

# The Clinical Research Center

Spotlight on Science ~ Harvard Catalyst MRO Role

# <u>Harvard Catalyst Clinical Research Center Launches Medical Research Officer (MRO) Program</u>

The Medical Research Officer (MRO) Program is available at each of the four Harvard Catalyst Clinical Research Centers. As part of this innovative program, the MRO can assist basic science and clinical researchers with planning, implementing, and conducting cross-institutional research, identifying clinical research collaborators, and obtaining medical oversight for some procedures that require an institutionally-credentialed provider.

See the <u>website</u> to learn more about how a MRO may be helpful to you and your research.





## CTSU UPDATE

- → **New Scheduling System** ~ it went live on April 7th; thank you to everyone who made this happen! Please let us know if you have any questions/need training, log-in information/feedback. Please contact Tina Kim.
- → Research Pharmacy ~ the time is getting closer for construction to begin. We are looking at end of June/beginning of July start date. This means that the 5-person workroom will need to be cleaned out and study items (bins with toys, files and binders) will need to find a new home. Please plan to take your items as soon as possible. If you need help in finding a space for study visit specific items, i.e. toys, not files/binders, please contact <a href="Cindy Williams">Cindy Williams</a>
- → Feedback on CTSU Operations ~ The CTSU team is continually exploring ways to improve operations. If you have any ideas and/or need evenings/weekend hours for your study, please contact Rob Fuhlbrigge or CindyWilliams to discuss more.

## BOD POD...

...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

#### New Recruit: PhD-Level Clinical Trials Biostatistician

Looking to hire someone to collaborate on research with clinical investigators and epidemiologists, support researchers on the design and analyze clinical trials, participate in teaching biostatistics to clinical faculty, and mentor fellows and research career development award recipients.

Email <u>CRC@childrens.harvard.edu</u> with questions or referrals.



Also, did you know that PHI can be hosted on the external REDCap site now? Questions? Email edc@bidmc.harvard.edu.



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 that future REDCap databases can be built independently Email Kim Chin with questions.

## Our 2013 Annual Report can now be found HERE.

243 new requests for assistance from 170 researchers

- 128 funded projects totaling \$1,219,668 in direct support of CRC activities
- **72 peer-reviewed collaborative publications** that were coauthored by CRC staff.
- Continued demand for clinical research education, with 11 courses or seminar offerings drawing 1,388 registrants.

The launch of the first CRC Grand Rounds

**85 project requests** handled by the Navigation/Triage mechanism which promotes strategic use of clinical research resources.

16 departmental partnerships with CRC

5 new hires

Successful renewal and ongoing integration with the Harvard Catalyst Clinical and Translational Sciences Center, which is in its sixth year of funding and is now funded through 2018.



**Register Here:** CRC Education Courses

Upcoming Courses...

May 23, June 3, July 29, Sept 16 CRC Grand Rounds

May 8&9, June 23&26, July 21&24 Orientation for New Study Coordinators

May 21, June 19, July 16 Coordinator Rounds

June 12, Sept 4, Dec 2 I2b2 Information Session

May 7, June 11, July 9, Aug 13 REDCap Information Session

May 6, July 8, Sept 9

REDCap How-To: Building a Database

Save the Date!
Registration Open Soon!

September 9, 11, 12

Introduction to Clinical Research

Welcome to Dr. Lise Nigrovic as our new Education Core Director.

We're excited to have her on the team!

## 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

Christina DeFranceaux, Program Coordinator Ann Bailey, Clinical Research Specialist I

Dr. Dave Williams, Biostatistician

## Chiefs' Corner



Thank you to all of the staff at the CRC who are receiving Service Awards this year! We couldn't do it without you ~ Ellis and Voula

5 Years Joanna Sullivan (CTSU), Ivy Dang (CTSU),

AnnMarie Bailey (DOC), Erica Denhoff (DOC),

Caterina Stamoulis (DAC)

10 Years Nicolle Quinn (CTSU), Les Kalish (DAC),

Colette Hendricks (Administration)

15 Years Peter Forbes (DAC), Lise Nigrovic (Education)

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