Collaborations

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Multiple Reasons for Collaborations

- Too much work to do to “go it alone”
- To recruit participants at multiple sites or cover a geographic area better
- To gain a different perspective
  - i.e. community-based participatory research
- To bring together different missions
  - i.e. academic and corporate
Multiple Reasons for Collaborations (cont’d)

- Cover different content (across disciplines)
- Think in a different way
- To be able to teach while you do research
  - Collaborations with mentees
- To share expenses
- To set yourself up for the next bigger project
Types of Collaborations

- Within Division
- Out of Division but within Department
- Out of Department but within School
- Out of School but within University
- Out of University (different types)
Some of my collaborations:

- Within Division
  - Health and obesity health services research
- Out of Division but within Department
  - Collaboration with Lindsey
- Out of Department but within School
  - Collaboration with pulmonary and immunology
- Out of School but within University
  - Pass the Popcorn
- Out of University (different types)
  - R01 and Duke
Eliana M. Perrin, MD, MPH (PI)
  • Pediatrics

Andrew J. Perrin, PhD (PI)
  • Sociology

Abigail T. Panter, PhD
  • Psychology

Jane D. Brown, PhD
  • Journalism and Mass Communication

Cary Levine, PhD
  • Contemporary Art History

Asheley Cockrell Skinner, PhD
  • Pediatrics

Anna M. Bardone-Cone, PhD
  • Psychology

Michael J. Steiner, MD
  • Pediatrics

Cynthia M. Bulik, PhD
  • Psychiatry

Janna Howard, BS
  • Research Assistant
Challenges

- Style differences
- Trade secrets or intellectual property
- Use of data
- Authorship and credit
- Differential “sweat” in the project
COMMUNICATION with each other and with funders

Make sure your staff is communicating with other staff
  • Talk about having RA weekly calls

Data sharing plans

Rotating authorship

Memorandums of understanding

Know your resources
Contributed Content

- Collaborating with Multiple PIs
- Collaboration in the Field of Pediatric Obesity
- Communication Strategies for Long-distance Collaboration
- Connecting with Other Researchers
- Deciding Authorship for Multiple PI Projects
Never forget your life collaborators

Family and Friends