



MARCH 2021 ROUND UP

CF-AIR PILOTS REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS

The RFA for the 2021 CF-AIR Center Pilot has been released and is now open! The 2021 CF-AIR Pilot is intended to support young investigators who are working to develop a new project with CF focus, either pulmonary or non-pulmonary. P30 Core Centers must be utilized by the pilot project. Interested investigators should submit a LOI by April 30th, 2021 (must be submitted in the online portal.) [RFA here.](#)

10TH ANNUAL SOUTHEASTERN PEDIATRIC RESEARCH CONFERENCE

The 10th Annual Southeastern Pediatric Research Conference will take place this year on June 11, 2021. [Register here!](#)

The theme of this conference is "Paradigm Changing Innovation & Promoting Health Equity", but all areas of child health research will be presented.

FAQ: Will the conference be held in-person or virtually? Why is there a price difference to attend the conference?

- The option to participate in-person will depend on COVID-19 related restrictions at the time of the event. If the in-person component is cancelled, in-person registrations will automatically be refunded the difference in ticket prices.

SPOTLIGHT PALLIATIVE CARE IN CYSTIC FIBROSIS

In March 2020, Dio Kavalieratos, Ph.D. joined Emory University School of Medicine as Associate Professor and Director of Palliative Care Research. Dr. Kavalieratos co-leads the CFF's Committee on Palliative Care in CF, which coordinates guideline development, research, and outreach work. The Committee is starting work on new guidelines to address pain management for people living with CF. With funding from the CFF, Dr. Kavalieratos's InSPIRe:CF study is the first multi-site clinical trial to compare adding specialist palliative care to regular CF clinic care. More than 250 adults with CF and their caregivers are being enrolled to receive either usual care or usual care plus quarterly visits with a palliative care specialist to address symptom burden, side effects of treatment, psychosocial concerns, and other topics. To learn more about this groundbreaking work, please reach out to [Dr. Kavalieratos.](#)

LEAPP FELLOWSHIP AWARDED

Michelle McKinnon, one of our Pediatric CF Advanced Practice Providers, was awarded the new 2-year "Leadership and Education Advanced Practice Provider CF Fellowship Program" (LEAPP) fellowship from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation after a competitive application process. The LEAPP Fellowship involves CF specialized APP training, QI, and multi-site APP collaboration. Congratulations to Michelle!



Don't forget to join in the CF@LANTA Joint Lab Meeting & Research Workshops the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month from 3:00 - 5:00 PM! Contact Lilly Meier for more information or to schedule a presentation. If you have anything you would like highlighted in the CF-AIR Monthly Round Up, please reach out to Lilly Meier (lilly.meier@emory.edu)