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## CVI SEMINAR SERIES

There will be two CVI seminars during the month of October. The first seminar will be held on **Thursday, October 20, 2005** at 4:00 pm in **Building 120 Room 360**. Our seminar speaker is:

**Donna Bobrowicz, J.D.**  
**Technology Transfer Director**  
**Loyola University Medical Center**  
**Stritch School of Medicine**  
**Maywood, IL**

The title of Ms. Bobrowicz's seminar is:

**"Research, Inventions, Patents, and the new Technology Transfer Department - What Does It Mean To Me?"**

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The second CVI seminar will be held on **Tuesday, October 25, 2005** at 4:00 pm in **Building 110, Room 5215**. Our speaker is:

**Roberta A. Gottlieb, M.D.**  
**Associate Member**  
**Division of Hematology**  
**Molecular and Experimental Medicine**  
**The Scripps Research Institute**  
**La Jolla, CA**

The title of Dr. Gottlieb's talk is:

**"The Hungry Heart: Autophagy and Salvation"**

For further information about the CVI Seminar Series, contact Dr. Leanne Cribbs at x72817.

## CVI JOURNAL CLUB

October 13.....Dr. Hart  
October 27.....Dr. Henderson

For further information, contact Dr. Ken Byron at x72819.

## CARDIOLOGY - CVI RESEARCH DIVISION BASIC SCIENCE SEMINAR

The Cardiology Division and the CVI Research Division are sponsoring a series of joint seminars by Loyola Faculty. The following seminar is scheduled:

October 21.....Dr. Martin

The title of Dr. Martin's talk will be posted at a future date.

During the renovation of the Van Kampen Conference Center, seminars will be held at 12:00 pm in the CVI Research Division Conference Room, Rm 5215.

For further information, contact Dr. Samarel at x72821

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS FROM THE CVI

Kockskämper, J., Zima, A.V., Blatter, L.A. Modulation of sarcoplasmic reticulum Ca<sup>2+</sup> release by glycolysis in cat atrial myocytes. *J.Physiol. (Lond.)* 564(3):697-714, 2005.

Brueggemann, L.I., Markun, D.R., Barakat, J.A., Chen, H.Y., Byron, K.L. Evidence against reciprocal regulation of Ca<sup>2+</sup> entry by vasopressin in A7r5 rat aortic smooth-muscle cells. *Biochem. J.* 388(1):237-244, 2005.

Leya, F.S., Arab, D., Joyal, D., Shioura, K.M., Lewis, B.E., Steen, L.H., Cho, L. The efficacy of brain natriuretic peptide levels in differentiating constrictive pericarditis from restrictive cardiomyopathy. *J. Am. Coll. Cardiol.* 45(11):1900-1902, 2005.

Brey, E.M., Greisler, H.P. Telomerase expression in somatic cells. *Lancet* 365(9477):2068-2069, 2005.

## Inaugural Symposium UIC Center for Cardiovascular Research

Peter Buttrick, M.D. and R. John Solaro, Ph.D. invite interested Loyola faculty, students and staff to the Inaugural Symposium of the **UIC Center for Cardiovascular Research**. The Program begins with a welcoming reception (2 p.m.) at the College of Medicine Research Building (COMRB) Lecture Hall Room 1020, 909 South Wolcott, Chicago, followed by a Research Program. Invited speakers include Dr. Christine Seidman, Harvard Medical School; Sir George Radda, University of Oxford; and Dr. Eric Olson, UT Southwestern Medical Center.

For further information, contact Ms. Olga Pinada at UIC ([pinedao@uic.edu](mailto:pinedao@uic.edu))



## Marfan Syndrome Registry

Dr. Jeffrey Schwartz of the Department of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery is the Principal Investigator in creating a registry of patients with Marfan syndrome in collaboration with Baylor College of Medicine.

The purpose of this registry is to collect information from patients who have had aortic valve surgery and compare the results of those who had their valves replaced to those who had their valves repaired. It is hoped the registry will help determine predictors that have prognostic importance for the outcomes of surgical interventions in different categories of patients with Marfan syndrome. Categories to be considered are complications, survival rates, and quality of life score. As they enroll patients and gather information, Dr. Schwartz and his team will develop a centralized online database of the data they collect and also develop a repository for blood and tissue samples.

To be eligible for the study, participants must have a documented diagnosis of Marfan syndrome and have planned to repair or replace the aortic valve with or without replacement of the ascending aorta.

For more information or to alert the Thoracic and CV Surgery team of potential participants, please contact the project's coordinator, Ms. Sally Botkin, at 708-327-2494.