Karen Ashe, MD, PhD - Neurology
Ashe’s laboratory’s research works to better understand the mechanism and diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease. Why She Does What She Does
Beyond Alzheimer’s: Study reveals how mix of brain ailments drives dementia. Research by the University of Minnesota, Department of Psychiatry is featured. Eurek Alert.

Eduardo Colon, MD - Psychiatry
UMN Psychiatry Professor named chief of psychiatry at HCMC. Star Tribune

Danielle Goerke, DO, Katharine Nelson, MD, Rabindra Tambyraja, MD and Ben Otapalik, MD - Psychiatry
Rosenblum: In Minnesota, the push for more psychiatrists gets creative. Star Tribune

Andrew Grande, MD - Neurosurgery
Hudson mother comes back from debilitating pain. Hudson Star Observer

Michael Howell, MD - Neurology
Are you sleep-deprived? Good sleep habits from sleep expert. WTIP-Radio

Good question: Why is it harder to sleep when you’re older? WCCO-TV

Learn more about what motivates his sleep and brain research and clinical care. Why You Do What You Do

Suck Won Kim, MD - Psychiatry
Beyond the catchphrase: Researchers hope to unlock the secrets behind obsessive-compulsive disorder. Washington Post

Cornelius Lam, MD - Neurosurgery
University of Minnesota Health Neurosurgeon helps train the next generation of neurosurgeons—and applies leading-edge research to his clinical care. MHealth

Kelvin Lim, MD - Psychiatry
The psychological impact of brain injury can be long-lasting. MinnPost

Neurologists Jeffrey A. Allen, MD, and Georgios Maousakis, MD, and Psychiatrist Rabindra Tambyraja, MD, MBA, were named “Rising Stars” by Mpls. St. Paul Magazine. To be selected for inclusion on the list, candidates must have been in practice for 10 years or less. Each individual named to the list of “Rising Stars” was chosen by peers in the field.

Ann Parr, MD, PhD - Neurosurgery
Twin Cities doctors receive grant to study promising therapy for spinal cord injuries. WCCO

Leg. funds neurological research. MN Daily

Uzma Samadani, MD, PhD - Neurosurgery
Abbott, Hennepin County Medical Center and University of Minnesota to collaborate to launch the nation’s largest single-center prospective study on concussion and traumatic brain injury. Fierce Medical Devices, Pharmiweb

Featured Video: Eye tracking technology used to diagnose concussions.

Largest single-center concussion study launched at trauma center in Minnesota. Forbes

MN researchers launch largest concussion study. KARE, Star Tribune, KMSP-TV, BringMeTheNews, KSTP, MPR News, WCCO-TV

Carlos Schenck, MD - Psychiatry
A new vision for dreams of dying. New York Times

The Program in Physical Therapy's Geriatric Clinical Residency received full accreditation status for the next 10 years, with no deficiencies noted.
GRANT SUPPORT FROM THE LIBRARIES

The Health Sciences Libraries offer a range of services and tools that can help reduce the headaches of the grant funding process and increase your chances of success. The grant databases can help find grants, both nationally and regionally, and the librarians can assist with literature reviews and biosketches. The Health Sciences Libraries team tracks data management, data sharing and open access requirements and have the tools and expertise to assist researchers with federal funding mandates. For additional assistance visit the Researcher Support page.

UPDATE ON ADDRESSING RIGOR IN YOUR NIH APPLICATIONS

As NIH moves ahead with implementing measures to enhance rigor, transparency and reproducibility in NIH-supported research, the NIH Extramural News provides updates on these efforts, and highlights some important timeline changes for implementation in applications for institutional training grants (T), institutional career development awards (K12), and individual fellowships (F). NIH Extramural News

NEW INDIRECT COST RATES

The University of Minnesota has negotiated new indirect cost rates with the Federal Government including the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Defense (DOD), and the National Science Foundation (NSF). All rates are effective from FY 16 through FY 19, and will continue to be used after the end of FY 19 until a new rate agreement is established. All rates are based on Modified Total Direct Costs (MTDC) unless otherwise noted. F&A Rate Chart

Any new grant applications should use the new rates for the corresponding budget year.

FINANCE NEWS

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS ON SPONSORED PROJECTS

A reminder that all travel reimbursements must be completed within 60 days of the end of the travel to be allowed to be expended on sponsored projects.

MERCHANT/ALCOHOL ON PCARD PURCHASES

Merchants fall into different categories and while one merchant with an alcohol license may be categorized as a restaurant, another may be categorized as a bar/lounge. With this in mind, your PCard may be denied at establishments categorized under the bar/lounge. Should this happen, simply use a personal method of payment and submit for reimbursement; you may still dine at these establishments and be reimbursed. Alcoholic beverage purchases and expenses must still comply with University policy. No University policies have changed; however, the policy has become more restrictive in the use of the PCard.

