

CALENDAR OF RECENTLY-COMPLETED AND FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES

Highlighting Massage Therapy in CIM Research (post-conference listing)

May 13 – 15, 2010; Seattle, WA, USA

The Massage Therapy Foundation presented the second Highlighting Massage Therapy in CIM Research conference, May 13 – 15, 2010. This three-day conference (supported in part by R13AT005420 from the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine) brought together massage and manual therapy practitioners, educators, CIM researchers, allied health professionals, and others interested in massage research. Current research related to massage and other manual therapy-specific research was presented, with a special focus on translational research and public health. The *International Journal of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork* (IJTMB) and the *Journal of Bodywork and Movement Therapies* (JBMT) are serving as the two post-conference publishing venues for selected presentations.

For a retrospective overview of the conference's highlights, please visit www.massagetherapyfoundation.org/researchconference2010.html.

2010 American Massage Therapy Association National Convention

September 22 – 25, 2010; Minneapolis Convention Center, Minneapolis, MN, USA

Several of the continuing education (CE) options offered at the 2010 AMTA National Convention represented the Research Track coordinated with the Massage Therapy Foundation (MTF). Among those options were the following sessions (presenters indicated parenthetically): Case Reports: Why They're Important and How to Submit Your Own (Michael Hamm); Steps Toward Massage Therapy Guidelines: A First Report to the Profession (Dale Healey and the MTF Best Practices Committee); Current Research: Pediatric Massage (Shay Beider, Sheila Wang, Karen Boulanger, Sean Phipps); Cancer and Massage Therapy: What Does the Research Say? (Tracy Walton); and The Effects of Massage Therapy on Lumbar Spondylolisthesis (Shannon Halpin). In addition to the CE options, the MTF-sponsored posters were also displayed. The MTF's post-convention workshops, held September 26 and 27, included two courses presented by Tracy Walton: Cancer and Massage—Safe Practices for Massage Therapists, and Massage Elements for Medically Complex Clients.

For follow-up information or other inquiries, please contact info@massagetherapyfoundation.org.

2011 American Massage Therapy Association National Convention

October 19 – 22, 2011; Portland, OR, USA

Details about AMTA's 2011 National Convention will be available by about April 1, 2011.

Third International Fascia Research Congress

March 28 – 30, 2012; Vancouver, BC, Canada

The 2012 Fascia Research Congress will, as always, center on the latest and best research on the human fasciae. Additionally—and recognizing the interests of clinicians in gaining insights that will bear on practical applications—the program has been designed to weight presentation time toward relating research findings to clinical issues, particularly the practical applications of fascial layers. Hosting and governing sponsors are, respectively, the Massage Therapists' Association of British Columbia (MTABC) and the Ida P. Rolf Research Foundation. Additional academic centers and professional membership organizations are invited to financially support the 2012 congress in Vancouver. Take note of these important upcoming dates (subject to change): registration opens March 1, 2011, and submission deadlines are February 1, 2011, for workshops and July 1, 2011, for abstracts.

For further preliminary information, please visit <http://www.fasciacongress.org/2012/>.

2012 North American Research Conference on Complementary and Integrative Medicine

May 15 – 18, 2012; Portland Marriott Downtown Waterfront, Portland, OR, USA

For further details, please visit <http://www.imconsortium-conference.org/>.

NATIONAL CENTER FOR COMPLEMENTARY AND ALTERNATIVE MEDICINE (NCCAM)/ NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH) NEWS AND GRANT APPLICATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

NCCAM-Funded/Administered Research/ Training Grants for Fiscal Year 2010

Research and training grants for both new and ongoing research funded or administered by the NCCAM during fiscal year 2010 are available in an online table. The table lists the project number, project title (with link to the abstract), principal investigator, institution, and state. Also included are the archived research awards charts by fiscal year.

Use of Complementary and Alternative Medicine in the United States

Approximately 38% of adults in the United States aged 18 years and over and nearly 12% of US children aged 17 years and under use some form of complementary and alternative medicine (CAM), according to the 2007 National Health Interview survey released in December 2008. The survey marks the

first time that questions were included on children's use of CAM.

Small Business Technology Transfer Program

Program number: 53721

Sponsor: NCCAM

Synopsis: Support is provided for research on complementary and alternative medicine (mind–body medicine, biologically-based practices, manipulative and body-based practices, and energy medicine). Eligible applicants are small business concerns located in the United States. This program will use the Small Business Technology Transfer (R41/R42) grant mechanism for phase I, phase II, fast-track, and phase II competing renewal applications. Deadline for applications is January 7, 2011.

Program URL: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/sbirsttr1/2010-2_SBIR-STTR-topics.doc

Support of Scientific Meetings (R13)

Program number: 61096

Sponsor: NCCAM

Synopsis: The sponsor provides support for scientific meetings, conferences, and workshops that are relevant to its scientific mission and to public health. Deadline for applications is April 15, 2011.

Program URL: <http://nccam.nih.gov/grants/types/r13/>

CAM Practitioner Research Education Project Grant Partnership Competitive Renewal (R25)

Program number: 79329

Sponsor: NCCAM

Synopsis: The sponsor solicits Research Education (R25) grant applications from applicant organizations that were originally funded in response to the CAM Practitioner Research Education Project Grant Partnership (CAM R25) described in PAR-04–097. The present announcement provides an opportunity for grantees to compete for up to an additional 4 years of R25 grant support to continue their education projects. This funding opportunity announcement will use the NIH Research Education (R25) grant mechanism. Deadlines for applications are January 25, 2011, and May 25, 2011.

