

Collaborating for the Advancement of Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology

ANNUAL CAIRIBU MEETING

Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2023

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Kansas City, MO
Marriott Kansas City Downtown

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday
November 29, November 30, December 1

WHAT'S ON THE MEETING PROGRAM?

- Investigators and trainees from **George M. O'Brien Urology Cooperative Research Centers** will present their most recent research findings (*Columbia University, Stanford University, and UW-Madison*)
- Hear from K12 Scholars at **CAIRIBU KURe and KUroEpi Programs** (*Duke University, UW-Madison, University of Michigan, and UCSF-Kaiser Permanente*)
- Learn about the research at **P20 Urology Exploratory and P20 FORWARD Centers** (*Beaumont College-Oakland University, Duke University, Mayo Clinic*)
- Hear from invited speakers **Mark Nelson, PhD** (University of Vermont), **Dolores Lamb, PhD** (Weill Cornell Medicine), **Charles Scales, Jr, MD, MSHS** (Duke University), **Michael Bailey, PhD** (University of Washington), and **Whitney Sweeney, PhD** (UW-Madison Institute for Clinical and Translational Research)
- Participate in CAIRIBU-style interactions sessions and discussions
- Enjoy friendly competition in the form of "Wheel of Urology" and CAIRIBU Cornhole
- **CAIRIBU meeting outline** [HERE](#)

IS THERE A PRE-MEETING FOR TRAINEES AGAIN THIS YEAR?

Yes - Wed., Nov. 29, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. Once again organized by a committee of trainees and ESIs, agenda includes a mock grant review session and **Dr. Aruna Sarma's course on Epidemiology and Biostatistics in Non-Malignant Genitourinary Research**

- Pre-meeting program information [HERE](#) | Register for the pre-meeting [HERE](#) (free)

WHAT'S INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION?

Registration is \$250 per person, payable when you register, and includes coffee and light refreshments during breaks each morning and afternoon, Wednesday dinner, Thursday breakfast and lunch, and Friday breakfast.

- Thursday dinner is on your own; the CAIRIBU Interactions Core is organizing small group dinners at local Kansas City restaurants for those interested

WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE CAIRIBU MEETING?

All CAIRIBU Community investigators and trainees from currently-funded U54 O'Brien Centers, P20 FORWARD Centers, P20 Exploratory Centers, and K12 Career Development Programs are required to participate. NIDDK Program Officers affiliated with the CAIRIBU Community will also be there.

WILL OTHERS PARTICIPATE?

Investigators and trainees from previously-funded CAIRIBU Community Centers and Programs, as well as those from the broader urologic research community, are strongly encouraged to participate.

WHO May SUBMIT ABSTRACTS?

Early-Stage Investigators (defined by NIH as those within 10 years of their terminal degree) are encouraged to submit abstracts. Students and other trainees are specifically encouraged to submit. Abstract preparation instructions AND link to upload available [HERE](#). Abstracts will be presented as posters during a poster session on Wed., Nov. 29.

Abstract deadline: Friday, October 20, 2023

Financial support from the CAIRIBU Interactions Core is available for a limited number of trainees. Those selected will be reimbursed after the CAIRIBU meeting upon approval of receipts and other documentation. **The deadline for applying is October 12**; request an application from CAIRIBU@urology.wisc.edu. Applicants must submit an abstract and plan to attend the meeting from beginning to end. Although all trainees may apply, funds will be prioritized for trainees not affiliated with currently-funded CAIRIBU U54 and P20 Centers; trainees from funded Centers should be supported by their Centers to participate in the CAIRIBU meeting. Examples of trainees whose applications will be prioritized include:

1. Students/trainees working with current and former CAIRIBU K12 Scholars and with current and former O'Brien Center Opportunity Pool Award recipients
2. Students working with investigators (particularly ESIs) from institutions not currently affiliated with CAIRIBU
3. Students from summer undergraduate urology/genitourinary research programs

TRAINEES AND ESIs

CAIRIBU ARCTICS Community Forum



WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 13 (virtual)
1:00 PM Eastern (12 PM Central | 10 AM Pacific)
Zoom link available [HERE](#)

ARCTICS = Advancing the Research Capacity of Trainees and Investigators at Early-Career Stages

Facilitating and Maintaining MD/PhD Interactions in Urology Research

This forum features:

- **Lindsey Burnett, MD, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Dept. of OBGYN and Reproductive Sciences, University of California San Diego
- **Doug Strand PhD**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Urology, University of Texas Southwestern
- **Maria Hadjifrangiskou, PhD**, Associate Professor, Depts. of Urology and Pathology, Vanderbilt University
- **John Knight, PhD**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Urology, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Monthly (virtual) CAIRIBU ARCTICS Community forums are scheduled through the end of 2023 - more information [HERE](#)

**CAIRIBU Graduate Student
Seminar**



WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 20 (virtual)
2:00 PM Eastern (1 PM Central | 11 AM Pacific)
 Zoom link available [HERE](#)

