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CHILDREN'S MERCY RECEIVES FIVE YEAR \$822,000 NIH GRANT TO FUND PEDIATRIC PHARMACOLOGY RESEARCH

Kansas City, MO – April 8, 2011 – The NIH's Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health & Human Development (NICHD) announced this week a five year T32 grant totaling \$822,558 for the **Children's Mercy Collaborative Fellowship in Pediatric Pharmacology**, one of only three of these pediatric clinical pharmacology training grants in the nation. The NIH's T32 grants are awarded on a competitive basis to support research training in biomedical, behavioral and clinical research at established U.S. research institutions.

Over the next five years, the Children's Mercy Collaborative Fellowship in Pediatric Pharmacology will support the training and education of up to 8 physicians in Pediatric Clinical Pharmacology. In most instances, trainees will be individuals who are pediatricians and have also received prior training in a pediatric sub-specialty.

"To meet the evolving demand of translating medical discoveries into useful treatments for infants and children will require a cadre of professionals formally trained in pediatric clinical pharmacology," says [Gregory L. Kearns, PharmD, PhD](#), chairman, department of medical research and principal investigator for this Children's Mercy Collaborative Fellowship in Pediatric Pharmacology T32 grant.

For more than 15 years, Children's Mercy has served as one of the premier sites of the NIH-funded Pediatric Pharmacology Research Unit Network (PPRU); and more recently as a founding member of the NIH-funded Pediatric Trials Network (PTN), which is dedicated to the study of therapeutic drugs and devices that are important for the treatment of pediatric patients. The PPRU and PTN combined with this new T32 fellowship training grant from NICHD will allow Children's Mercy to provide programmatic educational infrastructure to engage and attract the best and brightest minds in pediatric drug development.

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About Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics

Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics, located in Kansas City, Mo., is one of the nation's top pediatric medical centers. The 314-bed hospital provides care for children from birth through the age of 18, and has been recognized by the American Nurses Credentialing Center with Magnet designation for excellence in nursing services, and ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of "America's Best Children's Hospitals." Its faculty of 600 pediatricians and researchers across more than 40 subspecialties are actively involved in clinical care, pediatric research, and educating the next generation of pediatric subspecialists. For more information about Children's Mercy and its research, visit childrensmercy.org or download our mobile phone app *CMH4YOU* for all phone types. For breaking news and videos, follow us on [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#).