

CTSC Cleveland Clinic Research Contacts

Contact Order	Core	Services	Contact information
Step 1	Research Education & Outreach	Workshops and training on human subject research. Performs Quality Assurance reviews of research studies .	Colleen Rouse Research Education & Quality Manager rouser@ccf.org 216-444-4554
Step 2	Pre-Award Grants & Contracts	Provides consultation services to determine how to best position investigators to be competitive for extramural funding opportunities.	Avery Gottfried Sr Director Operations, OSRP gottfra@ccf.org 216-445-3857
Step 3	Clinical Research Business Development	Assists Investigators holding an IND or IDE with meeting regulatory responsibilities.	Katie Gartner Research Administrator, IND/IDE Office gartnek@ccf.org 216-618-5823
Step 4	Research Finance Services	Assists with budget development and coverage analysis of research studies.	Fasihuddin Mohammed Director, Research Medicare Coverage Analysis mohammf5@ccf.org 216-389-6404
Step 5	Institutional Review Board	Responsible for the review of all human subject research conducted by any CC employee or at any CC facility.	Ruth Fritskey Senior Director, IRB fritskr@ccf.org 216-444-4801
As applicable, contact as part of budgeting process	Investigational Drug Services	Responsible for the safe handling of investigational drugs, including drug procurement, preparation, labeling, randomization, dispensing, and accountability.	Taylor Frace, MS, PharmD Manager, Investigational Drug Pharmacy fracet@ccf.org 216-550-2239
As applicable, contact as part of budgeting process	Clinical Research Unit Project Management	Manages organizational and operational activities related, but not limited to IND studies, NIH funded single or multi-center studies, internally funded studies, FDA submissions, database development; provides clinical perspective to translational projects in study design and study conduct.	Amanda Messer Clinical Project Manager, CRU messera2@ccf.org 216-445-5350
As applicable, contact as part of budgeting process	Clinical Research Unit Coordination Team	Provides fee-for-service research coordination, regulatory and project management support, participant recruitment consultation, study logistics, study start-up, screening, informed consent, IRB submissions, including nurses at several regional hospitals.	Robert Hartley Research Administrator, CRU hartler@ccf.org 216 218-6714
As applicable, contact as part of budgeting process	Clinical Research Unit Participant Recruitment Specialist	Performs research participant recruitment consults, including strategy on how to access special and/or underserved populations.	Kassandra Spates-Harden Clinical Project Manager, CRU spatesk2@ccf.org 216-444-0488
As applicable, contact as part of budgeting process	Clinical Research Unit Nursing	Research-dedicated facilities: adult and pediatrics IV and oral glucose testing, indirect calorimetry, exercise testing, spirometry, EKG, ankle brachial index, plethysmography, continuous IV infusions, extended PK sampling, research drug administration, sleep studies, research-only overnight stays, conscious sedation, assistance w/procedures (e.g., bronchoscopy, nerve blocks, muscle biopsy, lumbar puncture).	Melanie Ramos, RN Research Nurse Manager, CRU ramosm2@ccf.org 216-444-3588
As applicable, contact as part of budgeting process	Clinical Research Unit Lab	Mitigates variability in pre-analytical phase (e.g., consistent handling of research specimens, maintenance of sample integrity); advice and consulting on best practices; timely bedside-to-bench sample processing; sample processing (i.e., blood, CSF, PBMCs, BAL, sputum, stool); can perform range of services from basic to complex; extensive shipping training and experience including DOT/IATA Certification, Category A and Category B shipments.	Teresa Markle Lab Supervisor, CRU marklet@ccf.org 216-445-5470
As applicable, contact as part of budgeting process	Quantitative Health Sciences (as part of the CTSC Biostatistics and Epidemiology Research Design core)	Collaborates with clinical investigators on human-based study design and statistical analysis.	Jennifer Gassman, PhD Project Staff gassmaj@ccf.org