This month's seminar features [Sakina Plumber](#), graduate student at Columbia University in the laboratory of [Dr. Cathy Mendelsohn](#). **ALL ARE INVITED.**

Bi-monthly (virtual) CAIRIBU grad student seminars are scheduled through the end of 2023 - more information [HERE](#)

CAIRIBU RESEARCH

Urobiome Research Interest Group Monthly Virtual Research Hours



The [CAIRIBU Urobiome Research Interest Group](#) (U-RIG) is a group of collaborative-minded investigators and clinicians from a variety of disciplines interested in advancing science related to urinary microbiota and urinary tract health and function. **Recognizing that research collaborations are not possible without the exchange of knowledge**, the CAIRIBU U-RIG has organized virtual "research hours" to bridge the gaps in urobiome research and foster collaborations. Each hour will feature 2 urobiome investigators who

describe their work followed by dedicated time for group discussion, enabling participants to identify promising areas for interactions with the potential to drive novel transformative research. Each research hour will be recorded and archived on the [CAIRIBU YouTube page](#).

CAIRIBU U-RIG Research Hour #1

Friday, Sept. 15 (virtual)

3:00 PM Eastern (2:00 PM Central | 12:00 PM Pacific)

Zoom link available [HERE](#)

Featuring:

- **Aaron Miller, PhD**, Scientist and head of the Urology Translational Research Laboratory in the Microbiome Center for Human Health, Cleveland Clinic Lerner Research Institute
- **Lindsey Burnett, MD, PhD**, Urogynecologist and Assistant Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences, UCSD

The CAIRIBU U-RIG Research Hour, organized by **Nicole De Nisco, PhD** and **Michael Neugent, PhD** (UT Dallas), is an ongoing monthly series taking place on the third Friday of every month from September 2023 to April 2024. Each installment will bring fresh insights, knowledgeable speakers, and ample opportunities for networking and collaborative research leading to new grant proposals.



AND COMING UP...

CAIRIBU Connections

Following the highly successful June 2023 CAIRIBU Connections event on UTIs, in which a panel of patients from the [UTI Health Alliance](#) described their lived experiences with recurrent UTIs, **a follow-up panel of scientists and clinicians will respond to patients' questions, comments, and frustrations about UTIs.** BE PART OF THIS IMPORTANT DIALOGUE.

CAIRIBU Clinician & Scientist Panel on UTIs

Friday, Sept. 29 (virtual)
3:00 PM Eastern (2:00 PM Central | 12:00 PM Pacific)
Zoom link available [HERE](#)

LISTEN TO THE PATIENT PANEL ON UTIs... Go to the CAIRIBU YouTube channel [HERE](#). Look for the video entitled "UTI Through the Lifespan: A Patient Perspective."

2023 CAIRIBU Collaboration Awards



Rose Khavari, MD, *Optimization of Onabotulinumtoxin (BTX-A) Infection for the Treatment of Neurogenic Lower Urinary Tract Dysfunction*. Dr. Khavari is the Ben and Wendy Moreland Distinguished Professor in Urology at the Houston Methodist Hospital and Director of Research at the Center for Restorative Pelvic Medicine, Clinical Director for Neurourology, and Residence Program Director for the Department of Urology.

Ramy Goueli, MD, *Neuroendocrine Cells Function in the Ageing Human Female Urethra*. Dr. Goueli is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Urology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. He completed in 2021 a Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Urology Fellowship at UTSW.

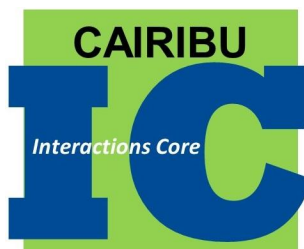


DUKE KURE PROGRAM



Cindy L. Amundsen, MD, PI and Director of the [KURe Multidisciplinary Urologic Research Career Development Program at Duke University](#), and program specialists **Friederike Jayes, DVM, PhD**, and **Rebecca Kameny, PhD**, were awarded \$3.8 million for another five years as a NIDDK K12 Program. Dr. Amundsen and her team have been awarded 15 years of continued funding from this mechanism, supporting 14 early career researchers. The program is committed to multidisciplinary clinical, translational, and basic research, structured mentoring relationships, and individualized career development.

CAIRIBU PROGRESS SURVEY



The CAIRIBU Interactions Core collects data twice yearly to understand the impact of CAIRIBU Community research efforts and interactions, grant proposals, funding, publications, and engagement. The overall goal is to use these data to improve efforts to enhance and foster inter-center/program interactions. Investigators affiliated with currently funded CAIRIBU sites, former K12 scholars, and former Opportunity Pool recipients should complete the survey.

