

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 RI3AT005420 from the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine) brought together massage and manual therapy practitioners, educators, complementary and integrative medicine (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 (AMTA) 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 were in the Research Track coordinated with the Massage Therapy Foundation. Included among these CE 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 Massage Therapy Foundation Best Practices Committee); Current Research: Pediatric Massage (Shay Beider, Sheila Wang, Karen Boulanger, and 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, Foundation-sponsored posters were also displayed. The Foundation's post-convention workshop was held on September 26 and 27 and included the following two courses presented by Tracy Walton: Cancer and Massage—Safe Practices for Massage Therapists; and Massage Elements for Medically Complex Clients.

For further follow-up information and inquiries, please contact info@massagetherapyfoundation.org.

Third International Public Knowledge Project (PKP) Scholarly Publishing Conference

September 26 – 28, 2011; Berlin, Germany

Details regarding the Third International PKP Scholarly Publishing Conference are available online. The call for papers guidelines have a submission deadline of March 31, 2011. This international conference is the sequel to the first two comparable conferences emphasizing open-access publishing that were held in Vancouver, Canada in 2007 and 2009.

2011 AMTA National Convention

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

Details regarding AMTA's 2011 National Convention will be available around April 1, 2011.

Third International Fascia Research Congress

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

The 2012 Fascia Congress will, as always, center on the latest and best research on the human fascia. Additionally—and recognizing the interests of clinicians in gaining insights that will bear on practical applications—the program is 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. Important upcoming dates (subject to change) are as follows: registration opens March 1, 2011; and submission deadlines are April 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 information, please visit 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. This survey marks the first time questions were included on children's use of CAM.

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.<S2S>

Deadline: 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. This current Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) provides an opportunity for those grantees to compete for up to an additional four years of R25 grant support to continue their education projects. This FOA will use the NIH Research Education (R25) grant mechanism.<S2S>

Deadline: 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 sponsor invites applications that propose to investigate the basic science and mechanisms of action underlying the biomechanical, immunological, endocrinological, and/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.<S2S>

Deadlines: January 7, 2011, February 16, 2011, May 7, 2011, June 16, 2011, September 7, 2011, October 16, 2011, and January 7, 2014. This program will expire on 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 sponsor invites applications that propose to investigate the basic science and mechanisms of action underlying the biomechanical, immunological, endocrinological, and/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.<S2S>

Deadlines: January 7, 2011, February 5, 2011, May 7, 2011, June 5, 2011, September 7, 2011, October 5, 2011, and January 7, 2014. This program will expire on 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 support for administrative supplements to NCCAM-funded researchers who are principal investigators of NCCAM R01, P01, U19, U01, or P50 grants to support a CAM practitioner trainee as a research assistant or other appropriate research-related position. The NCCAM grant to be supplemented must have at least one more 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: 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 CAM approaches that are in wide use by the public. This FOA 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), and/or yoga therapy. This FOA will use the NIH Research Project (R01) award mechanism.<S2S>

Deadlines: March 29, 2011 and April 29, 2011

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

Partnerships for Complementary Alternative Medicine (CAM) Translational Research (PCCTR) (U19)

Program Number: 71851

Sponsor: NCCAM/NIH/DHHS

Synopsis: The sponsors invite applications for the PCCTR initiative, which is designed to foster development of translational tools that will contribute to rigorous clinical CAM research and further development of clinical research expertise and leadership at CAM institutions and in the field in general. It is expected that such tools will further the rigorous study of CAM practices that are already in wide use by the American public. CAM practitioners play a vital role in rigorous research on CAM. The PCCTR will support partnerships between faculty at CAM institutions and at highly research-intensive institutions in research projects directed toward the development of CAM clinical research translational tools, including approaches, tools, and methodology that will make substantial contributions to the progress of CAM research. Each PCCTR must include at least two, but not more than three, research projects throughout the funding period. Each PCCTR should unite CAM and conventional research institutions and individuals with complementary strengths in a synergistic fashion, such that the research and intellectual productivity of the proposed projects is likely to be substantially enhanced by the proposed collaborative partnership, the abilities of the proposed collaborators, and the proposed PCCTR administrative structure. This FOA will use the U19 cooperative agreement mechanism.

Deadlines: September 19, 2011 and October 19, 2011
Deadline note: The deadline for receipt of optional letters of intent is September 18, 2011. The deadline for receipt of full applications is October 19, 2011.

Program URL: <http://grants1.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-09-066.html>

Link to full program description: http://www.infoed.org/new_spin/spin_prog.asp?71851

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES/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>

Centers of Research Translation (P50)

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

SHIFT Award: Small Businesses Helping Investigators to Fuel the Translation of Scientific Discoveries (SBIR: R43/R44)

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

Preliminary Clinical Studies in Preparation for Large Interventional Trials of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) Therapies (R34)

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

NIDA 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>

Translating Basic Behavioral and Social Science Discoveries into Interventions to Improve Health-Related Behaviors (R01)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=59057>

NLM Grants for Scholarly Works in Biomedicine and Health (G13)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=60495>

Translational Research to Help Older Adults Maintain their Health and Independence in the Community (R21)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=71733>

Translational Research to Help Older Adults Maintain their Health and Independence in the Community (R01)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=71734>

The Placebo Effect: Mechanisms and Methodology (R21)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=72273>

The Placebo Effect: Mechanisms and Methodology (R01)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=72274>

NLM Institutional Training Grants for Research Training in Biomedical Informatics (T-15)

Visit <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppId=75073>

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES/AGENCY FOR HEALTH CARE RESEARCH AND QUALITY

Agency for Health Care Research and Quality 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

IJTMB Indexed in PubMed Central and Quertle

The first of two editorials in this current issue announces in detail the inclusion of the IJTMB in NIH's PubMed Central and its open-access affiliated Quertle database, the latter of which provides a semantic-based option to the more conventional exclusive use of keywords for literature searches. PubMed Central

and Quertle are in addition to the following six databases already indexing this journal: [Directory of Open Access Journals](#), [CrossRef](#), [Healthindex](#), [Index Copernicus](#), [Google Scholar](#), and [Hinari](#).

Outbound Linking Feature Added to the IJTMB's HTML Entries

As announced previously, beginning with the December 2010 issue an *outbound linking option* has been added to the HTML version of each editorial/article entry. Specifically, this feature provides a direct outbound link from a cited reference in an IJTMB article to CrossRef, PubMed Central, and/or PubMed if one or more of these three databases has indexed the reference.

Massage Therapy Foundation News

Please link to the Massage Therapy Foundation's [E-News Archives](#) for the current electronic newsletter, as well as back issues dating to December 2008. This electronic resource provides valuable information pertaining to the Foundation's ongoing commitment to research, education, practice, and community service in the massage and bodywork professions.

Massage Therapy Foundation's 2011 Community Service Grant Application

The Massage Therapy Foundation invites applicants for its 2011 [Community Service Grants](#) competition. The submission deadline for the Community Service Grants is April 1, 2011. Guidelines are also available through this hyperlink.

Massage Therapy Foundation's 2011 Practitioner Case Report Contest

The Massage Therapy Foundation's 2011 [Practitioner Case Report Contest](#) is coming soon. If you have any questions regarding this contest, please contact Alison Pittas at apittas@massagetherapy-foundation.org or 847-905-1667.

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