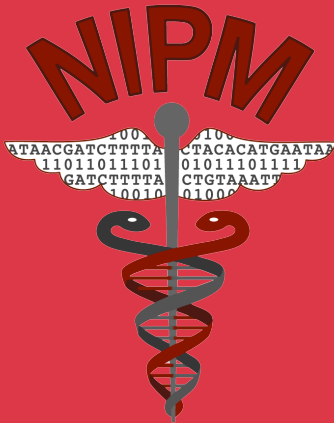


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NIPM Fall 2016 Newsletter



NIPM's Dr. Qing Wu received a perfect score on his grant to the National Institutes of Health to work on creating individualized ranges of bone mineral density values. Very few scientists receive a perfect score on their proposals. Congrats to Qing!

NIPM Clinical Services

Dr. Michael Nasiak has continued ongoing clinical services at the Ackerman Center for Autism & Neurodevelopmental Disorders and has reached a case count of between 70-80 children recognized as having this learning and socialization disorder. However, a significant minority (up to one-third) appear to be syndromic, requiring more detailed evaluations and testing. The facility also will be acting as a launching site for expansion into the treatment of a wider range of cases (including adults) with genetic conditions.

NIPM Research Funding

This quarter NIPM faculty received two new grant awards from the National Institutes of Health Clinical and Translation Research Infrastructure Network. These seed grants were awarded to Dr. Jingchun Chen to investigate the role of neuroinflammation in schizophrenia and Dr. Qing Wu to investigate the role of genetics in bone density reference ranges.

New NIPM Startup Company & License Agreement

Heligenics is a new startup company that licensed NIPM intellectual property from UNLV. The company is developing and applying an ultra-throughput single cell based assay system that can be applied to personalized medicine in several ways.

NIPM's Fall Seminar Series

On Nov. 18, Dr. Rong Chen (director of Clinical Genome Informatics at the Icahn School of Medicine, Mount Sinai Medical Center) will visit NIPM and present a seminar titled "Using Big Data to Interpret Genomes for Diagnosis, Therapeutics, and Precision Medicine." This can be attended for CME credit.