

Description of Research	<p>Dr. Hopfer, a member of the division of substance dependence within the department of psychiatry primarily conducts research in the area of behavior genetics. His particular research is focused on understanding genetic and environmental factors that contribute to the development of adolescent substance dependence and conduct disorders. Research opportunities include participation in every stage of the research cycle: 1) articulating and prioritizing research questions; 2) study design; 3) study implementation; 4) data analysis; and 5) information dissemination.</p> <p>Dr. Hopfer's current major study is a family study of adolescent substance use and conduct disorder funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). co-investigators on this study include Michael Stallings Ph.D. and Soo Rhee Ph.D. at the Institute for Behavioral Genetics, and Thomas Crowley, M.D. in the Division of Substance Dependence at the University of Colorado Denver. Dr. Hopfer's study is affiliated with a large NIDA-funded center that studies issues of genetic and environmental influences on the initiation and progression of substance use in adolescents in conjunction with the development of disruptive behavior disorders. The center's website describes details of the samples which include general population twin and adoption studies, as well as a family study of youth in treatment for substance dependence.</p>
Methodology	Genetics; Molecular and Cellular Biology
Clinical and special developmental populations	ADHD; Adolescents; Aggression and Conduct Disorder; Depression; Substance Abuse
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