WHAT THE CCTS CAN DO FOR YOU

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The mission of the CCTS is to facilitate clinical and translational research at UTHealth, The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center, Memorial Hermann Hospital—TMC, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler, Rice University, and The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley.
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Explore how you can use our services before you write your grant application.

Get the advice of experienced CCTS staff and faculty from the start.

Get a letter of support from the CCTS for your grant application.
First, check out our web site (https://www.uth.edu/ccts/) for the services and expertise you need

Find what you want? Call that CCTS component directly

Can’t find what you need or want to discuss options? Call our main number (713-50-7900), email us at CCTS@uth.tmc.edu, or call or email Maureen Goode
Initial consultations and some services are free.

Some components charge cost recovery for subsequent services.

Call the components for charges.

Contact information is on the CCTS web site (https://www.uth.edu/ccts/)
Statistical Assistance

Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Research Design Component (BERD)

• Support and advice on design of studies and data collection and analysis

• For assistance, fill out form on CCTS/BERD web site

Tip: Get help well before you submit your grant proposal or IRB proposal
Biomedical Informatics Component

• Collection, organization, and transfer of data and information
• Creation of databases
• Assessment of feasibility of study accrual

Tip: Organize your data as you collect it, in a format that can be easily analyzed
SPARK (Scientific Partners Advancing Research Kickoff)

• Assistance and mentoring from a panel of CCTS experts to expedite study design, getting approval, finding funding, and conducting the study

Tip: Take advantage of these informal discussions about your research plans
Clinical Research Units (CRUs)

Memorial Hermann Hospital
M. D. Anderson
Brownsville, Tx
School of Dentistry
LBJ Hospital

• Dedicated specialized facilities, experienced personnel, and advice for the conduct of clinical studies

Tip: Can’t hire a full-time research coordinator? You may be able to hire a part-time one from the CRUs
Center for Hispanic Health Research and Cameron County Hispanic Cohort (CCHC)

- CCTS collaborators in Brownsville, Texas
- Underserved, understudied, 97% Hispanic community
- CCHC is a population-based cohort (>5000) with extensive demographic, biochemical, molecular, medical, and behavioral data for >10 years
- Available for retrospective and prospective studies
- PIs: Joseph McCormick, MD, and Susan Fisher-Hoch, MD
Center for Hispanic Health Research and CCHC (con’t.)

Current studies include

- Diabetes
- Obesity
- Tuberculosis
- Cardiovascular disease
- Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease
- Bone metabolism and body fat distribution
- Cervical cancer prevention
- Liver cancer
- Microbiome
- Mental health
Integrating Special Populations

• To assure that our research includes the entire U.S. population
• Includes units on pediatric, geriatric, and LGBTQ+ populations and Hispanics with cancer
Clinical Trials Resource Center

• Assistance with IND and IDE applications
• Numerous talks and classes for investigators, research nurses, and study coordinators on trial design and conduct
• https://www.uth.edu/ctrcc/
Liaisons to the Trial Innovation Network (TIN)

• Our link to the TIN, which provides assistance with multisite NIH-funded clinical trials
• The TIN both helps investigators start up their own NIH-funded multisite trials and finds potential new sites for ongoing national trials
IRB Reciprocity

For multisite studies, we have several IRB reciprocity agreements/programs that allow one institution to serve as the IRB of record for a study and other institutions to accept approval from that institution.

Tip: Consult with us about the best IRB reciprocity plan for your study
UT System IRB reciprocity agreement

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHealth)
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Tyler
The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of Texas at Arlington
The University of Texas at Brownsville
The University of Texas at Dallas
The University of Texas at El Paso
The University of Texas at Pan American
The University of Texas of the Permian Basin
The University of Texas at San Antonio
The University of Texas at Tyler
UTHealth—Baylor IRB reciprocity agreement

Gulf Coast Consortium reciprocity agreement
UT Health
Baylor College of Medicine
Rice University
University of Houston
The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston
The University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center

IRBShare and SMART IRB
Programs among CTSA institutions

Commercial IRBs
Texas Regional CTSA Consortium (TRCC)

- The four Texas CTSAs (Houston, Dallas, San Antonio, and Galveston)
- Joint research and education programs
Pilot Funding

- Several programs, including 1-year $35,000 grants for junior faculty
- IRB approval is required for application

Tip: Watch for email RFAs
Community Engagement

- Assistance in the design and conduct of community studies
- Advice and training in research dissemination
- Programs and Community Advisory Boards in Houston, Brownsville, and Tyler

Tip: Talk to Community Engagement about working with Houston, Rio Grande Valley, and East Texas community groups
Career Development and Training Programs

KL2: 75% protected time/salary support and research training and funding for UTHealth and M. D. Anderson assistant professors

TL1: full stipends and research training for graduate students and postdocs

Tip: Watch for RFAs
Grant Assistance

Help finding funding opportunities and writing grant applications

Tip: Ask for letters of support from CCTS
Other Components

- Team Science
- Learning Healthcare System
- Translational Workforce Development
- Non-Medical Opioid Use
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