

CCTS/KL2 Past Scholars		
Scholar/Affiliation	Title of Project/Mentors	Years in Program
Avritscher, Elenir B, MD, MBA/MHA, PhD, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, UTHSC-H, Research-intensive	Benefits & Cost-Effectiveness of a Pediatric Hospitalist Service: a Stepped Wedge Quality Improvement Trial; Thomas, Eric, MD, MPH & Swint, Michael, PhD, MA	2016-2019
Harvin, John A, MD, Assistant Professor, Surgery, UTHSC-H, Research-intensive	Damage Control Laparotomy: a Randomized Controlled Trial; Holcomb, John B., MD & Wade, Charles E., PhD	2016-2019
Choi, Huimahn A, MD, MS, Assistant Professor, Neurosurgery, UTHSC-H, Research-intensive	A Pilot, Parallel Double-Blind, Randomized Trial of Galantamine for Subarachnoid Hemorrhage; Grotta, James, MD, & Dash, Pramod, PhD	2016-2019
Yamine, Luba, PhD, Assistant Professor, Family Health, UTSON, Research-intensive	Exenatide Once Weekly for Smoking Cessation: A Randomized Clinical Trial; Newton, Thomas, MD, & Kosten, Thomas, MD	2016-2019
Lincoln, John A, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor, Neurology, UTHSC-H, Research-intensive	The Role of Enhanced Cerebral Perfusion in Lesion Evolution; Wolinsky, Jerry S., MD & Narayana, Ponnada A., PhD	2015-2018
Sharrief- Ibrahim, Anjail, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Neurology, UTHSC-H, Research-intensive	STEPS to Blood Pressure Reduction A Randomized Clinical Trial of the Stroke Transitions Education, & Prevention Clinic vs. Usual Care for Post- Stroke Blood Pressure Reduction; Savitz, Sean, MD & Tyson, Jon, MD, MPH	2015-2018
Harting, Matthew, MD, MS, Assistant Professor, Pediatric Surgery	Human Mesenchymal Stromal Cell-Derived Exosome Therapy for Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia-Associated Pulmonary Hypertension; Cox, Charles, Jr., MD & Lally, Kevin	2015 – 2018

Nneka Ifejika, MD, UTHealth Medical School, Neurology	Swipe Out Stroke (SOS): Feasibility of Using a Consumer-Based Electronic Application to Improve Compliance with Weight Loss in Obese Minority Stroke Patients; Sean Savitz, MD	2014
Mike Liang, MD, UTHealth Medical School, Surgery	Modifying Risk in Ventral Hernia Patients; Lillian Kao, MD, David H. Berger, MD, Kevin O. Hwang, MD, MPH, Ann Barnes Smith, MD, MPH	2014
Ricardo Mosquera, MD, UTHealth Medical School, Pediatrics	Home-Centered Comprehensive Care (HCCC) for Children with Severe Asthma: A Pilot Trial; Jon Tyson, MD, MPH, Kathleen Kennedy, MD, MPH, James Stark, MD, PhD, Angela Stotts, PhD	2014
Absalon Gutierrez, MD, UTHealth Medical School, Internal Medicine	Killing Several Birds with One Stone: Comparative Effects of Antidiabetic Medications on Postprandial Hyperlipidemia, Free Fatty Acid Signaling, and Endothelial Dysfunction in Individuals with Prediabetes; Heinrich Taegtmeier, MD, Phillip Orlander, MD	2013
Sheng Luo, PhD, UTHealth Public Health, Biostatistics	Innovative Statistical Methods for Analyzing Parkinson's Disease Study Data; Barbara Tilley, PhD, Mya Schiess, MD	2013
Amber Luong, MD, PhD, UTHealth Medical School, Otorhinolaryngology	Randomized Double-Blinded Controlled Trial of Oral Antifungal for the Treatment of Fungal Sensitive Chronic Rhinosinusitis with Nasal Polyps; Martin Citardi, MD, Rick Wetsel, PhD, Lillian Kao, MD	2013
Anka Vujanovic, PhD, UTHealth Medical School, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences	Randomized Controlled Trial of a Novel Cognitive-Behavioral Treatment for PTSD and Cocaine Dependence; Scott Lane, MD, Charles Green, PhD, Joy Schmitz, MD	2013

Allison McCoy, PhD, UTHealth, Biomedical Informatics	InSPECT: Interactive Surveillance Portal for Evaluating Clinical Decision Support; Dean Sittig, PhD, Eric Thomas, PhD	2012-2013
Siddharth Prakash, MD, PhD, UTHealth Medical School, Internal Medicine	Validation and Replication of Genetic Variants Associated with Bicuspid Aortic Valve in Turner Syndrome; Suzanne Leal, PhD, Dianna Milewicz, MD, PhD, David D. McPherson, MD	2012
Joyce Samuel, MD, MS, UTHealth Medical School, Pediatrics	Series of n-of-1 Crossover Trials of Antihypertensive Therapy in Adolescents with Essential Hypertension; Jon Tyson, MD, Donald Molony, MD, Joshua Samuels, MD	2012
Andrew Barreto, MD, UTHealth Medical School, Neurology	The Safety and Efficacy of Argatroban and TPA in Acute Ischemic Stroke; Jon Tyson, MD, MPH, James Grotta, MD	2010-2013
Laura Benjamins, MD MPH, UTHealth Medical School, Pediatrics	Prevalence of Human Papillomavirus Infection among HIV-Exposed Infants; Gloria Heresi, MD, James Murphy, PhD	2010-2014
Sherwin Assassi, MD, UTHealth Medical School, Internal Medicine	Gene Expression Predictors of Outcome in Systemic Sclerosis; Filemon Tan, MD, MPH	2009-2011
Isabel Gay, DDS, MS, UTHealth Dentistry, Periodontics	The Effect of Non-surgical Periodontal Therapy on Glycemic Control of Bacterial Levels in a Mexican-American Population with Type 2 Diabetes; Gena Tribble, PhD, James Katancik, DDS, PhD	2009-2012
Kevin Hwang, MD, MPH, UTHealth Medical School, Internal Medicine	Promoting Colorectal Cancer Screening among Members of Internet Health Communities; Eric Thomas, MD, MPH	2009-2012
Sunil Krishnan, MD, UT MDACC, Radiation Oncology	Optimizing the Combination of Gold Nanoparticles and Radiation Therapy; John Hazel, PhD	2009-2012

