What’s New?

This past October, the CRP (Clinical Research Program) and the CTSU (Clinical & Translation Study Unit) merged to become The Clinical Research Center (CRC). Within the Center, there are four separate, but interrelated Cores: Design & Analysis, Development & Operations, CTSU and Education.

Vision
To be a state-of-the-art, dynamic, and integrated clinical research program that provides leadership, infrastructure, and resources to support patient-oriented studies.

Mission
The mission of The Clinical Research Center is to promote excellence and quality in clinical research methods, to encourage best practice in clinical study implementation, and to empower investigators to conduct high quality independent research.

New Center Initiatives

New One-Hour Consults: The CRC is now offering free one-hour consults to provide guidance on research studies. Click here to make a request: www.childrenshospital.org/crc

Department Triage/Navigation Pilot: We’re excited to start a department triage/navigation one-year pilot service with the following divisions/departments—Emergency Medicine, Developmental Medicine, ORL and Endocrine. By working with the leaders of each area, the CRC’s goal is to improve access of clinical research resources to investigators.

New Billing Plans: Effective March 1st, the CRC has new billing plans in place. Learn more here.
CORE UPDATES

Design & Analysis (DAC) Core
Director: Al Ozonoff

Health Economic Resources available: A great tool for researchers and decision makers who plan to conduct economic evaluations of clinical interventions, health policies, and health care programs.

Ask the Experts! Come speak to a survey methodologist or biostatistician on your current or an upcoming study. Sessions are held for an hour, the 3rd Thursday of every month from 11:30-12:30pm in the CTSU Conference Room, Pavilion Building, 6th floor.

Development & Operations (DOC) Core
Manager: Adam Simmons

Database and Web Technologies Available: Check out our brochure for more information.

Education Core
Director: Jenifer Lightdale

Upcoming Courses
April 2nd ~ Grand Rounds: "Evaluating Survey Questions"
April 20th ~ Orientation for New Study Coordinators
April 23rd ~ Grand Rounds: "Measurement"
April 25th ~ i2b2 Information Session

Funded by the Harvard Catalyst, the CTSU provides clinical research infrastructure for investigators in the design, initiation, conduct and reporting of clinical research with the goal of translating scientific knowledge into new therapies for pediatric conditions.

Clinical & Translational Study Unit (CTSU) Core
Medical Director: Catherine Gordon
Assistant Medical Director: Andrew Dauber
Nurse Director: Cindy Williams
Nutrition Manager: Nicolle Quinn

Fast-track Phlebotomy Service: Schedule your research patients, Mon-Fri in 15-minute increments; call 617-355-7861 today!

Tips and Guidelines: To ensure the success of your protocol, the CTSU has come up with a few tips and visit guidelines to ensure that every patient has a positive and safe experience at Children’s Hospital Boston. Click here to learn more.


**Clinical Research IT (CRIT) Update**

*Director: Jon Bickel*

**Updated Pricing for Software Technology:**

**IBM Collection Author Data Collection**
- $500/per study

**INFORM**
- $2,000 for first-time, Junior Investigator user
- $4,000 all others for Non-Industry Funded studies (per study/per year)
- $10,000 for Industry Funded studies (per study/per year)

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**CRC Staff News**

**Recent Promotions**

**Mihail Samnaliev, PhD:** Our Center Health Economist, Mihail was recently appointed to Instructor in Pediatrics.

**Caterina Stamoulis, PhD:** A Senior Biostatistician, Caterina was promoted to Assistant Professor in Radiology this past Fall.

**Current CRC Job Opportunities**

- Faculty Positions: Survey Methodologist and Biostatistician
- Biostatistician II
- Data Manager I
- Clinical Trials Manager I

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**Dear Colleagues,**

We are delighted to announce the creation of The Clinical Research Center (The CRC), the merging of the Clinical Research Program (CRP) and the Clinical & Translational Study Unit (CTSU). We believe The CRC will continue to foster the research of both junior and senior investigators through stronger collaborations with the departments, divisions and programs, and promote a culture of excellence. We look forward to working with you on how best to support the advancement of scientific discoveries and improved therapies at Children’s Hospital Boston.

-Ellis and Voula

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