Power Point presentations for the Department Research Rounds can now be found on the Department of Pediatrics and Human Development website. You may use the following link to locate them: [http://phd.msu.edu/research/research-rounds.html](http://phd.msu.edu/research/research-rounds.html)

DEPARTMENT MEETINGS AND RESEARCH SEMINARS

- **Wednesday, December 4, 2013, Pediatric Research Rounds:** A.J. Robison, PhD, Assistant Professor, MSU Department of Physiology, “Transcriptional and Epigenetic Mechanisms of Learning and Addiction”. 12:00pm – 1:00pm, B105 Life Science and 365 Secchia Center.

- **Thursday, December 5, 2013, Pediatric Grand Rounds:** Anas Bitar, MD, Sparrow Pediatric Sub-Specialty Gastroenterology Clinic, Sparrow Health System, “Pancreatitis in Children: What Have We Learned?”. 8:00am - 9:00am, Sparrow Hospital Auditorium.

OTHER DEPARTMENT MEETINGS AND RESEARCH SEMINARS

- **Tuesday, December 3, 2013, Microbiology & Molecular Genetics Preliminary Examination Announcement:** Benjamin K. Jounson, MMG PhD Graduate Student, “Investigation of PhoPR-mediated pH-Driven Adaptation in Mycobacterium Tuberculosis”, 10:30a.m. 1425 Biomedical & Physical Sciences.

- **Tuesday, December 3, 2013, Microbiology & Molecular Genetics Seminar:** Dr. Andrew Benson, PhD, University of Nebraska, “Assembly of the Gut Microbiome is Shaped by Convergence of Genetic and Environmental Factors”, 4:10p1m. 1425 Biomedical & Physical Sciences.

- **Tuesday, December 3, 2013, Sparrow Hospital Quarterly Medical Staff Meeting:** 5:30p.m (Appetizers), 6:00p.m. (Dinner), 6:30p.m. (Meeting). Kellogg Center. RSVP to Heidi Pearson at 517-364-5904 or Heidi.Pearson@sparrow.org.

- **Wednesday, December 4, 2013, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology Seminar:** Michelle Mazei-Robinson, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Physiology, Michigan State University, “Role of Ventral Tegmental Area Dopamine Neurons in Drug Reward and Stress”, 12:00p.m – 1:00pm. B448-9 Life Sciences Bldg.

- **Wednesday, December 4, 2013, College of Human Medicine - Reception to honor sponsors:** Cowles House, Michigan State University, One Abott Rd, 6:30p.m. - 8:30p.m. RSVP by November 25 to Niki Lechner at 616-234-2694 or nikilechner@hc.msu.edu

- **Thursday, December 5, 2013, Research Coffee Breaks:** “Proposal Evaluation Development”. 3:00p.m. - 4:00p.m. Main Library North Conference Room, 4th Floor.
Friday, December 6, 2013, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology Dissertation Seminar: Kyle L. Poulsen, Dual-Degree Doctoral Candidate, Pharmacology & Toxicology, and the Center for Integrative Toxicology, Michigan State University, “Trovafoxacin Potentiates Lipopolysaccharide-induced Tumor Necrosis Factor-alpha in a Macrophage Cell-line – Mechanistic Insights into Idiosyncratic Liability”, 1:00p.m – 2:00pm. B448-9 Life Sciences Bldg.

Saturday, December 7, 2013, Family Day at the Broad Art Museum: 12:00p.m. – 4:00p.m., Education Wing in the Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum (Family Day is always free).

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Monday, December 9, 2013, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology Dissertation Seminar: Kevin M. Beggs, PhD Dual-degree Student, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology, and Center for Integrative Toxicology, Michigan State University, “TBD”, 12:30p.m – 1:30pm. B448-9 Life Sciences Bldg.

Tuesday, December 10, 2013, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology Dissertation Seminar: Ninitha Asirvathan Jeyaraj, Doctoral Candidate, Pharmacology & Toxicology, Michigan State University, “Role of Central Eicosanoids in the Development of Angiotensin II-Salt Hypertension in the Rat”, 9:00a.m – 10:00am. B448-9 Life Sciences Bldg.

Wednesday, December 11, 2013, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology Seminar: Sandra J. Hewett, PhD, Beverly Petterson Bishop Professor of Neuroscience, Department of Biology, Syracuse University, “The Role of the Glutamate/ Cystine Transporter, System xc-, in Health and Disease”, 12:00p.m – 1:00pm. B448-9 Life Sciences Bldg.

Thursday, December 12, 2013, Pediatric Grand Rounds: B. Keith English, MD, Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics and Human Development; Academic Chair, Department of Pediatrics, Helen DeVos Children’s Hospital/Spectrum Health, “Do We Know How to Diagnose and Treat Pneumonia in Children?”. 8:00am – 9:00am, Sparrow Hospital Auditorium.

Friday, December 13, 2013, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology - Drug Discovery Teleconference: Greg Thurber, “Structure Based Predictions of Drug Distribution”, 9:00a.m. – 10:00a.m. B448-449 Life Sciences.

Friday, December 13, 2013, Respiratory Research Initiative Seminar: Dr. Kurt Williams, Michigan State University, “Investigating a Spontaneous Goat Model of Cystic Fibrosis”, 11:30a.m – 1:00pm. Room 162 Food Safety and Toxicology Building.

