



Center for Collaborative Research in Health Disparities

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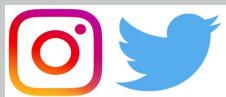
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180

Participants enrolled in the research project *Intervention to Promote Physical Activation and Improve Sleep and Sleep and Feeding Practices in Infants for Preventing Obesity Early in Life (The Baby-Act Trial)*, as of March 30, 2019.



WEB NEWS

MARCH 2019

EXTERNAL EVALUATOR VISIT

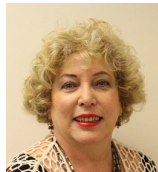


On March 11-13, 2019 the Center for Collaborative Research in Health Disparities (CCRHD) received the visit of its external evaluator, Dr. Marcia Carlyn. During her visit, Dr. Carlyn met with CCRHD principal investigator, research investigators, core directors and administrative staff. She also conducted an informal meeting with the four investigators participating in the Pilot Project Program, directed by Dr. Gregory Quirk. Lead investigators of the Research Projects and the Research Infrastructure Core also shared with her their research activities and outcomes, and discuss plans for the net budgetary period. Ms. Kreshlya De La Paz provided assistance with data collection, surveys and participant's interviews before and during the visit. Dr. Carlyn's evaluation reports provide vital feedback regarding the progress of the Center's activities toward accomplishing programmatic goals and objectives.

RESEARCH ADVANCES



Dr. Pablo Vivas
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Invention Disclosure:
Nanoliposomal MIR-18a Mimic for Ovarian Cancer Treatment
iEdison 0578706-18-0002



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Compounds with Antimalarial Activity
iEdison 0578705-19-0001

SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS



Danielle Kobe
QIAGEN NGS and Automation Lunch & Learn
March 6, 2019

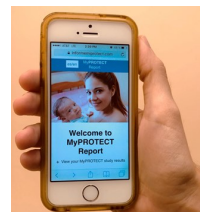


Bryan A. Ballif, Ph.D.
Validating Proteomics Data Without Western Blots by Targeted Mass Spectrometry
March 12, 2019



Joel N. Meyer, Ph.D.
Mitochondrial Toxicity in the Context of Genetic Deficiencies
March 26, 2019

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP



The CCRHD Community Engagement Core (CEC) organized a workshop titled "Report Back Strategies for the Dissemination of Research Findings". Dr. Carmen Vélez, CEC Director and Héctor Torres Zayas, Research Study Coordinator of the Puerto Rico Testsite for Exploring Contaminations Threats (PROTECT) Project, coordinated and guided the workshop. Participants were extremely interested in the mobile application developed by the PROTECT project to share results with study participants. The workshop was recorded and the video is available on the RCMI YouTube channel (<https://youtu.be/g2DhlHe-oPY>).

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PRESENTATION



Investigators of the RCMI-CCRHD Community Engagement Core presented updates of their activities on the monthly NIMHD meeting held on March 5, 2019. Lead Investigators Dr. Carmen Vélez and Project Coordinator Irene Lafarga shared with Dr. Rada Dagher, NIMHD Program Officer, the objectives, accomplishments, outcomes, as well as, next year plans related to the CEC. Principal Investigator, Dr. Emma Fernández-Repollet, Advisory Committee Chair, Dr. Susan Opava, CCRHD Administrator, Ms. Jordana Ramirez, and Program Coordinator, Ms. Kreshlya De La Paz were also in attendance.