Treadmills Available

The CRC now has two treadmills available for research studies. We recently took possession of a treadmill that the cardiac rehab unit needed to get rid of due to loss of space. We appreciate their generosity. There are currently 2 studies that use the treadmills but we can certainly accommodate other studies.

Grant Writers Seminar October 7 & 8, 2002

A Grant Writers Seminar is scheduled for Monday, October 7 and Tuesday the 8th in the Eppley Science Hall Amphitheater. It is being sponsored by the Office of Research and Development and the R & D Committee. This day and a half seminar addresses both conceptual and practical aspects that are associated with the grant-writing process. It emphasizes idea development, how to write for reviewers and will include tips and strategies. On Monday, the program runs from 8:00 - 3:30 with registration from 7:30 - 8:00 and concludes on Tuesday, from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. The Office of Research and Development is paying the cost of bringing the seminar to UNMC, but each registered participant will pay a $50.00 tuition that includes The Grant Application Writer's Workbook. If you would like to attend the seminar, you can register by sending an e-mail to Sonja Cox at sacox@unmc.edu before Monday, 9/9/02. When registering, please include a cost center to pay the $50.00 per person tuition.

Non-Competing Grant Progress Reports

The NIH issued a reminder notice on August 13th concerning non-competing grant progress reports: The NIH continues to transition the notification of Non-Competing Grant Progress Reports from a hard copy mailing to an electronic format. Beginning with December 2002 start dates and beyond, e.g., those progress reports due on/after October 1, 2002, grantees will need to access a website to determine which progress reports are due.

Now available at http://era.nih.gov/userreports/pr_due.cfm the NIH Office of Extramural Research has launched a website of Non-competing Progress Report due date information. Grantee officials can query using their institutional Profile Number (IPF) to return a list of “due” progress reports. If an official is not certain of the IPF, a companion query is also available at the site to help determine the appropriate IPF. Records will drop off the list as NIH receives the reports and new records will be added on/around the 30th of each month.

This new website is one of two ways due date information will be made available. The second way will be through the NIH Commons. This is not yet available. Progress reports should continue to be mailed directly to the NIH awarding Institute/Center. A list of Institute/Center mailing addresses for progress reports is found at: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/type5_mailing_addresses.htm

Questions concerning submission of progress reports should be directed to the specific NIH Institute/Center.
2000 Census Information

The 2000 census information is available and is posted on the CRC web page with the application. The census bureau standards were revised in 1997 and now include two ethnic categories, "Hispanic or Latino" and "Not Hispanic or Latino." There are five racial categories: American Indian or Alaska Native; Asian; Black or African American; Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; and White. Reports of data on race and ethnicity shall use these categories. This information is required on NIH applications as well.

Changes in Grant Plan Codes

If you set up grant accounts in Phamis you may have noticed a change in your choice of plan codes in the last few weeks. You used to have the choice of “Grants Primary” and “Grants Secondary”. Grants Primary— was used if your grant was to be the only payor. Grants Secondary—was used if your grant was to pick up charges after the insurance plan paid off.

The new choice is “Grants Funded”. It can still be placed in Plan 1 or Plan 2 etc to designate when charges should be applied toward the grant. The PFS office is collapsing many of the codes in an effort to clean things up.

We would have told you about the change prior to it happening had we been informed of the change. However, everyone seems to have picked up on it and made changes without much difficulty. If you have questions, please contact the CRC.

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www.unmc.edu/crc

Coordinators’ Corner

CRC Web Page Updated

The CRC’s webpage has been updated and now includes a current listing of all studies ongoing or funded by the CRC. The new application form, updated coordinators handbook, symposium information etc are listed. The web address is info.unmc.edu/crc (intranet) or www.unmc.edu/crc (internet site).

We have added a page for studies that are ongoing within UNMC/NHS. If you want to list your study please contact the CRC. You will need to have IRB approval prior to placing your study on this page.

Research Symposium Dates Set

The dates for this year’s Clinical Research Symposium have been set. The first week is September 23-27, 2002 & the second week is January 20-24, 2003. This course is designed to assist the Clinical Investigator understand the research process. The course includes didactic sessions on the ethics of clinical research, the process of informed consent, and basic principles of study design and statistical analysis. The participant will also write a sample grant and IRB document including a patient consent form over the two week course. Call 9-7685 to get a copy of the schedule or to register. The curriculum is also available on line at info.unmc.edu/crc/symposium. The registration fee is $25 for the 2 week course.

Submit research news items, announcements, recruitment ads and comments to the CRC at 9-8555 or