A message from Chancellor Elliman

With Bob Eckel moving on to greener pastures, I’m taking this space in his former corner of this newsletter to announce that Thomas Flaig, MD, will be our next interim vice chancellor for research, effective immediately. A medical oncologist and associate dean for clinical research at the CU School of Medicine, Dr. Flaig was named chief clinical research officer of UCHealth in 2016. The first to hold this role, he has led numerous efforts to create the infrastructure and streamline the processes to provide an efficient and attractive environment for conducting research on our campuses. Dr. Flaig arrived on campus in 2003 as an oncology fellow and joined the CU School of Medicine faculty in 2006. In addition to his clinical work, he is a prolific researcher. As we welcome Dr. Flaig to this new role, we’re grateful to Bob for his leadership of the Office of Research since February 2018, and for the more than 40 years he spent elevating this university.

--Don Elliman, Chancellor

Research Corner

Kate Coleman-Minahan PhD, RN, FNP-BC is an assistant professor in the College of Nursing and a research affiliate at the University of Colorado Population Center. She received her PhD in Health and Behavioral Sciences from the University of Colorado Denver and completed a postdoctoral research fellowship at the University of Texas at Austin.

Dr. Coleman-Minahan’s research program is motivated by her clinical practice at the Adolescent Family Planning Clinic (BC4U) and addresses reproductive health autonomy and equity among marginalized women, specifically adolescents and immigrants. She utilizes both quantitative and qualitative social science methodologies in two main research areas. First, she examines how gender inequality and structural factors, such as economic disadvantage and discrimination, shape sexual and reproductive health equity. Her prior research with Mexican-origin young women concluded that acculturation does not explain reproductive health outcomes, can reinforce stereotypes, and should be studied within a structural context. She is currently exploring the reproductive health of DACA-eligible young women and their U.S.-born peers during times of uncertainty.

Second, as a co-investigator with the Texas Policy Evaluation Project, Dr. Coleman-Minahan’s research has shown how Texas policies have reduced access to contraception and abortion for many women, particularly low-income and immigrant women. Qualitative interviews with 20 adolescents and 19 attorneys and quantitative analysis of case records suggest that the judicial bypass process, when adolescents who cannot obtain parental consent for abortion go to a judge, delays care, is experienced as punishment, and is harmful to adolescent health and well-being. Dr. Coleman-Minahan’s research has received attention from media outlets including National Public Radio, Reuters, and The Guardian, and has been used in legislative testimony. Her research goal is to improve the health and lives of marginalized women on three levels: (1) Informing health and public policy; (2) improving clinical practice; and (3) changing public narratives through de-stigmatization of sexuality, pregnancy, and abortion.
Resources for Single Patient INDs/IDEs

The FDA Single Patient IND and IDE pathways, sometimes referred to as “Expanded Access” or “Compassionate Use” pathways, allow use of an investigational product to treat a patient who:

- Is suffering from a serious or immediately life-threatening disease or condition, and
- Does not have comparable satisfactory alternative therapies, and
- Cannot participate in a clinical trial.

Conflict of Interest Collection Period

The next Conflict of Interest (COI) collection period begins on Monday, August 12, 2019. Don’t forget the following deadlines for submitting the COI disclosure for this collection period:

- For applicable sponsors, before a grant proposal may be sent to the funding entity;
- Before an IRB protocol submission (initial, amendment, or continuing review) will be reviewed;
- By Thursday, October 31, 2019 for personnel who are NOT involved in research.

As a reminder, a COI disclosure must be filed by faculty, officers, staff with fiscal roles or who negotiate on behalf of the University, and individuals who are engaged in research. Remember, disclose early, and often, as needed.

Questions? Visit the COI Website or contact the COI staff at COI@ucdenver.edu.

To apply:

http://www.ucdenver.edu/faculty-staff/postdoctoral/postdocs/Pages/postdoc-recruitment.aspx

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https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CLP67NL