EVERYONE in currently-funded CAIRIBU Centers and Programs, INCLUDING STUDENTS AND OTHER TRAINEES, should complete this survey twice a year; **check your email for survey link** or contact CAIRIBU@urology.wisc.edu



UROLOGY RESEARCH

FUNDING



ISAC Awards

The **Innovative Science Accelerator Program** accepts 3-page essays describing your research proposal. The program aims to provide seed funding for exceptionally innovative, disruptive (high-risk/high-reward) research relevant to KUH research communities. Applicants may request up to \$100,000 Total Costs (Directs + Indirects). **Next application deadline is December 15, 2023.** More information [HERE](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 7-9: [Society of Genitourinary Reconstructive Surgeons Annual Meeting](#) (Seattle, WA)
Sept 9-12: [American Society for Microbiome Clinical Virology Symposium](#) (West Palm Beach, FL)
Sept 13: [CAIRIBU ARCTICS Community Forum, MD/PhD Interactions](#) (virtual, 1 PM Eastern)
Sept 14: [CAIRIBU Community Leaders Meeting](#) (virtual, 4 PM Eastern)
Sept 15: [CAIRIBU U-RIG Research Hour, Bridging Knowledge Gaps](#) (virtual, 3 PM Eastern)
Sept 19: [NIDDK Webinar, Secondary Research to Accelerate Innovation](#) (virtual, 10 AM Eastern)
Sept 20: [CAIRIBU Graduate Student Seminar, Sakina Plumber](#) (virtual, 2 PM Eastern)
Sept 22-23: [Society of Benign Prostate Disease Annual Meeting](#) (Dallas, TX)
Sept 27-29: [International Continenence Society Annual Meeting](#) (Toronto, Ontario)
Sept 28: [GUD Club Virtual Journal Club, Mark Knepper, MD, PhD, NIH/NHLBI](#) (virtual, 4 PM Eastern)
Sept 29: [CAIRIBU U-RIG Panel, Clinicians & Scientists Discuss UTIs](#) (virtual, 3 PM Eastern)
- Oct 4-6: [American Urogynecologic Society Annual Meeting](#) (Portland, OR)
Oct 6: [Mayo Clinic CAIRIBU FORWARD P20 Center Symposium](#) (Rochester, MN)
Oct 11: [CAIRIBU ARCTICS Community Forum, The NIH Grants Process](#) (virtual, 1 PM Eastern)
Oct 12: [CAIRIBU O'Brien Center Leaders Meeting](#) (virtual, 4 PM Eastern)
Oct 14-18: [American Society for Reproductive Medicine Annual Meeting](#) (New Orleans, LA)
Oct 19: [Stanford University CAIRIBU O'Brien Center Symposium](#) (Palo Alto, CA)
Oct 20: [CAIRIBU Meeting abstract deadline](#); more info [HERE](#)
Oct 26: [GUD Club Virtual Journal Club](#) (virtual, 4 PM Eastern)

Check the [EVENTS LISTING](#) on the CAIRIBU website for updates and other announcements



Events, Jobs, News

Check the [CAIRIBU Kiosk](#) frequently for updates. Are you an investigator looking for a postdoc or fellow? **Let the CAIRIBU Interactions Core know.** We will post it on the website and use CAIRIBU social media to promote it.



HAVE YOU READ?

Are you reading the newest publications from investigators and trainees in the CAIRIBU Community? We update this monthly; it's available on the CAIRIBU website [HERE](#).



HAVE YOU WATCHED?

The [CAIRIBU YouTube Channel](#) features videos from CAIRIBU K12 Scholar seminars, CAIRIBU Catalyst Conversations, CAIRIBU ARCTICS forums, and MORE.

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**George M. O'Brien (U54) Urology Cooperative
Research Centers Program**

- University of Wisconsin-Madison (2014-2019 and 2019-2024)
- Columbia University (2014-2019 and 2020-2025)
- Stanford University (2021-2026)

**Multidisciplinary Urologic Research (KURe)
Career Development Programs (K12)**

- Duke University
- University of Wisconsin-Madison

**Urological Epidemiology (KUroEpi) Institutional
Research Career Development Programs (K12)**

- University of California San Francisco-Kaiser Permanente
- University of Michigan

FORWARD P20 Urology Centers

- Mayo Clinic Rochester (2022-2025)
- Duke University (2022-2025)

**Exploratory Centers (P20) for Interdisciplinary
Research in Benign Urology**

- Michigan Interdisciplinary Center for Urology Research and Education (MI-CURE) (2021-2023)
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia-University of Pennsylvania (2020-2022)
- Medical College of Wisconsin (2020-2022)
- University of Alabama at Birmingham (2018-2020 and 2020-2022)

NIDDK Program Officers

Julie Barthold, MD, Project Scientist
Deepak Nihalani, PhD, Program Official
Chris Mullins, PhD, Scientific Consultant

Links to websites for CAIRIBU Centers and Programs are on the CAIRIBU website [HERE](#)

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CAIRIBU is a community of NIDDK-funded Centers and Programs whose overarching objectives are to address the gaps in knowledge related to epidemiology, etiology, development, progression, and expression of benign urologic conditions and to train the next generation of leaders in benign urology research

Learn More Here