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NIH-NCCAM SEEKING RESEARCH PROPOSALS ON MANUAL THERAPIES

In a recent meeting with representatives from the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM), members of the national Osteopathic Research Center executive team were encouraged to help foster the submission of high quality research proposals from the osteopathic profession.

NCCAM representatives have expressed their desire to continue to work with members of the osteopathic profession to document the efficacy of manual therapeutics including osteopathic manipulative medicine in treating a wide range of conditions, and to explore the underlying mechanisms of manipulation.

In addition to a large number of proposals that have been submitted in the past 12 months that are awaiting review by NCCAM or that are in revision, the ORC has received a number of grants through NCCAM including:

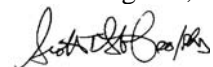
- K30-Complementary and Alternative Medicine Clinical Research Curriculum Development with Emphasis on Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine; 2000-2005; \$1.5 million total costs.
- R13-Annual Forum: Hot Topics in OMM Research (support for OCCTIC VI); 2005; \$10,000 total direct funds.
- U19-Developmental Center for Research in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine; 2004-2007; \$1,457,056 total direct funds
- R21-Treatment Efficacy of OMT for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome; 2005-2008; \$400,000 total direct funds.
- K24-Mid-career Investigator in CAM-Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine; 2005-2010; \$727,911 total direct funds.
- K23-Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award; 2005-2010; \$627,080 total direct funds.

A number of funding mechanisms are available through NCCAM that meet a wide range of career development levels. To access information about current funding announcements and about the types of grants available, please visit <http://nccam.nih.gov/cgi-bin/grants/funding.pl>.

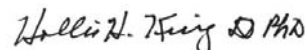
NCCAM leaders have asked the ORC to help develop more researchers and expand the capabilities of the osteopathic profession in the area of OMM research. The leaders of NCCAM encouraged the ORC executive team to creatively utilize public/private partnerships between the NIH and private osteopathic supportive foundations to accomplish the goal of developing new clinical researchers and to conduct research by combining NIH funding for researcher development with private funding for research projects.

If the faculty and staff at the ORC can be of assistance in developing a grant proposal for submission to NCCAM, or if we can help to coordinate a public/private partnership, please contact Hollis H. King, D.O., Ph.D., at hking@hsc.unt.edu or at 817-735-2463.

Warm Regards,



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