporated
07/30/21-07/30/22

Gregory Graf

Contributions of hepatic and
intestinal pathways to cholesterol
excretion
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Digestive & Kidney
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gram
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Jing Li

Project MISSION: Developing a mul-
ticomponent, Multilevel Implemen-
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Care through eEngagement
National Heart Lung and Blood
Institute
08/01/2017-07/31/21

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Relative Adrenal Insufficiency is a Risk Factor and an Endotype for Sepsis

National Institute of General Medical Sciences
05/01/21- 04/30/26

Mechanism of Adrenal Insufficiency as A Risk Factor for Sepsis

National Institute of General Medical Sciences
09/01/17-08/31/22

Synthetic HDL a Potential Sepsis Therapy

National Institute of General Medical Sciences
11/01/15-11/30/21

Zhenyu Li

Inflammasome Activation Triggers Systemic Coagulation in Sepsis

National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
05/15/19-04/30/23

A Novel Mechanism of Immunosuppression in Sepsis: Depletion of Monocytes and Macrophages

National Institute of General Medical Sciences
09/20/19-06/30/23

Heart-Platelet Crosstalk: JNK, AFib, and Thrombogenesis

Rush University Medical Center
05/15/19-02/28/23

Analia Loria

Effect of Early Life Stress on Obesity-Induced Hypertension in Mice

National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
12/01/17-11/30/22

Fat Nerve Recording in Mice

American Physiological Society
10/01/19-07/31/21

Hong Lu

Atherosclerosis Mechanisms: Angiotensin II Production and Action

National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
05/01/18-03/31/22

Debra Moser

Rural Intervention for Caregivers' Heart Health (RICHH)

National Institute of Nursing Research
09/26/16-06/30/22

Online Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Depressive Symptoms in Rural Coronary Heart Disease Patients

Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute
10/01/2020 to 09/30/2024

Gia Mudd-Martin

Corazón de la Familia (Heart of the Family)

National Institute of Nursing Research
03/02/17-01/31/22

Heart of the Family: A Cardiovascular Disease and Type 2 Diabetes Risk Reduction Intervention in High-Risk Rural Families

National Institute of Nursing Research
09/07/20- 06/30/25

Timothy Mullett

Using Biomarkers and Imaging in Fungal Regions to Improve Lung Cancer

Diagnosis Vanderbilt University
04/01/19-03/31/22

Kentucky Lung Cancer Survivorship Program

Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation Incorporated
09/01/14- 12/31/21

Addressing Comprehensive Lung Cancer Biomarker Testing Through Project ECHO

American Cancer Society
05/01/21-03/01/22

Mariana Nikolova-Karakashian

Ceramide and Acute Phase Proteins Elevation During Aging

National Institute on Aging
08/01/02-05/31/23

Jonathan Satin

Monomeric G-Proteins and Cardio-protection from Heart Failure

National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
09/01/17- 08/31/21

An Innovative Therapeutic Approach to Treat Cardiomyopathy

Army Medical Research and Materiel Command
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Nancy Schoenberg

Community to Clinic Navigation to Improve Diabetes Outcomes

National Institute Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney
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Implementing an Evidence-Based mHealth Diet and Activity Intervention: Make Better Choices 2 for Rural Appalachians
National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
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Venkateswaran Subramanian
Calpains and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms
National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
08/10/17-07/31/22

Ryan Temel
TRAF6 Nanoimmunotherapy to Resolve Plaque Inflammation
Mount Sinai
08/15/18-06/30/22

Targeting MicroRNA-33 To Reduce Intracranial Atherosclerosis and Other Neurovascular Hallmarks of Vascular Cognitive Impairment and Dementia
National Institute of Neurological Disorders & Stroke
04/01/19-03/31/22

Therapeutic Targeting of Metabolic microRNAs as a New Treatment Paradigm for NASH
Aalborg University
01/01/19-12/31/24

Dongfang Wang
SBIR: Development of a TransApical to Aorta Double Lumen Cannula for a Neonate LVAD
W-Z Biotech LLC
04/01/19-07/31/22

Development of a Paracorporeal Pump-Integrated Artificial Lung for Transport of Warfighters with Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS)
Army Medical Research and Materiel Command
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Christopher Mark Waters
Biophysical Mechanisms of Hyperoxia-Induced Lung injury
National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
04/15/20- 03/31/24

ASK1 and Ventilator-Induced Lung Injury
National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
12/15/16-11/30/21

Regulation and Function of IL33 During Neonatal RSV Infection
Louisiana State University
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Nancy Webb
Serum Amyloid A, Inflammasome Activation, and Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms
National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
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NRSA T32: Pharmacology and Nutritional Sciences:
National Institute Diabetes & Digestive & Kidney
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Jonathan Wenk
Force Validated Heart Valve Surgical Planning Tool
University of Arkansas
09/01/19-08/31/22

Sidney Whiteheart
Platelet Exocytosis and Endocytosis in Thrombosis and Immunity
National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
04/01/20-03/31/28

Regulatory Mechanisms of Glycoprotein Sialylation
Case Western Reserve
01/01/21- 11/30/24

Jeremy Wood
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National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
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