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Lessons from FDA Warning Letters,
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p.m.

Global Health & Medical Ethics Seminar Schedule

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Community Engagement, Community
Mobilization, and the Ethics of HIV
Research in Low and Middle Income
Settings: India & Thailand (Goldblatt
Lobby, H-103)

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Reporting Meningococcal Epidemics in
Africa: Health and Policy Implications
(Goldblatt Lobby, H-103)

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Medical Complicity in Torture (Dora
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Understanding the Landscape of Global
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(Billings Auditorium, P-117)

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Swine Flu and the Next Influenza
Pandemic (Dora DeLee Hall, L-168)

*All Sessions are held Wednesdays
from 12:00-1:30 p.m. in the designated

Federal Funding Stimulates U of C Research

The University of Chicago has received 150 grants totaling \$71.5 million from the National Institute of Health, National Science Foundation, and the National Endowment of the Arts for research proposals. These three agencies are awarding grants for research under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) which was signed into law in February 2009 by President Obama. The ARRA awards provide funding for a two year period.

The NIH has awarded \$42 million to the University of Chicago for medical research as of September 30, 2009. Some of the faculty who received the largest medical research grants include Carole Ober and Dan Nicolae for their asthma research, Jerry Krishnan for COPD research, Kevin White for the ENCODE project, and Dorothy Hanck for cardiac drug research. Additional information about the [ARRA grants](#) and the recipients of the awards are available online and are updated regularly to reflect new awards received.

Clinical Research in Tanzania

The University of Chicago Office of Clinical Research and the Global Health Initiative are sponsoring a workshop in Tanzania on the [Fundamentals of Clinical Research](#). Dr. Funmi Olopade (Walter L. Palmer Professor of Medicine and Human Genetics and Associate Dean for Global Health) and Dr. Sola Olopade (Professor of Medicine and Clinical Director of Global Health Initiative) are two of the four co-chairs of the conference taking place on November 10, 2009.



The Fundamentals workshop will take place a day prior to the [AORTIC](#) (African Organization for Research and Training in Cancer) Conference in Tanzania on November 11-14, 2009. The Fundamentals workshop will include review of research regulations and regulatory oversight, techniques for patient recruitment, proper documentation, Good Clinical Practice, and the importance of scientific integrity in clinical research. Pamela Gonzalez (Associate Director of Education and Auditing, OCR) has

been invited to teach the courses on Document Management and Safety Reporting in Tanzania. Participants in the AORTIC conference will include physicians, nurses, researchers, social service workers, and NGO representatives who are interested in the impact, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of cancer in Africa.

Futurity Website Highlights Research Findings

The University of Chicago is one of 42 universities featuring research discoveries on the website [Futurity.org](#). The online research magazine is hosted by the University of

location.

Websites of Interest

[Office of Clinical Research](#)
Find Research Best Practices, templates and research forms, training policies, and FAQ's.

[IRB Wise](#)
Electronic protocol submission and review, access protocol documents, research staff lists, approved consent forms.

[Velos eResearch](#)
Electronic management of clinical trial data, patient lists.

New Postings on OCR site

[Medical Records & Research Guarantor Accounts](#)
Instructions on requesting medical records and research guarantor accounts.

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Rochester to cover health, science, social and environmental news from leading universities in the U.S. The website was created in response to growing concern that traditional news outlets are not sufficiently covering scientific and health research findings. The online news source will allow individuals to get updates on new and current research taking place at large academic centers. The website also offers the opportunity to post comments about news stories and blog about related topics. Content for stories can be submitted to the Futurity editor for consideration. You can also sign up to receive daily news updates from Futurity on their website.

Training Opportunities

The **Fundamentals in Clinical Research** course is currently taking place on Tuesdays from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in room W632. The Fundamentals course is especially useful to new employees as well as current employees who have taken on new research responsibilities. If you have not taken the Fundamentals course before, it is highly recommended that you participate in all 10 of the modules. Classes can be taken independently or out of order for those who are interested in earning contact hours. The next course will start on January 12, 2010. To register for the Winter 2010 Fundamentals course, please visit the OCR [website](#). All research personnel are encouraged to participate in the course regardless of their level of experience.

The Graham School **Clinical Trial Management** series is offering the courses [Statistical Concepts for Clinical Research](#) November 18-20, 2009 and [Good Clinical Practices](#) January 6-8, 2010. Courses can be taken individually or you can apply to the Clinical Trial Management & Compliance certificate program.

Additional [training opportunities](#) to fulfill the new clinical research training [policy](#) can be found at the OCR website.

Trend Toward Centralization

According to a report from the Association of Academic Health Centers (AAHC), academic health centers are changing the infrastructure of clinical trial administration through the creation of centralized clinical trial offices. Some of the challenges associated with this transition include institutional cultural change, ensuring support of scientific discovery, and creating a clearly defined research organization structure. The full report, "Clinical Trials Offices: What's New in Research Administration?" can be found [here](#).

Bethany Martell, Director of the OCR, commented, " This report reflects the variety of interpretations that exist in defining centralized offices. We appreciate the need for centralizing some resources as illustrated by the merger of the OCR and IRB administrative staff in order to streamline divisional processes related to the protocol submission, review and approval process. Our goal is to balance facilitating research and supporting faculty endeavors with oversight of conduct and compliance. We recognize and value the autonomy of individual department, section and centers, and as such remain decentralized in many ways."

UCMC Beacon Phase IV

Beacon Phase IV launches November 5, 2009. EpicCare Ambulatory module will be replacing Oacis and StatLan and the Beacon CPOE Oncology module will impact

Hematology/Oncology providers and staff. Efforts have been made to ensure that all current users are trained on the new system. If you have not been trained or would like a refresher you can take the online CBT training. To access training, visit the [UCMC Homepage](#) and click on the Phoenix header on the right side. Select "Outpatient Provider On-Line training" under quick links. If you are using a BSD computer, please log in through WebApps.