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Hello Perinatal Research and Wellness Center Team!



Happy March and Spring!

It feels like hope is unfolding everywhere, take a moment to notice any new and colorful growth both inside and outside. We appreciate you and all you bring to our community! Please let us know if we can connect you with resources or share news on our newsletters or [website](#).

-PRWC

UPCOMING MEETINGS



Perinatal Research and Wellness Center Scholarship Meeting

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Wednesday April 14, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Please inquire for Zoom meeting invite link and pertinent documents

UK NEWS + EVENTS



***Congratulations to [Anna Hanson, whose doctoral work investigating predictors of morbidity in rural pregnant women was featured in UKNOW!](#)**

UK Office of Research Integrity: Office Hours

- March 25, 2021: 1-2pm
- April 13, 2021: 12-1pm
- ZOOM: <https://uky.zoom.us/j/242100365>
- Come with questions about ongoing research, developing research projects, the E-IRB system, and general IRB operations.

***Request a Phone or In-person Consultation with the Office of Research integrity.**

They are for studies in development as well as approved research projects.

- <https://redcap.uky.edu/redcap/surveys/?s=WHK9CJPTME>

The Office of the Vice President for Research

[Spring 2021 Lunch & Learn Series](#)

All sessions held from 12-1pm via Zoom link: <https://uky.zoom.us/j/9251686420>

- *Title: Conducting Humane and Responsible Research Utilizing Laboratory Animals*
- Speaker: Bernard Doering (Director, Division of Laboratory Animal Resources)
- March 24, 2021

- *Title: Communicating the Impact of Your Research to Non-Scientists: How Research Communications Can Help*
- Speaker: Alicia Gregory (Director, Research Communications)
- April 7, 2021

CCTS REDCap Training Series

- Registration is required! [Here](#)
- April 6: For Advanced Users

New Updated [Graduate Certificate in Biostatistics](#)

- 15 credit [hours through College of Public Health](#)
- Allows students to develop foundational skills in design and analysis of biomedical studies_

2021 CCTS Implementation Science Research Day- Virtual

- April 7 & 8
- [Click here to register](#)
- Free to participants
- **March 19:** Deadline for Poster submissions

STATE NEWS + EVENTS



Kentucky Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program Monthly Webinar

- Your Heart, Your Lungs & E-Cigarettes
- Speaker: Dr. Aruni Bhatnagar, co-director of the AHA's Tobacco Center for Regulatory Science
- Tue, April 6, 2021 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM EST
- Free and Open to Public, [register here](#)

Kentucky Public Health Association Annual Conference "Building Resilient Healthy Communities"

- Held virtually April 21, and 22

Community & Economic Development Initiative of Kentucky (CEDIK) has published county healthcare profiles, sharing county-level data on many health characteristics.

- https://cedik.ca.uky.edu/data_profiles/healthcare

University of Kentucky's #iCANendthetrend is looking for highschool students to join their new Youth Advisory Board!

- Please share with any passionate highschoolers that may want to apply.
- Board members should be dedicated to educating about and preventing use of e-cigarettes
- Deadline is March 30.
- See attached flyer and application

*Please take a moment to consider writing to your representatives to advocate for the **Newborn Screening Saves Lives Reauthorization Act**, which remains in the House of Representatives.

- Dr. Lisa Blair, has written an informative position statement for the International Society of Nurses in Genetics regarding the Nurses and the Newborn Screening. See attached.

NATIONAL NEWS



UCSF Smoking Cessation Leadership Center Webinars:

“Reach, Effectiveness, and Treatment Engagement with Digital Cessation Interventions”

- Michael S. Amato, PhD, Dr. Michael Amato is Methodologist for the Innovations center at Truth Initiative, and a research investigator with the Truth Initiative Schroeder Institute.
- March 23, 2021 at 1pm EST, [Register here](#)

“I COVID Quit: Real People; Real Stories; New Campaign”

- Andy Burness, MBA, is founder and president of Burness, a mission-driven global communications firm supporting nonprofits and the people they serve
- Les Pappas, MPA, President and Creative Director of Better World Advertising
- Nicole Gyan, MA, Project Manager/Social Marketing Specialist, Better World Advertising
- Catherine Saucedo, Deputy Director of the Smoking Cessation Leadership Center
- March 31, 2021 1pm EST [Register here](#)

Take Down Tobacco National Day of Action (formerly Kick Butts Day)

- Free Virtual “roast” featuring comedians, youth and others discussing the tobacco industry’s “foolery” in deceiving youth.
- Thursday, April 1 7PM EST
- Free, [Register here](#)
- Please share with your networks!

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force issued new evidence-based **recommendations for tobacco cessation in adults, including pregnant persons**

- “A”= The USPSTF recommends that clinicians ask all adults about tobacco use, advise them to stop using tobacco, and provide behavioral interventions and US Food and Drug Administration (FDA)--approved pharmacotherapy for cessation to nonpregnant adults who

use tobacco.

- "A" =The USPSTF recommends that clinicians ask all pregnant persons about tobacco use, advise them to stop using tobacco, and provide behavioral interventions for cessation to pregnant persons who use tobacco

Marce' of North America 2021 Annual Meeting (MONA)

- Virtually on October 21-24
- [Free Black Maternal Mental Health Webinar available here](#)

American Public Health Association's Annual Meeting 2021

- Denver, October 23-27
- [Deadline for abstract submission: March 21 ***](#)

Kaiser Family Foundation published a report about [Two Women's Health Policy Issues to Monitor in 2021](#)

- Including [Expanding Medicaid Postpartum Coverage](#)
- Find table covering and analyzing Federal Bills that may Strengthen Maternal Health Care [here](#)

US Preventative Task Force Issues Draft [Recommendation Statement on Counseling About Healthy Weight Gain in Pregnancy](#)

- "B" recommendation for clinicians to provide or refer pregnant people to counseling programs to help them maintain a healthy amount of weight and prevent excess weight gain.

