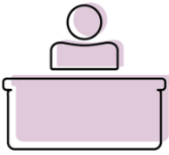


## FROM THE DESKS OF THE CCTST DIRECTORS – JANUARY 2023



Happy New Year! We hope that this will be a healthy, joyful, and fulfilling year for all.

We would like to start by honoring our good friend and colleague **Jack Kues, PhD, who officially retired from his role as the Director of the Center for Improvement Science (CIS) in December.** Dr. Kues has been a remarkable leader within the CCTST and the broader academic health center. He has dedicated his career to the improvement of health programs and the advancement of science, frequently through incubating interprofessional collaboration and being able to address inscrutable problems through thoughtful and meticulous evaluation efforts. Throughout his tenure, Dr. Kues has been a mentor and a collaborative force, bringing together teams of scientists and healthcare professionals to work toward common goals. His efforts have touched every CCTST core, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations of researchers and clinicians. Those within the CCTST and the CIS know that Dr. Kues has been a champion of team science, recognizing that the most effective solutions come from working together across disciplines. He has been a strong advocate for the importance of team science in driving health improvements, and his dedication to this mission has been a guiding principle for the CCTST. His passion for interprofessional collaboration has been evident in the many interdisciplinary teams he has led and nurtured over the years. Dr. Kues has been an integral part of the CCTST since its inception, working closely with the late Jim Heubi, MD, to establish the CIS. His contributions to the CCTST are immeasurable, and his collaborative spirit will always be remembered and respected by those he has touched and inspired.

**Jessica Kahn, MD, MPH has been selected to serve on the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) Program Steering Committee,** starting January 2023. Roles include overseeing CTSA committee and working group activities, creating task forces, serving on the planning committee for the CTSA program, leading a regional CTSA group, and communicating bidirectionally between the CTSA sites and leadership.

We hope you will join us for two upcoming CCTST Grand Rounds. On **Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 1:00pm, Sarah Pickle, MD** will be speaking on ***"Research with Transgender and Gender Diverse Persons"***. Learning objectives include describing terminology related to sex, gender, and sexuality; discussing social and health inequities experienced by transgender persons; identifying 3 strategies for inclusive practices for sex and gender data collection; and describing best practices for gender inclusion in research. [Please see our website for more details.](#) On **Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 – 10:00am, Carollette Norwood, PhD** will be speaking on ***"Black Doctors and the Jim Crow Health Infrastructure of Cincinnati"***. This talk will chronicle the history of Black physicians in Cincinnati; the racism they encounter in the profession and the advocacy they undertook in the community. Please note that this off-cycle Grand Rounds event is co-sponsored by UC's Office of Clinical Research Education Committee for Clinical Research Professionals and will be offering continuing education units [Please see our website for more details.](#)

Please note that **Cycle 1 applications for the CCTST Just-In-Time Grants** will be accepted from January 17 - February 13, 2023. More information can be found on our [website.](#)