is now available! It uses air displacement plethysmography (ADP) to measure body mass and body volume, with a calculation of body density, percent fat, and percent fat-free mass using age and sex-specific equations. ADP is an easy, safe and quick (approximately 5 minutes total test time) procedure. The machine is located on Pavilion 5 in the GPU clinic and is available on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. To schedule a research BODPOD appointment, please contact Nicolle Quinn, CTSU Nutrition Manager.

Questions?
Please email: Chris Duggan, Lori Bechard or Nicolle Quinn
CRC Items of Interest

Harvard Catalyst recently sponsored an afternoon symposium, “Transforming Child Health through Genome Biology,” held at Harvard Medical School’s Joseph B. Martin Conference Center. Ellis Neufeld, MD, PhD, Co-Chief of the CRC opened the symposium; more can be found here.

Available Here: Strategies for Developing Biostatistics Resources in an Academic Health Center

Appearing in Academic Medicine, April 2013, an article identifying strategies to develop biostatistics resources: recruit and retain, efficiently use the resources, improve contributions to science

New Course ~ Build a REDCap Database Workshop!! This Hands-on Training will:
1. Assist research staff with initial REDCap Database programming for a new research study
2. Describe and show how to navigate within REDCap, from initial steps to releasing database to production
3. Share Tips for database development, ensuring that good research practices are applied and study objectives will be met
4. Provide REDCap study tools and checklists
5. Build participants’ knowledge base so future REDCap databases can be built independently

**Starts January 14th and then held monthly (2/11, 3/11, 4/8); Click HERE to Register!

The CTSU (Clinical & Translational Study Unit) of the CRC had over 3,200 outpatient pediatric visits this past fiscal year with 110+ active studies scheduling visits. Studies ranged from gene therapy to interventional trials of novel therapeutic agents for multiple pediatric diseases to dietary interventions for obesity. Inpatient studies also included a Phase 1 trial of a novel long acting local anesthetic.

CTSU Staff dressed up as Minions from the Despicable Me movie this past Halloween.

Back Row: Ivy Dang, Tina Kim, Nicolle Quinn, Kyla Almeida, Alicia McAllister, Laura Feloney, Courtney Silver; Front Row: Chelsea Tyler, Kayla Arouchon, Joanna Sullivan

The CRC, Research Pharmacy and Behavioral Science Core offer “free” one-hour consults, click on the name!
Chiefs’ Corner

Dear Colleagues,

As we head into another busy holiday season, it tends to be the best time to reflect on our accomplishments and lessons learned from this past year. The CRC has had another productive year, even with transitions in staff. While we owe a big “thanks” to our staff, we also owe one to you, our users. As we look ahead, we plan to continue to strengthen the resources we have available and to creatively build ways to help investigators do clinical research. Henry Ford once said, “Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

Happy Thanksgiving,
Ellis and Voula

Register Here: CRC Education Courses

Upcoming Courses...

Nov 19, Dec 17, Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18
CRC Grand Rounds

Dec 6, Feb 7, Apr 4
Orientation for New Study Coordinators

Dec 19, Jan 15, Feb 20
Coordinator Rounds

December 10 & 12
Art & Anatomy of Grant Writing

Jan 14, Feb 11, Mar 11, Apr 8
Advanced REDCap: Build a REDCap Database

Save the Date!
Registration Open Soon!

Starts January 23rd
Introduction to Longitudinal Analysis

Starts February 25th
Introduction to Regression Analysis

Starts February 5th
Economic Evaluation

Thank you to Dr. Jenifer Lightdale who has been our Education Core Director for the last seven years.

She’ll be leaving Children’s at the end of the year; we wish her the best in her new adventure!

Project Management/Study Coordinator Services

CATALYST-SUBSIDIZED SERVICES—Click HERE to Apply
Subsidized hours for Junior Investigators (Assist. Prof. and below) are now available; guidelines below:

Project Management Services
(a mix of RN project manager, non-RN project manager, data manager and study coordinator)
1. Junior Investigators eligible, used only once; 150 hrs, up to 1 year
2. Senior investigators (Assoc and Prof) can petition for the subsidized hours one time only.
3. If Project Management hours are allocated, then the number of subsidized coordinator hours decrease to 100 hours

Study Coordinator Hours Only
1. Junior Investigators eligible, used only once; 200 hours up to 1 year

Note: Data Management Only requests will always be funded by investigator. If paired with a study coordinator or project manager, then the investigator is eligible; we do not support data entry only requests with study coordinator support.

New Staff

Kathryn Williams, Biostatistician, DAC
Kayla Arouchon, Diet Technician, CTSU
Chelsea Tyler, ASR II, CTSU

Joanna Sullivan, Ambulatory RN, CTSU
Cristina Camayd, CR Coordinator, DOC
Stephanie Patriarca, Lab Technician, CTSU

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