Program URL: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-08-095.html>

Biology of Manual Therapies (R21)

Program number: 87574

Sponsor: NCCAM

Synopsis: The sponsors invite applications that propose to investigate the basic science and mechanisms of action underlying the biomechanical, immunological, endocrinological, or neurophysiological consequences of manual therapies, such as spinal manipulation, mobilization, and massage therapy. This program will use the NIH Exploratory/Developmental (R21) grant mechanism. Deadlines for applications are January 7, 2011; February 16, 2011;

May 7, 2011; June 16, 2011; September 7, 2011; October 16, 2011 (2012 dates TBA). This program expires January 8, 2014.

Program URL: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-210.html>

Biology of Manual Therapies (R01)

Program number: 93621

Sponsor: NCCAM

Synopsis: The sponsors invite applications that propose to investigate the basic science and mechanisms of action underlying the biomechanical, immunological, endocrinological, or neurophysiological consequences of manual therapies, such as spinal manipulation, mobilization, and massage therapy. This program will use the NIH Research Project (R01) award mechanism. Deadlines for application are January 7, 2011; February 5, 2011; May 7, 2011; June 5, 2011; September 7, 2011; October 5, 2011 (2012 dates TBA). This program expires January 8, 2014.

Program URL: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-209.html>

Administrative Supplements for CAM Practitioner Research Experiences

Program number: 96951

Sponsor: NCCAM

Synopsis: The sponsor provides administrative supplements to NCCAM-funded researchers (principal investigators of NCCAM R01, P01, U19, U01, or P50 grants) to support a CAM practitioner trainee as a research assistant or in another appropriate research-related position. The NCCAM grant to be supplemented must have at least 1 additional year of funding remaining at the time of the award. The goal is to provide CAM practitioners with hands-on research experience under the direction of an experienced researcher. The supplement may also support relevant course work if it enhances the research experience. Deadline for applications is March 15, 2011.

Program URL: <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-AT-07-005.html>

RFA-AT-11-003: Translational Tools for Clinical Studies of Mind–Body and Manual Therapy CAM Interventions (R01)

Program number: 20402

Sponsor: NCCAM

Synopsis: The sponsor invites applications that propose to develop, enhance, and validate translational tools to facilitate rigorous study of complementary/alternative medicine (CAM) approaches that are in wide use by the public. This funding opportunity announcement focuses on encouraging the development of improved research methodology to study safety, efficacy, and clinical effectiveness of mind–body interventions (such as meditation),

manual therapies (such as spinal manipulation or massage), or yoga therapy. This opportunity will use the NIH Research Project (R01) award mechanism. Deadlines for application are March 29, 2011, and April 29, 2011.

Program URL: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-AT-11-003.html>

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHS)/NIH

NIH Clinical Trial Planning Grant Program (R34)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=47412>.

Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, and Management in Pain Research (R21)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=49755>.

Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, and Management in Pain Research (R03)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=49763>.

Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, and Management in Pain Research (R01)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=49764>.

NIH Support for Conferences and Scientific Meetings (Parent R13/U13)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=50936>.

Institutional Clinical and Translational Science Award (U54)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=51352>.

Centers of Research Translation (P50)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=51516>.

Collaborative Research on the Transition from Acute to Chronic Pain: New Models and Measures in Clinical and Preclinical Pain Research (R01)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=52182>.

National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS) Accelerating Research Translation (ART) in Musculoskeletal and Skin Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine Competitive Revision Award (R01)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=52186>.

NIAMS ART in Musculoskeletal and Skin Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine Competitive Revision Award (P01 and P50)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=52187>.

NIAMS ART in Musculoskeletal and Skin Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine Competitive Revision Award (P01 and P50)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=52188>.

SHIFT Award: Small Businesses Helping Investigators to Fuel the Translation of Scientific Discoveries [Small Business Innovation Research: R43/R44]

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=52507>.

Preliminary Clinical Studies in Preparation for Large Interventional Trials of CAM Therapies (R34)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=53502>.

National Institute on Drug Abuse Research Education Program for Clinical Researchers and Clinicians (R25)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=53878>.

International Research Ethics Education and Curriculum Development Award (R25)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=53934>.

HHS/AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY (AHRQ)

AHRQ Grants for Health Services Research Dissertation Program (R36)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=false&oppId=48586>.

ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS

New Outbound Linking Feature Added to IJTMB HTML Entries

Beginning with this December 2010 issue, an outbound linking option has been added to the HTML version of each IJTMB editorial or article. This feature provides a direct outbound link from citations in an IJTMB article to CrossRef, PubMed Central, or PubMed if the particulars of the cited item appears in one or more of the aforementioned databases.

Massage Therapy Foundation News

Please visit the MTF's [e-News Archives](#) for the current electronic newsletter and back issues dating to December 2008. This electronic resource provides valuable information about the Foundation's ongoing commitment to research, education, practice, and community service in the massage and bodywork professions.

MTF's 2011 Research Grant and Community Service Grant Applications

The MTF invites participation in its 2011 [Research Grants](#) and [Community Service Grants](#) competitions. The submission deadlines are March 1, 2011, and April 1, 2011, respectively. Guidelines for each of the granting categories are available at the linked pages.

***Executive Editor's Note:** Colleagues are strongly encouraged to share information pertinent to this News/Announcements section of the *IJTM*. Please forward possible entries to the *IJTM*'s Executive Editor at the following email address: hymel@loyno.edu.*