

MESSAGE SENT ON BEHALF OF
Dr. Bjorn Steffensen
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Dear Colleagues:

Please see the attached information describing the "Introduction to Clinical Investigation (ICI) Course" provided through the MSCI program.

This would be particularly beneficial and recommended for residents and for faculty interested in gaining an introduction to clinical research.

Bjorn Steffensen

Subject: Introduction to Clinical Investigation (ICI) Course (Feb. 2-13, 2009)

The Institute for the Integration of Medicine and Science/Clinical-Translational Research Education Office is sponsoring a research course for first year fellows titled "Introduction to Clinical Investigation (ICI) Course".

The course dates are February 2-13, 2009; 8:00am-5:00pm. The location and textbook information will be forthcoming.

We want this course to be an integral part of your trainees' education. Thank you for agreeing to make this a priority education effort for the Department. Our goal is to provide an intensive learning experience where the fellows are actively engaged in the educational process.

Therefore, we ask that you excuse your first year fellows from their clinical responsibilities during the two-week period so they may fully participate in the course. We fully understand that freeing the fellows from their clinical responsibilities may be difficult for some divisions. For this reason, we have left Wednesday afternoons open so the fellows may catch up on any divisional responsibilities during the two weeks. Thank you for your cooperation. More information will be circulated as the course takes shape.

We need to charge a fee to non-UTHSCSA participants, as we have done for the past 10 years. However, for the first time, the fee has been increased to \$300. This fee covers the costs of parking for the participants and the costs of materials and handouts. Please make checks payable to "UTHSCSA", note "ICI Course" on the bottom, and send it to:

Lora Tumlinson
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IIMS/Clinical-Translational Research Education Office – MC 7757

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All registration forms (attached) and fees must be received by Friday, January 16, 2009 as there are a limited number of openings which will be reserved on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Please call me if you have any questions or comments about the ICI Course. Your feedback on all aspects of the course and its logistics will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

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