Monday, December 16, 2013, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology Seminar: Vincent Groppi, Vice President Drug Discovery and C.S.O Essen BioScience, “TBD”, 12:00p.m – 1:00pm. B448-9 Life Sciences Bldg.

Tuesday, December 17, 2013, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology Dissertation Seminar: Kate O’Brien, PhD Dual-degree Student, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology, and Center for Integrative Toxicology, Michigan State University, “TBD”, 12:00p.m – 1:00pm. B448-9 Life Sciences Bldg.

Wednesday, December 18, 2013, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology Dissertation Seminar: Sara Ciotti, PhD Dual-degree Student, Department of Pharmacology & Toxicology, and Center for Integrative Toxicology, Michigan State University, “TBD”, 12:00p.m – 1:00pm. B448-9 Life Sciences Bldg.

Wednesday, December 18, 2013, Retirement Ceremony for Dr. James E. Trosko: 3:00p.m. – 5:00p.m., MSU Radiology Building.

Friday, December 20, 2013, Retirement Ceremony for Kathy Bosma: 4:00p.m. – 6:00p.m., B105 Life Science.
Thursday, December 19, 2013, Sparrow Health System Pediatric Department Meeting:  
5:45pm – 8:00pm, Sparrow Professional Building, Room B.

Tuesday, January 7, 2014, Biostatistics Course for Clinicians:  Ira H. Gewolb, MD, Professor & Chief, Division of Neonatology; Associate Chair for Research, Department of Pediatrics & Human Development; Director, Neonatal Fellowship Training Program, “Introduction and Describing Data”, 2:30p.m – 4:00pm. RNICU Conference Room, Sparrow.

Tuesday, January 14, 2014, Biostatistics Course for Clinicians:  Ira H. Gewolb, MD, Professor & Chief, Division of Neonatology; Associate Chair for Research, Department of Pediatrics & Human Development; Director, Neonatal Fellowship Training Program, “Inferential Statistics”, 2:30p.m – 4:00pm. RNICU Conference Room, Sparrow.

Thursday, January 16, 2014, Research Coffee Breaks: “Campus Research Resources to Help You”. 3:00p.m. – 4:00p.m. Main Library North Conference Room, 4th Floor.

Sunday, January 19, 2014, Pediatrics and Human Development P.H.D. Get-Together: As we begin a new year, we would like to gather together the faculty and staff of the Department of Pediatrics and Human Development as well as spouses or significant others, and your children, for an afternoon of camaraderie and good cheer as we reach out to each other to continue to develop relationships and collaboration across the campuses. Exact time and location TBD.

Tuesday, January 21, 2014, Biostatistics Course for Clinicians:  Ira H. Gewolb, MD, Professor & Chief, Division of Neonatology; Associate Chair for Research, Department of Pediatrics & Human Development; Director, Neonatal Fellowship Training Program, “Comparing Two Groups: Continuous and Ordinal Data”, 2:30p.m - 4:00pm. RNICU Conference Room, Sparrow.

Tuesday, January 28, 2014, Biostatistics Course for Clinicians:  Ira H. Gewolb, MD, Professor & Chief, Division of Neonatology; Associate Chair for Research, Department of Pediatrics & Human Development; Director, Neonatal Fellowship Training Program, “Comparing Two Groups: Nominal Data”, 2:30p.m - 4:00pm. RNICU Conference Room, Sparrow.

Friday, January 31, 2014, Respiratory Research Initiative Seminar:  Dr. Jack Harkema, Michigan State University, “The Interface of Health Effects Caused by Air Pollutants and the Metabolic Syndrome (EPA Clean Air Research Center Update)”, 11:30a.m – 1:00pm. Room 162 Food Safety and Toxicology Building.

Wednesday, March 19, 2014, 13th Annual Pediatric Research Day: New Frontiers in Pediatrics. Dr. Susan B. Shurin, MD, Deputy Director, National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, National Institutes of Health; Dr. Paul B. McCray, MD, Professor of Pediatrics, Microbiology and Internal Medicine; Vice Chair of Pediatrics Research Roy J. Carver Chair in Pulmonary Research, The University of Iowa; and Dr. Steven E. Lipshultz, MD, FAAP, FAHA, Professor and Chair, Department of Pediatrics, Wayne State University; Pediatrician in Chief, Children’s Hospital of Michigan, Detroit Medical Center. 8:00am – 4:30pm, The Breslin Student Events Center, Michigan State University.

FOR YOUR SAFETY

The MSU Police Department is investigating an attempted theft of employee direct-deposit payroll earnings.

On Friday, October 18, two employees reported receiving email confirmation of a change in their direct-deposit designation. Police say that valid credentials (MSU NetID and password) were used by a perpetrator to modify the employees' banking information on the EBS HR/Payroll (SAP) system. It is believed that the perpetrator gained access to the credentials through a sophisticated phishing attack. There is no indication of a system-wide security breach or exposure of other employee data.
MSU Police are asking anyone who suspects that their banking information has been comprised to call 517-355-2222.

Questions related to phishing or MSU NetIDs may be directed to the IT Services Support Desk at 517-432-6200.