

Clinical Research Core Services

Access to Clinical Research Space:

- This includes equipment associated with patient assessments (blood pressure cuffs, scales, etc.) and Core personnel to assist study subjects locate the office(s) and exam room(s) being used for research.
 - Hope Clinic
 - Ponce Clinic
 - Emory Hospital Midtown
 - VA Medical Center

Access to Shared Equipment:

- Equipment for separating and cryopreserving samples from human volunteers
 - centrifuges
 - -70 and -150 degree freezers
 - cell counters

Consultation:

- Consultation on best practices in health communications and study recruitment
- Consultation and administrative support in seeking and maintaining regulatory approval for research in human subjects

Materials:

- Biologic research specimens (PBMC, plasma, serum, swabs, cell pellet)
- Clinical Research Database And Linked Specimen Repository
 - Stage of Infection:
 - HIV uninfected
 - Acute HIV infection
 - Recent HIV infection
 - Long-term non-progressor
 - Virologic Control:
 - Elite controller
 - Viremic controller
 - Co-infections:
 - Acute Hepatitis B
 - Acute Hepatitis C
 - Treatment Status:
 - Anti-retroviral treatment naïve
 - Anti-retroviral treatment naïve, beginning therapy (with samples collected longitudinally while on therapy)

Clinical Trials Study Support:

- For early stage investigators or investigators new to HIV:
 - Protocol design and writing
 - Regulatory and IRB application development, submission, and maintenance assistance

- Research Match search of a clinical research database to identify HIV+ persons with specific characteristics as potential study participants; pulling from a pool of 1000s of HIV+ patients
 - Recruitment and enrollment of volunteers in clinical trials and studies (through Researchmatch.org)
 - Phlebotomy and specimen collection, processing, inventory, storage, and shipping
 - Data collection, management and analysis
 - Study conduct (research nursing and oversight) and volunteer retention
 - Quality management for clinical research
 - Report and manuscript preparation
- For established investigators with larger projects:
 - Study design assistance
 - Grant application collaboration
 - Recruitment of volunteers in clinical trials (through researchmatch.org)
 - Collaboration in conduct of funded projects

Training:

- One-on-one training for junior faculty, post-doctoral fellow, students, and research staff in the conduct of clinical research in HIV/AIDS
- Training on the development of research protocols and funding applications for clinical research
- Opportunities to present and get feedback on proposed and current research studies (see CFAR Translational Research Interdisciplinary Group -- TRIG)

Other Services:

- Community engagement
- Community education

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