Shichun Bao, M.D., Ph.D., along with numerous other physicians, nurses, and educators, has set up a Diabetes Technology Clinic within the Eskind Diabetes Clinic at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where she has been testing out the newest technology in insulin delivery. Dr. Bao hopes this new clinic will better serve diabetes patients by educating them on the recent innovations in diabetes care.

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Alyssa Hasty, Ph.D., Molecular Physiology & Biophysics Professor and DRTC Investigator, has been named Associate Dean for Faculty Development for Basic Sciences at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine.

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In the *American Journal of Physiology-Endocrinology and Metabolism*, Kristie Aamodt, an M.D., Ph.D. student, Marcela Brissova, Ph.D., Alvin Powers, M.D., and colleagues reported a strategy to rapidly test potential mitogens for their ability to increase human beta cell replication. Human pancreatic islets were dispersed into single cells and stimulated with a series of mitogenic compounds. After staining, an automated imaging and analysis approach was developed to identify the number of dividing beta islet cells.

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Maureen Gannon, Ph.D.
National Institutes of Health Women Scientist

The NIH Working Group on Women in Biomedical Careers is a trans-NIH effort to consider barriers for women in science and to develop innovative strategies to promote entry, recruitment, retention, and sustained advancement of women in biomedical and research careers

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Slowing the burden of diabetes

Researchers at VUMC received more than $11 million in new grant support aimed at slowing the growing burden of diabetes.

One new grant from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) of the NIH (grant number DK106755) will provide $6.2 million over five years to discover “pancreatic islet signatures” in type 2 diabetes. A second NIDDK grant (DK108120) will provide $4.4 million over five years to study the maturation
of the human pancreas during the first five years of life.

**Food Study Seeks to Help Employees Make Healthier Choices**

**Study tracks diabetes management via text messaging**

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*A New Approach To Retraining Immunity In Patients With Type 1 Diabetes*

Daniel Moore, M.D., Ph.D.

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**NIH Grant Bolsters Mass Spectrometry Research Initiatives**

The five-year, $10.5-million grant will support groundbreaking projects aimed at visualizing, at the molecular level, retinal disease, ovarian cancer, the impact of diabetes on the kidney and brain, and host-pathogen interactions in infectious diseases, said the grant's principal investigator, Richard Caprioli, Ph.D.
Diabetes Drugs May Ease Addiction
Drugs that mimic the action of glucagon-like peptide 1 (GLP-1), and which are being used clinically to treat obesity and Type 2 diabetes, also may have a role in treating drug abuse.

That's the implication of a study in mice by Aurelio Galli, Ph.D., and colleagues published recently in the journal Translational Psychiatry.

Major grants bolster VUMC diabetes research
“We hope these grants will provide new insight into what causes the insulin deficiency in both type 1 and type 2 diabetes and help us understand how to prevent or better treat diabetes.”

Study Spots Possible New Approach to Prevent Obesity

New Targets for Diabetic Retinopathy

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Richard Breyer, Ph.D., and colleagues

Diabetes Trial Targets Body’s Ability to Produce Insulin

Mouse Metabolic Phenotyping Center
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