EVENTS

STANDARDS FOR RESEARCH WITH HUMAN PARTICIPANTS

This 15-week lecture series sponsored by the Center for Bioethics will cover critical and timely topics related to human participant research. Taught by Steven Miles, the series is open to anyone interested in learning more about national trends, best practices, and up-to-date resources for conducting research with human participants. The course can be taken as a full series of 15 lectures or as individual lectures, which can qualify for CME/CNE credits or fulfill Responsible Conduct of Research requirements. Lectures run through May 6. Learn more and register.

MEDICAL CANNABIS: APPLICATIONS AND EVIDENCE WORKSHOP

All health professionals are invited to attend a one-day workshop on April 28, 2016, regarding the clinical applications of medical cannabis and the roles and responsibilities of Minnesota health care providers under current legislation. Co-hosted by the Center for Spirituality and Healing, Medical School, School of Nursing, College of Pharmacy, and MN Department of Health. Registration required. Read more.

WALLIN NEUROSCIENCE DISCOVERY DAY

The First Annual Wallin Day Friday, April 29, 2016 11:00 am - 4:00 pm (Poster Session - 11:00 am-12:00 pm) Memorial Hall McNamara Alumni Center Plenary Speaker: Dr. Thomas Südhof Nobel Prize Laureate in Physiology or Medicine Stanford University Interested in presenting a poster? Contact Kathleen Beterams (kbeteram@umn.edu). Join the department of Neurology’s walking team: WALKING FOR U!

DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGY - MOVING DAY® TWIN CITIES

A walk for Parkinson’s disease Saturday, May 7, 2016 10:00 am Hilde Center & Park Plymouth, MN 55447 Join the department of Neurology’s walking team: WALKING FOR U!

STRIDES FOR STROKE

Saturday, May 21, 2016 St. Paul - Long Lake Regional Park The Minnesota Stroke Association annual Strides for Stroke allows us to honor stroke survivors and walk in solidarity with one another, while raising stroke awareness and helps fund programs that benefit Minnesotans who live with the effects of stroke. Learn More.
HR INSIGHTS

ABSENCE REPORTING

This is an important reminder for employees to record all sick, vacation, and personal holiday time in the MyU Portal the pay period that the absence occurs. It is important to record all absences on time to ensure accurate record keeping as well as an accurate reflection of the employee’s sick and vacation balances.

Absence records are to be submitted to supervisors no later than 12:00 Noon on the Monday following the end of the pay period.

Supervisors: Please ensure that all of your employees are keying their absences into the MyU Portal in a timely manner.

Negative sick or vacation balances are not allowed.

Employees and their supervisors should actively monitor the employee’s sick and vacation balances prior to approving time to ensure that there is enough accrued time to cover the employee’s absence.

If time off is approved by the supervisor, but the employee does not have enough accrued sick or vacation time to cover the absence, this time should be recorded as "Excused – Unpaid" in the system. Please Note: the "Excused – Paid" reason code should not be used to record time off in the MyU Portal without prior HR approval.

Absence Record Instructions:

1. Login into the MyU Portal using your X500. Click on the MyTime tab located on the left side of the page. Click on ‘Request Time Off’.
2. Select the Start Date, End Date, Filter Type, Absence Name, Reason, and Partial Days.
3. Time must be recorded in whole and quarter hours (.25, .50, .75) only.
4. Click on ‘Calculate Duration’.
5. Leave the Comments section blank.
6. After you have completed the steps above, please click on the ‘Submit’ button.

Training is available on how to submit absences. You can access trainings via ULearn by searching ‘submitting absences’.

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES!

Faculty, Fellows, Residents, Staff and Students who started in February or March.

NEUROLOGY
Natalya Burlakova
Rachel Heuer

PSYCHIATRY
Erin Begnel
Pakou Her
Nicholas Lemke
Serena Sherrell
Aanjaneya Shukla
John Young

NEUROSURGERY
Sunita Krishnan
Deborah Fellows

PHYSICAL THERAPY PROGRAM
Ninitha Jeyaraj, PhD
Michelle Asp, PhD
Carly Mattson
Katherine Selbitschka
Kristina Wolff

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Sexual Harassment: Awareness, Prevention & Response Workshop

All faculty, fellows, residents, staff and students in the departments of Neurology, Neurosurgery, PM&R, and Psychiatry are encouraged to attend this informative and interactive workshop facilitated by the Office of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action (EOAA). We will define and identify sexual harassment and learn the signs of potential sexual harassment. We will also discuss strategies for preventing and responding to sexual harassment, including the formal complaint process and corrective action that can help remedy sexual harassment situations in the classroom or on the job.

When: Friday, April 15 from 9:00-10:30 am
Where: Mayo 1250

You will need to RSVP and register for this workshop!

RSVP: Maren Cote - mmpeters@umn.edu

Register Here via ULearn in order to receive an evaluation and credits for completion.