

Collaborating for the Advancement of Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology – internal interactions newsletter. My purpose in creating this monthly newsletter is to enhance communications between NIDDK-funded investigators from U54s, P20s, and K12s working in the area of benign urology, facilitate sharing of knowledge and accomplishments, and provide timely and relevant research-related news, announcements, and updates.

- Kristina (Kris) Penniston, PhD

MISSION STATEMENT

As a collaborative network of transdisciplinary research centers, investigators within the CAIRIBU community consortium will **foster collaboration across multiple basic science and clinical disciplines to identify and address gaps in knowledge related to the biology, physiology, biochemistry, genomics, genetics, and metabolism of benign urologic diseases**. Our overarching goals are to (1) **support the next generation of urologic researchers** by providing meaningful education and mentoring; (2) **enhance knowledge of mechanisms** associated with normal development, function, and disease pathology related to the urinary tract, kidney, and prostate; (3) **cultivate new research tools and ideas** by expanding the collaborative network within and outside of the traditional urologic research field; and (4) use the knowledge and tools generated from our collaborative work to **reduce the burden of benign urologic illness and disability** by developing and testing new therapies to effectively treat, manage, and prevent these diseases. TRIBU aims to create a transdisciplinary infrastructure to promote benign urologic research collaborations – including those that integrate social, behavioral, and biological sciences – encourage and embrace new investigators into the field, train and mentor the next generation of benign urologic basic scientists and clinician scientists, and develop and share resources and new tools to enhance urology research.

2019 MEETING REMINDERS

Jan 23	Deadline for discounted registration for 2019U meeting
Feb 15	Deadline for “late breaking” abstracts for 2019AUA meeting
Feb 19	Deadline for discounted registration for 2019 meeting
Feb 26-Mar 2	SUFU annual meeting (Miami, FL)
Mar 29-30	ROCK Society annual meeting (Cleveland, OH)
April 26	Multidisciplinary Benign Urology Research Day 2019 (at Duke University)
May 3-6	AUA annual meeting (Chicago, IL)
May 3	SUFU at AUA 2019
May 4	SBUR at AUA 2019
June 7	O'Brien Centers (U54) External Expert Panel meeting (Bethesda, MD)
Oct 29-Nov 2	World Congress of Endourology meeting (Abu Dhabi, UAE)
Nov 7-11	SBUR annual meeting (New Orleans, LA)
Dec 4-6	CAIRIBU annual meeting (TBD)

CURRENT CAIRIBU COMMUNITY CENTERS AND PROGRAMS

Currently-funded George M. O'Brien Centers:

- Columbia University
Cathy Mendelsohn, PhD
Ali Gharavi, MD
Jonathan Barasch, MD, PhD
- University of Wisconsin-Madison/UMass-Boston
Will Ricke, PhD
- University of Pittsburgh
Zhou Wang, PhD

P20 centers:

- University of California-San Francisco
Tom Chi, MD
- University of Alabama at Birmingham
Dean Assimos, MD
- Columbia University
Simone Sanna-Cherchi, MD
- Harvard Medical School (Beth Israel)
Mark Zeidel, MD
- University of Chicago (NorthShore Research Inst.)
Simon Hayward, PhD
- Washington University
Indira Mysorekar, PhD

K12 centers:

- Duke University KURE (*Cindy Amundsen, MD*)
- Weill Cornell Medicine KURE (*Delores Lamb, PhD*)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison KURE (*Dale Bjorling, DVM and Wade Bushman, MD, PHD*)
- University of California-San Francisco KEpi (*Alison Huang, MD and Stephen van den Eeden, PhD*)
- University of Michigan KEpi (*Aruna Sarma, PhD, MHA and Quentin Clemens, MD*)



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