

December 20, 2023

## Did You Know?

### The CVD is Recruiting Volunteers for the Influenza Transmission Research Study!

The Center for Vaccine Development and Global Health (CVD) is seeking healthy adults aged 18-59 for a flu transmission study designed to examine the person-to-person transmission of community-acquired influenza. If you have been diagnosed with laboratory-confirmed influenza infection and have had an onset of influenza-like symptoms (fever  $\geq 100.2^{\circ}\text{F}$  and cough or sore throat) in the past 48 hours, you may qualify to participate.



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## What's New

[Registration is open: UMSOM's Diversity Dinner & Celebration](#)

[Zeiss LS7 Lightsheet Microscope Available to UMB Researchers](#)

[Latest Research & Discovery at UMSOM](#)

[Increased Cannabis Use Linked to Rise in Psychiatric Disorders](#)

[MSRD Recognizes Student Research Excellence and Faculty Mentors](#)

## SOMnews Noteworthy



Launched by Dean Gladwin, the newly

UMSOM's Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Presents: "EDI & Where We Are"

**Save the dates!**

**Art Gallery Launch**  
Monday, February 19, 2024,  
2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. HSF II Atrium

**Visiting Women in Science**

formed Office of Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (OEDI) is hosting a week-long traveling art exhibition featuring local Baltimore artists.

The showcase will unveil UMSOM's past, present, and future in the EDI space. This event is open to all UMSOM community members.

**Save the dates and plan to attend!**

Wednesday, February 21, 2024,  
from 3 p.m.  
SMC Campus Center  
2nd floor lobby

### **Featured Finale**

Saturday, February 24, 2024,  
from 5 p.m.  
Diversity Dinner & Celebration  
M&T Bank Exchange



The **17th Annual Diversity Dinner and Celebration: Shaping Inclusive Excellence in Medicine** is a prestigious event dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the rich tapestry of diversity within UMSOM while embodying a profound commitment to philanthropy and inclusive excellence. Please view the event's details and purchase tickets [here](#).

## Diversity Dinner and Celebration: Shaping Inclusive Excellence in Medicine

**Register Now!**

**Saturday, February 24, 2024  
5:30 p.m.  
M&T Bank Exchange, France-Merrick Performing Arts Center**

**Purchase Tickets Here**  
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## SOM Day at Lexington Market

On December 6, UMSOM held its first-ever "SOM Day at Lexington Market," a community outreach event sponsored by the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) EMBRACE initiative. UMSOM staff provided resource tables with information on routine cancer screenings and CVD-related recruitment materials.

**View Photo Gallery**  
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## UMSOM's Confocal Microscopy Facility Provides Zeiss LS7 Lightsheet Microscope to Researchers, Enhances 3D Visualization of Biological Specimens

The [Confocal Microscopy Core](#) at UMSOM's [Center for Innovative Biomedical Resources \(CIBR\)](#) is offering the LS7 Lightsheet microscope, now enabling UMB researchers to rapidly visualize intact, clear tissues and organs.

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**Jibreel Jumare, MS, PhD**

## UMSOM's Institute of Human Virology Awarded NIH Grants to Advance HIV Clinical and Implementation Research in Africa

The Institute of Human Virology (IHV) at UMSOM and the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB), recently announced that the Center for International Health, Education, and Biosecurity (Ciheb) was awarded \$6.7 million in grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) to study HIV infection and treatment in Africa.

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SOMnews **Clinical Achievement**

UMSOM Awarded Up to \$7.3M from DARPA to Drive Innovation in Trauma Triage Technology, Improve Mass Casualty Response Efforts





In an effort to better optimize the triage of patients during mass casualty events, UMSOM researchers will receive up to \$7.3 million in funding from the Defense Advanced Research Project Agency (DARPA) for vital new research.

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## UMSOM's Institute of Human Virology Receives Major Funding of PFAP Award from the NIH Office of AIDS Research to Support RIIS Program

The Institute of Human Virology (IHV) at UMSOM received an annual award for \$3 million funded by the NIH Office of AIDS Research.

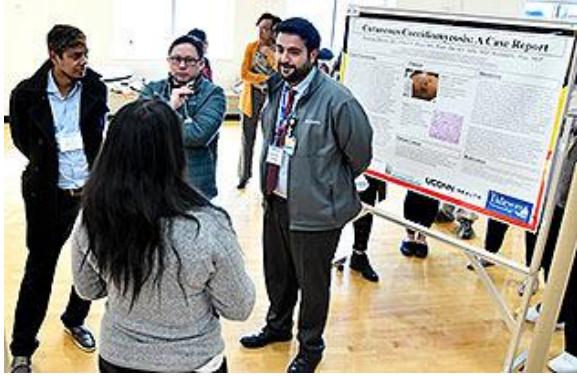
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## UMSOM Review Highlights Rise in Psychiatric Disorders Linked to Increased Cannabis Use

According to a new UMSOM review article that was recently published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, the widespread use of cannabis (marijuana) and its increased potency are associated with a rise in cannabis-related psychiatric conditions.

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## Outstanding Faculty Mentors at 46th Annual Medical Student Research Day

A proud tradition for the UMSOM community, the annual Medical Student Research Day (MSRD) showcases the research accomplishments of medical students to the School and UMB campus.

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## SOMnews **DevelopmentMatters**



Ozhan Mehmet Turan, MD, PhD, Invested as the M. Carlyle Crenshaw, Jr., MD and Lillian Ruth Blackmon, MD Professor of Maternal Fetal Medicine

**Ozhan Mehmet Turan, MD**, a world-renowned obstetrician whose contributions to complex obstetric surgery represent the gold standard of patient care, was recently invested as the inaugural **M. Carlyle Crenshaw, Jr., MD, and Lillian Ruth Blackmon, MD Professor of Maternal Fetal Medicine.**

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UMSOM Investiture Ceremony Recognizes Dr. Wilbur Chen, Leading Vaccine Researcher, as the Frank M. Calia, MD Professor

**Wilbur H. Chen, MD, MS**, an internationally recognized infectious disease physician-scientist with expertise in vaccine research, was recently invested as the **Frank M. Calia, MD Professor.**

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Make your 2023 tax-deductible donation before December 31 to support the areas of greatest need at UMSOM. When you donate today using [this link](#) or the QR code below, you invest in countless medical discoveries!



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