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The LSUHSC-NO CTRC

The LSUHSC Clinical and Translational Research Center (CTRC) provides clinical investigators the tools, staffing and research expertise to support clinical and translational research. The CTRC is dedicated to solely performing research procedures and implementing research protocols. It is a component of the clinical research core of the Louisiana Clinical and Translational Science Center (LACaTS). LACaTS involves 8 major academic, research and health care delivery institutions of Louisiana consisting of clinical research units throughout the state. This component supports research activities at these facilities, will provide a center-wide Recruitment Core, and a network of clinical investigators, each employing a uniform and systematic approach to clinical research. Specifically, the CTRC offers the following services to investigators:

- 8 fully equipped out-patient exam rooms
- Core Laboratory Services - low and high complexity processing, -80° C storage of biological specimens, ambient and frozen packaging and shipping.
- Nursing staff and nurse practitioner support with over 30 years of research experience

- Study Services: Physical Exams (including GYN and Neuropathy exams), specimen collection (blood, sputum, stool, gargle, buccal swab), PK sampling, frequent vital signs including pulse oximetry, anthropometric measurements, Investigational Product storage, dispensing and administration, 4 meter walk test, and Vision (Snellen) test.
- Equipment: NDD Easy-On Spirometry, Cosmed Bodpod (Total Body Composition), EKG, Portable Ultrasound Machine, Hemocue, and Glucometer testing.
- Assistance with Regulatory management, consultation during protocol development and assistance with study budget preparation.
- Assistance with ancillary hospital services and diagnostic testing
- LabCore lab services.



Who can use the CTRC?

Any LSU investigator or their affiliates conducting an Institutional Review Board (IRB) approved research project may apply to use the LSU CTRC on a fee-for-service basis.

What does it cost to use the CTRC?

The cost for using the CTRC and its services for a pharmaceutical or investigator initiated study will vary according to the services utilized and available funding. The CTRC will provide a cost analysis for each protocol which is subject to review and approval prior to study initiation. A current fee schedule is available upon request.

How do I apply to use the CTRC?

Study submission begins with the completion of the CTRC application. Additional supporting documents should include one copy of the research protocol, study consent (s), IRB submissions and approvals. If assistance is needed with the CTRC application process, please contact Virginia Garrison at vgarri@lsuhsc.edu.



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