ONGOING Data for COVID-19 during pregnancy [here](#)

- CDC is collaborating with state, local, and territorial health departments and external partners to better understand COVID-19 during pregnancy. Health departments that are notified of COVID-19 cases in pregnant women may collect more information on these women using an optional module in addition to a case reporting form. Findings will be rapidly translated into updated clinical guidance for pregnant women and infants.

Opportunities + Deadlines



NINR

Notice of Special Interest : Administrative Supplements and Urgent Competitive Revisions for NIH Grants to Add or Expand Research Focused on Maternal Health, Structural Racism and Discrimination, and COVID-19.

- Project budgets up to \$2,000,000 (Total Costs) will be considered.
- Projects must be less than 1 year.
- Due: April 14, 2021

Notice of Special Interest:Administrative Supplements for Research on Women’s Health in the IDeA States.

- Due: April 19, 2021
- Funding up to \$200,000, for max of one year.
- [Link to announcement here](#)

Foundation for Women’s Wellness-Research Awards

- Supporting short term studies regarding women’s health concerns
- Grants up to \$25K
- Closing date April 26, 2021
- [Link for Full Announcement](#)

UKY CON Pilot Program

- Applications due: Feb 1 and July 1
- The February cycle will only accept applications from faculty members who have not had prior R01 or equivalent funding (e.g., PCORI, AHA, VA).
- \$30K to be awarded each cycle
- The July cycle will accept applications from all CON faculty. Applications from faculty members with prior R01 or equivalent funding will be considered only if a new line of research that has not been previously funded is proposed - the application must include a statement describing how the proposed research differs from previously funded research.

NIH- Notice of Special Interest (NOSI): Research to Address Vaccine Hesitancy, Uptake, and Implementation among Populations that Experience Health Disparities

- **First Available Due Date:** February 05, 2021
- **Expiration Date:** January 08, 2022
- [Link to full announcement here](#)

Pioneering Ideas: Exploring the Future to Build a Culture of Health

Call for Proposals

- Release Date: April 15, 2020 | Application Deadline: Open
- https://www.rwjf.org/en/library/funding-opportunities/2020/pioneering-ideas-2020-exploring-the-future-to-build-a-culture-of-health.html?rid=0032S000029fq3XQAO&et_cid=2046258

CCTS Small Grant Opportunity

- Up to \$5000 to help strengthen applications for extramural research grants.
- Must be full time faculty to apply
- <https://www.ccts.uky.edu/media/1621>

Fast Funding for COVID-19 Science

- If you are a scientist at an academic institution currently working on a COVID-19 related project and in need of funding, we invite you to apply for a Fast Grant.
- \$10k to \$500k and decisions are made in under 48 hours.

You must be:

- A PI at an academic institution, already working on a project that could help with the COVID-19 pandemic within the next six months. We require that a Fast Grant be used solely to expedite COVID-19-related science.
- <https://fastgrants.org/>

Additional Items



[Bateman BT, Hernandez-Diaz S, Straub L, Zhu Y, Gray K J, Desai R J et al. Association of first trimester prescription opioid use with congenital malformations in the offspring: population based cohort study BJM 2021; doi:10.1136/bmj.n102](#)

- A population-based cohort, using a nationwide sample of insured pregnant women, was used

to evaluate the risk of first trimester exposure to prescription opioids for major congenital malformation.

- Prescription opioids[defined as two or more dispensaries of any opioid during the 1st trimester] used in early pregnancy are not associated with substantial increase in risk for most of the malformation types considered, although a small increase in the risk of oral clefts associated with their use is possible.

[Adhikari, E. & Spong, C. COVID-19 Vaccination in Pregnant and Lactating Women. Feb 8, 2021. JAMA.](#)

- ‘Without data, guidance from professional societies is necessarily vague due to lack of evidence of vaccine efficacy and safety during pregnancy. These organizations must balance the risk of COVID-19 infection to the pregnant and lactating woman with the potential or theoretical risks from the vaccine to the pregnant woman and her developing fetus or the lactating woman and her newborn.’
- ‘As systematic and proactive data on COVID-19 vaccination in pregnant and lactating women are gathered, evidence-based recommendations regarding mRNA vaccination to reduce harms from COVID-19 will replace expert opinion.’

[Janevic T, Glazer KB, Vieira L, et al. Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Very Preterm Birth and Preterm Birth Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic. JAMA Netw Open. 2021;4\(3\):e211816. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2021.1816](#)

- This cross-sectional study found that there was no significant difference in racial/ethnic disparities in very preterm birth and preterm birth among 8026 women during the 1st wave of the pandemic in New York City compared with the same period the same year.

If you are a member of the **Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine**, you can [access their MFMM Fellow Lecture Series \[Updates in COVID-19 in Pregnancy\]](#) and more

The Perinatal Research and Wellness Center Purpose

The purpose of the center is multifaceted and includes using translational research to inform women, providers, and policymakers about current perinatal issues; empowering women to optimize health through positive behavioral change; and creating and tailoring innovative programs for vulnerable families to improve maternal and child health, all while developing the next generation of perinatal researchers.



Website: <https://www.uky.edu/perinatalresearch/>