Health Related Research in WV Partnerships and Impact



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Alignment of Purpose



NIH: to seek fundamental knowledge about the nature and behavior of living systems and the application of that knowledge to enhance health, lengthen life, and reduce illness and disability.

https://www.nih.gov/about-nih/what-we-do/missiongoals



Focus on Real Problems



sources: Kaiser Family Foundation; Bureau of Economic Analysis

Identify solutions through collaborative TEAMS – bench scientists, community stakeholders and clinical and translational investigators

Secure funding to sustain inquiry, deliver innovative solutions and train the next generation

NIH will be increased by another \$2 billion to \$39 billion in FY 2019 NIH IDeA received a \$12 million increase to \$362 million

Support entrepreneurship, innovation and talent

HVI – 1st in WV to perform robotic heart surgery to repair valves and perform coronary bypass grafting and 1st in WV to implant life saving artificial heart assist pump



FY '18 Health Related Research Funding





The NIGMS/IDeA Program in West Virginia

Sensory Neuroscience CoBRE

Principal Investigator	George Spirou, Ph.D., WVU
Phase I, II, and III	September 30, 2000-September 15, 2016
Total award	\$24.0 M

COBRE for Signal Transduction and Cancer

Principal Investigator	Laura F. Gibson, Ph.D., WVU
Phase I,II, and III	September 1, 2001 - June 30, 2018
Total award	\$28.7 M

West Virginia Stroke COBRE

Principal Investigator	James W. Simpkins, Ph.D., WVU
Phase I	September 8, 2014 - May 31, 2019
Total Award	\$10.6 M

West Virginia IDeA-CTR

Principal Investigator Phase I-II Total award Sally L. Hodder, M.D. August 15, 2012-June 30, 2022 \$39.6 M

Tumor Microenvironment COBRE

Principal Investigator Phase I Total Award Paul R. Lockman, Ph.D., West Virginia University December 1, 2018 - November 30, 2023 \$9.2 M

*Additional NIGMS/IDeA Marshall University led initiatives



NIH supported T32s – Training a Creative Workforce

Pre-doctoral Training in Stroke and Its Co-Morbidities

(NIH/NIA 2017-2022; Jim Simpkins PI) -11 students supported to date > \$1.34M

Ashley Russell (Simpkins): Studying the role of extracellular vesicles (EVs) in stroke outcome, and has made the discovery that EVs carry microRNAs from damaged neurons to healthy cells that compromise mitochondrial function and may contribute to neuronal damage from stroke. Five publications and she has received 5 recognitions for the quality of her research at local, national and international meetings.

Savannah Sims (Meares): She is studying the molecular mechanism(s) of glial-derived neuroinflammation, which may be vital in stroke, Alzheimer's disease and multiple sclerosis. Two published papers and has received 3 awards for the quality of her research at local, national and international meetings.

Research Training Program in Behavioral and Biomedical Sciences

(NIH/NIGMS 2008-2019; Al Berrebbi PI) – 32 trainees supported to date > \$2.0M

 \sim 15 Associate Scholars received support for clinical immersion, travel, etc. in addition to the 32 trainees

97% completion/continuation rate, and 5.0 years average time to completion of PhD

Douglas Thornton moved directly to a tenure track faculty appointment at the Univ of Houston



HEALTH SCIENCES GRADUATE STUDENTS

Dentistry / Medicine / Nursing / Pharmacy / Public Health





552

MD STUDENTS

432 students



Students From 49% Female **51% Male** States **Students From 57% Residents 43% Non-resident Countries**

- 3.7% Unkown
- .4 % American Indian/Alaskan Native/Hawaiian/Pacific Islander
- 2.1% Black/African American
- 71.5% White/Caucasian
- 7.6% Hispanic
- 74.5% Asian



CANCER INSTITUTE

Manage Cancer in West Virginia and Appalachia State of the art clinical care for patients & their loved ones Research, education, and service Address health disparities

- Bonnie's Bus for Screening mammography and new Lung Cancer Screening bus travels statewide
- 74 active clinical trials with industry partners
- Epigenomics trial of a genome-based blood test for colorectal cancer done on Bonnie's Bus
- Caris Precision Oncology Alliance Tumor genetic profiling for optimizing clinical outcomes and research
- UGI (NCI) Leading Academic Participating Site (PI: Goldberg) UM1 Cancer Moonshot Initiative (PI: Hazard Jenkins): Symptom Management in Rural Populations (Harvard collaboration)





Regional Impact





WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Enhance Child Health through Continued Focus on Research in Rural and Underserved Populations

- Funding from IDeA States Pediatric Clinical Trials Network
- Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO)
- 456 Active Study Participants Across the State
- Areas of Research: Obesity, Perinatal issues, Neurodevelopment, Respiratory, and Child Health
- First Study Accessing Infant Exposure to Opioids and its Treatment – Fall 2018
- 77 Research Protocols



WVU HEART AND VASCULAR INSTITUTE Provide the Most Advanced Possible Heart and Vascular Care for the People of WV and Beyond

- First in the nation device for innovative aortic valve repair technique
- First in the nation to enroll in innovative trial for catheter based mitral valve replacement device
- First in West Virginia to develop life saving extracorporeal life support program
- Leads West Virginia in treating atrial fibrillation with innovative therapies
- Over 300 peer-reviewed publications in internationally respected journals
- Named or primary in over 10 patent applications
- 10 national clinical trials brought to WVU





CRITICAL CARE/TRAUMA

Become a world leader in Critical Care/Trauma services to rural, distant and underserved areas through cutting edge patient care, innovation, education and community partnerships.

- Stop the Bleed National Campaign to turn bystanders into first responders.
- Military and Austere Medicine and Surgery to help train and make ready all those clinical personnel working in austere/rural environments to include the US Military.
- **Rapid Response Team** Developed to catch patients before they decline through the use of technology and critical care training.
- Comprehensive Critical Care Education Program to hone the skills of the experts and create great skills in younger generation.
- Disaster and Emergency Preparedness to increase responsiveness to elevations in patient volume and to be prepared for natural disasters and mass casualties.
- Safe Haven A resuscitation bed that is always on standby should a critically ill patient need emergent intervention.











ROCKEFELLER NEUROSCIENCE INSTITUTE

Transform the Lives of People through Innovation in Patient Care, Research, and Education





WV Clinical & Translational Science Institute

Total NIGMS-CTR funding: \$39.6 MM; Total WV institutional investment: \$69 MM

PARTNERING FOR BETTER HEALTH



WVCTSI Partner Sites

- Charleston Area Medical Center/ WVU- Charleston
- Department of Veterans Affairs
- Marshall University
- National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health
- West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine
- WVU & WVU Medicine
- WV Practice-Based Research Network Sites







In it together.....



