Time for flexibility and perseverance

This is a time for flexibility and perseverance not only in our lives but also the work that we do with our staff and study participants. As our networks have put study enrollment and follow-up visits on hold and many of our labs, universities, offices and clinics to extent that they can have switched to remote work. But for those of us researchers, study staff and admin staff we can still do things that don’t involve direct participant contact such as phone visits, data management, and analysis and dissemination activities, or tackle those file audits, clear our desktop files, abstracts, presentations and manuscripts we’ve been meaning to do.

We are all in this together

In the face of realities of the current global crisis, we will need to continue to collaborate and work creatively. Together, we will improvise, adapt and overcome. The CTU is here to help while you take actions to keep yourselves, your families, your colleagues and your participants safe and healthy.

On behalf of the PI’s we wish you safety and wellness.
Emory new site in NIH-sponsored coronavirus vaccine study

Emory’s Vaccine and Treatment Evaluation Unit (VTEU) is participating in a clinical trial testing a vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19, the first such vaccine to be tested in the United States.

The goals of the Phase I study, which began on March 16 at the VTEU at the Kaiser Permanente Washington Health Research Institute in Seattle, are to test whether the investigational vaccine is safe, and how much it stimulates the immune system. If the vaccine is found to be safe, future studies will examine whether it can prevent infection.

The study is sponsored by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), part of the National Institutes of Health. The Emory VTEU is part of NIAID’s Infectious Diseases Clinical Research Consortium supporting this trial. Emory has been a VTEU site since 2007.

The principal investigator for this study at Emory is Evan Anderson, MD, and Nadine Rouphael, MD is serving as the Emory VTEU contact principal investigator. Anderson is associate professor of medicine and pediatrics at Emory University School of Medicine and Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. Rouphael is interim director of the Hope Clinic of the Emory Vaccine Center and associate professor of medicine (infectious diseases) at Emory University School of Medicine.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has caused substantial morbidity and mortality in the US and worldwide along with causing massive social disruption,” Anderson says. “The Emory VTEU is proud to contribute to enrolling people into this critical Phase I study evaluating the first vaccine candidate against COVID-19.”

“A vaccine against COVID-19 is urgently needed because of widespread infection and lack of preexisting immunity,” Rouphael says. “We are looking forward to being part of a nationwide effort to respond to this crisis.”
What’s happening across the seas?

Silom Community Clinic CRS—M-CAB Award

Please join us in congratulating the Silom Community Clinic M-CAB, hosted and supported by DHAP-Thailand and its research, for receiving the Ardhanareeswara Award 2019 - The 3rd International and national award and recognition on sexual diversity 2019.

M-CAB has been selected to receive “Ardhanareeswara Award 2019” in the third category: Strengthening and empowering LGBTIs community Award (organization)

The eligibility and judgement criteria for organizations is an organization that play a vital role to strengthen the community and other organizations both governmental and non-governmental to work on sexual health, fundamental human rights and rights of sexual orientation and gender equality groups.

Kisumu—CTU Dedication of Renovated Lab and Adolescent Clinic

During the July site visit to the CRS, the PI’s were able to participate in the building dedications of the renovated KEMRI and CDC Chemical Research Lab and the Adolescent Clinic. Renovations were made possible by funds from the Emory-CDC Clinical Trial Unit.
### What’s happening across the sea—continued

#### De La Salle Health Science Institute - New Member

The DLSHSI site welcomed a new member to their team. Sean Arthur was born on August 5th to Mariecef Tonquin, Finance Assistant for the DLSHSI site. Mom and baby are doing well.

#### Developing our teams and individuals!

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The recordings for [Part One](#) and [Part Two](#) can be found on the HANC website.

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**Details**

- **Date:** Thu, Oct 31, 2019
- **Time:** 11:00 AM PDT
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