Research News

NIH - Office of Behavior and Social Sciences Research Updates

March 28, 2019

Today, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) launched a new protocol template to help behavioral and social science researchers prepare research protocols for human studies measuring social or behavioral outcomes.

The protocol template is an effective resource for communicating the science, methods, and operations of a clinical trial, to allow for efficient review by peers and oversight bodies, to facilitate reporting of information into ClinicalTrials.gov, and to guide replication of studies. Use of the template will also help ensure adherence to the International Conference on Harmonisation (ICH) E6 Good Clinical Practice guidelines. The template will be especially helpful for investigators less familiar with the information and level of detail expected in a clinical protocol. While use of the template is encouraged, it is not required.

This template was based upon the NIH-FDA Phase 2 and 3 IND/IDE Clinical Trial Protocol Template but is tailored specifically for clinical trials with a behavioral or social intervention or manipulation. As with the Phase 2 and 3 template, the behavioral and social template has been fully integrated in the NIH Clinical E-Protocol Writing Tool. The Clinical E-Protocol tool allows multiple collaborators to author protocol documents and then submit them to ClinicalTrials.gov or the NIH IC(s) funding the study.

To learn more about the importance of this new resource please see the latest “Under the Poliscope” blog authored by Dr. Carrie D. Wolinetz, Acting NIH Chief of Staff and Associate Director for Science Policy and Dr. William Riley, Associate Director for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research.

The Protocol Template for Behavioral and Social Sciences Research Involving Humans: A New Community Resource!

Questions may be sent to the NIH Office of Science Policy at SciencePolicy@od.nih.gov

Funding Opportunities

Department of Health and Human Services
National Institutes of Health

Mechanisms Underlying the Contribution of Sleep Disturbances to Pain (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)
https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=313325

Mechanisms Underlying the Contribution of Sleep Disturbances to Pain (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)
https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=313326

Small Grants for New Investigators to Promote Diversity in Health-Related Research (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)
https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=313960

Agency for Health Care Research and Quality
Using Data Analytics to Support Primary Care and Community Interventions to Improve Chronic Disease Prevention and Management and Population Health (R18)
https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=314043

• Notice of Intent to Publish: Funding Opportunity Announcement for Dissemination and Implementation Research in Health (R01
Clinical Trial Optional)  
(NOT-CA-19-038)  
National Cancer Institute  

- Optimizing the Management and Outcomes for Cancer Survivors Transitioning to Follow-up Care (R01 Clinical Trial Required)  
(RFA-CA-19-035)  
National Cancer Institute  
Application Receipt Date(s): June 28, 2019, by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. All types of non-AIDS applications allowed for this funding opportunity announcement are due on these dates. No late applications will be accepted for this Funding Opportunity Announcement. Applicants are encouraged to apply early to allow adequate time to make any corrections to errors found in the application during the submission process by the due date.

- ITCR: innovative algorithms (R21 Clinical Trial Optional)  
(RFA-CA-19-038)  
National Cancer Institute  
Application Receipt Date(s): June 11, 2019; November 20, 2019), by 5:00 PM local time of applicant organization. All types of non-AIDS applications allowed for this funding opportunity announcement are due on these dates. Applicants are encouraged to apply early to allow adequate time to make any corrections to errors found in the application during the submission process by the due date.

- Early-Stage Development of Informatics Technologies for Cancer Research and Management (U01 Clinical Trial Optional)  
(RFA-CA-19-039)  
National Cancer Institute  
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The University of Arizona College of Nursing rose in the Blue Ridge NIH Rankings from 49th in 2017 to 29th in 2018! This was not just a reshuffling of colleges listed in the rankings, as many colleges increased their funding in 2018. Congratulations to our College of Nursing Faculty, Staff and Appointed Personnel for all your hard work to make this happen!

Congratulations Terry Badger for being inducted into the International Nurse Researcher Hall of Fame!

Congratulations to Tracy Crane who has been accepted into the 2019 fellowship cohort for the National Cancer Institute-funded Transdisciplinary Research on Energetics and Cancer (TREC) Training Workshop! The workshop will be held in Westbrook, CT in June 2019.

Congratulations Sheila Gephart and Kimberly Shea for being inducted as Fellow into the Western Academy of Nursing!

Congratulations Graciela Silva on being selected as the best reviewer of 2018 for Research
**Research & Scholarship Updates**

### Pending Grant Proposals

Proposals submitted since the February newsletter


6. **May, J.T.** (PhD student) (2019). Title: Implicit Bias in Direct Care Workers and Perceptions of Care towards Sexual and Gender Minority

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**ORS Research Dialogue Meetings**
1:00-2:30pm
CON 416
April 24th

**Digital Health Interest Group**
12:00-1:00pm
CON416
April 25th
Gondy Leroy

**University of Arizona Department of Psychology Spring 2019 Colloquium Schedule**

Unless otherwise announced, colloquia will be held on Fridays from 3 – 4:30 p.m. in the Modern Languages Building, Room 311. Light refreshments will be served before the colloquium.

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in Nursing & Health! This recognition will be featured on the journal homepage beginning June 1st and will be displayed on the back cover of the print version of the journal for the June issue.
Older Adults. **Agency:** National Research Service Award


10. **Thomson, C.A. & Crane, T.E.** (2019). **Title:** A Randomized Phase II Trial of the Altering Intake, Managing Symptoms (AIMS) Intervention for Bowel Dysfunction in Rectal Cancer Survivors. **Agency:** City of Hope

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**Funded Grant Proposals**

**Proposals funded since the February newsletter**

1. **Crist, J.D. & Shea, K.D.** (2019). **Title:** Tipping Points Pilot Study: Wearable Devices and Algorithms. **Agency:** Sigma Theta Tau International


3. Solomon, T.G., **Pool, N.M.**, Reader, T. (2019). **Title:** Pima Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) Project. **Agency:** Pima County, Arizona

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**Articles Submitted**

1. Dolan, H. & **Taylor-Piliae, R.E.** Selecting a Theoretical Framework to Guide a Research Study of Older Adults’ Perceptions and Experiences of Falling in the Hospital. *Applied Nursing Research.*


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**Articles in Press**

1. **Pace, T.W.W.,** Dodds, S.E., Sikorskii, A., **Badger, T.A.,** Segrin, C.G., Negi, L.T., Harrison, T., **Crane, T.E.** Cognitively-Based Compassion Training Versus Cancer Health Education to Improve Health-Related Quality of Life in Survivors of Solid Tumor Cancers and Their Informal Caregivers: Study Protocol for a Randomized Controlled Trial. *Journal of Clinical Trials.*

**Articles Published**


**Presentations**


