

BRINGING THE FUTURE OF MEDICINE TO **ALL** OF KANSAS

KU Wichita Center for Clinical Research receives renewal grant through Frontiers CTSI

Frontiers Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) has been awarded a third round of funding from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). This **five year, \$27 million grant** will fund Frontiers CTSI and their network of 62 hubs nationwide. The mission of Frontiers is to seek improvements in health care and public health, stimulate new ideas and support the researchers of today and tomorrow. This work is done through a national network of medical research institutions that work together to speed the research process from scientific discovery to patient care.

As a partnering institution, this grant will help support the KU School of Medicine-Wichita Center for Clinical Research in our mission to improve health care and change the face of medicine by determining the safety and optimal dosing of significant new medications, to relieve the burden of illnesses on patients and families, and to advance care across the region.



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Pictured: Dr. Robert Simari , KUMC Executive Vice Chancellor (top center), Dr. Garold Minns, Dean of KU School of Medicine-Wichita (left center), grant Principle Investigators, Dr. Leader (far left) and Dr. Gastro (far right), and other speakers from Frontiers Award Celebration night held on Friday, Sept 23rd at the National World War 1 Museum and Memorial in Kansas City, MO.

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CCR PROVIDES VIRTUAL REALITY ALZHEIMER'S EXPERIENCE AT DEMENTIA CONFERENCE

KU Wichita Center for Clinical Research hosted a vendor booth at the Alzheimer's Association's Kansas Education Conference on Dementia on Thursday, June 23. CCR staff interacted with conference attendees and provided information on currently enrolling studies. Attendees included a mix of health care professionals, providers and patient caregivers.

CCR's booth also included access to the Embodied Labs virtual reality (VR) equipment. Originally purchased for Dr. Schwasinger-Schmidt's neurology students, this VR equipment allows the wearer to experience life of a patient with early onset of Alzheimer's disease. The headset provides complete visual and auditory immersion to truly make the participant feel like they have embodied the patient. "Beatrice" is an elderly patient who starts to lose a sense of time, when her grandson quickly ages and she does not realize that he is still her grandson. Later, Beatrice gets confused in the grocery store when she purchases flowers instead of the needed flour.

Overall the interaction with conference attendees provided great exposure to the Center for Clinical Research and more awareness and empathy for patients dealing with Alzheimer's disease.



Pictured: Recruiter, Jaime Schadegg (center) and Clinical Nurse, Ashlie Cornejo (right) with conference attendee wearing VR headset

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

KU School of Medicine- Wichita Center for Clinical Research is seeking support to help solidify the center as Kansas' leader in clinical research. Increased funding will assist the center in the following ways:

- **Endowed directorship position** will allow the director to focus on professional development, expand research opportunities and launch innovative initiatives
- **Enhanced infrastructure** will allow the center the ability to study more diseases and novel drugs, in turn allowing us to help more patients and boost professional development for our faculty, residents and medical students
- **Increased space, staff and faculty** will meet the needs of an expanding facility allowing the center to provide for more patients

For more information on how you can support KU Wichita Center for Clinical Research, contact **Brad Rukes** at brukes@kuendowment.org or 316-293-2641.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to KU Wichita Center for Clinical Research Director Dr. Tiffany Schwasinger-Schmidt for her recent academic promotion to associate professor. After completing her residency in Internal Medicine at KU School of Medicine Wichita in 2017, Dr. Schwasinger-Schmidt joined faculty as an internist and clerkship director.

Dr. Schwasinger-Schmidt will also be awarded the Early Career Achievement in Medicine award on Oct. 7. This award is presented to alumni who have provided considerable contributions to the field of medicine within the first 20 years of their career. Contribution considerations include patient care, research and/or publications or community service and volunteering. Once again, congratulations to Dr. Tiffany Schwasinger-Schmidt for her outstanding achievements!



GIVING BACK

Chris Discipio, study coordinator (pictured top left) joined other KU students, faculty and staff and the Wichita DEI Community Partnerships Committee in the A. Price Woodard Neighborhood cleanup in August. The cleanup provided residents with limited mobility or access to resources a chance for a healthier life by reducing the amount of hazardous materials and excess bulk.

"It was a lot of fun. Getting to see how happy people were to see us was incredibly fulfilling." - Chris Discipio

MEET LOLA

CCR's newest team member, Lola the biosafety cabinet! Through a partnership with KU Kansas City's research program, KU Wichita CCR was able to obtain a brand new biosafety cabinet. This enables staff a safer way to handle biosepecimens or investigational products.



ENROLLING STUDIES

DEPRESSION



TOGETHER-BOEHRINGER-INGELHEIM

If you have major depressive disorder (MDD) that hasn't responded to antidepressant medication, learn about this research study of an investigational drug for MDD.

To pre-qualify for this study, you must:

- Be 18 to 65 years of age
- Have been diagnosed with MDD
- Be in a current depressive episode for at least eight weeks but not more than 18 months
- Have been taking an antidepressant medication for at least the last six weeks

DEPRESSION

You won't let depression keep the color out of your world.



JANSSEN-ESKETAMINE

Do you have treatment-resistant depression (TRD)? A clinical research study is now enrolling eligible adults. The purpose of this study is to evaluate the effectiveness, safety and tolerability of an investigational medication in people with TRD.

You may be eligible to participate if you:

- Are 18 years of age or older
- Have been diagnosed with major depressive disorder (MDD)
- Have not responded to at least two different anti-depressant treatments

PERSONALITY DISORDER

DO YOU STRUGGLE WITH RELATIONSHIPS AND CONNECTIONS WITH OTHERS?

PERSONALITY DISORDER

KU School of Medicine-Wichita Center for Clinical Research is recruiting participants who have personality disorder features, traits or characteristics. Participants will complete questionnaires and provide a saliva sample, which will be sent to 23andMe for analysis. The participants will receive 23andMe results at no charge.

RESEARCH DATABASE



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RESEARCH DATABASE

KU School of Medicine-Wichita Center for Clinical Research is recruiting participants who are interested in clinical research to be added to our database. When new clinical trials become available, potentially eligible database participants will be contacted to gauge interest in new trials.

PARTICIPANTS NEEDED



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Participants of clinical
research have access to:

- Investigational research trials
- Expert clinical assessment and care
- Medication
- Time/Travel reimbursement
- And more

INSURANCE NOT REQUIRED

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