Shaper Mirza, PhD, UTHealth Public Health, Brownsville Regional Campus	Relationship between Immune Dysregulation and Nasal Carriage of Streptococcus pneumoniae in Elderly with Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus and Healthy Controls; Susan Fisher-Hoch, MD	2009-2012
Jeremy Schaefer, PhD, UTHealth Dentistry, Diagnostic Science	Evaluation of miRNAs in Peripheral Blood Leukocytes and Intestine in Crohn's Disease Patients: Implication for Diagnosis and Therapy; John Klein, PhD	2009-2012
Erik Sulman, MD, PhD, UT MDACC, Radiation Oncology	Functional Analysis of Podoplanin in the Treatment Resistance of Glioma Stem Cells; Kenneth Aldape, MD	2008-2011
Jerrie Refuerzo, MD, UTHealth Medical School, OB/GYN	Developing, Evaluating, and Applying Nanotherapeutics to Improve the Outcome of High-Risk Pregnancies; Mauro Ferrari, PhD	2008-2011
Niton Tandon, MD, UTHealth Medical School, Neurosurgery	A Cross-modal Synthetic Approach to Eloquent Cortical Regions; Ponnada Narayana, PhD	2008-2011
Kuojen Tsao, MD, UTHealth Medical School, Surgery	The Role of Anti-reflux Surgery for Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease in Premature Infants with Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia; Kevin Lally, MD, Kathleen Kennedy, MD, MPH	2008-2010
Susan Wootton, MD, UTHealth Medical School, Infectious Diseases	GI Shedding of Human Influenza Virus in Hospitalized Children; James Murphy, MD	2008-2011
Kenneth Helmer, MD, UTHealth Medical School, Surgery	The Anti-Inflammatory Role of Ketamine in Thoracoabdominal Aortic Aneurysm Repair; David Mercer, MD, Jon Tyson, MD, MPH	2007-2008

Mary Kay Koenig, MD, UTHealth Medical School, Pediatrics	Contribution of Mitochondrial Membrane Uncoupling to Heteroplasmic Shift during Ketogenic Incubation of Mutated mDNA Cells In Vitro; Diane Hickson-Bick, PhD, Hope Northrup, MD	2007-2010
Elizabeth Plimack, MD, UT MDACC, Cancer Medicine	Efficacy and Toxicity of Decitabine Combined with IFN alfa-2b in Patients with Advanced Renal Cell Carcinoma; Jean-Pierre Issa, MD, Robert Wolff, MD	2007-2008
Mary Ruppe, MD, UTHealth Medical School, Internal Medicine	Growth Determinants in X-Linked Hypophosphatemic Rickets; Dianna Milewicz, MD, PhD	2007-2010
Kerri Smith, PhD, UTHealth Medical School, Pathology	Induction of Tolerance Using a Covalent Analog of Factor VIII; Keith Hoots, MD, Sudhir Paul, PhD	2007-2010
Wendy Woodward, MD, PhD, UT MDACC, Breast Radiation Oncology	Radiation Resistance of Human Mammary Stem/ Progenitor Cells in the Immortalized Human Breast Cancer Cell Line MCF-7; Thomas Buchholz, MD, Jeffrey Rosen, PhD	2007-2010
Scott Evans, MD, UT MDACC, Pulmonary Medicine	Evaluation of Pulmonary Epithelial Cells and Alveolar Macrophages Will Predict the Etiology of Infectious Pneumonias; Burton Dickey, MD	2007-2010
Nicole Gonzales, MD, UTHealth Medical School, Neurology	A Pilot Trial of PPAR- γ Agonist to Accelerate Hematoma Resolution in Intracerebral Hemorrhage; James Grotta, MD	2007-2010

Jay Murthy, MD, UTHealth Medical School, Internal Medicine	Comparative Expression Proteomics of Bronchoalveolar Lavage Fluid and Serum in Patients with Diffuse Systemic Sclerosis-Associated Interstitial Lung Disease and a Novel Scleroderma Mouse Model; Michael Blackburn, PhD, Maureen D. Mayes, MD, MPH	2007-2010
Claudia Pedroza, PhD, UTHealth Public Health, Statistics	Use of Bayesian Methods for Analyses of Center Differences; Jon Tyson, MD, MPH, Lemuel Moye, MD, PhD	2007-2010
Christopher Pelloski, MD, UT MDACC, Radiation Oncology	Mechanisms and Prognostic Significance of YKL-40 Induced Gene Expression and Phenotypic Changes in Malignant Glioma; Kenneth Aldape, MD, Alfred Y.K. Yung, MD	2007-2010
Amado Zurita-Saavedra, MD, UT MDACC, Genitourinary Medical Oncology	Developing Osteoblast Cadherin (Ob-Cadherin) as a Biomarker and Therapeutic Target in Prostate Cancer Metastasis; Sue-Hwa Lin, PhD, John Heymach MD, PhD	2007-2010