

## Department of Ophthalmology Clinical Research Accountability Unit (CRAU)

### General Summary

The Department of Ophthalmology is home to the Kittner Eye Center located at Carolina Crossing. The Center and the Department share resources and personnel and are considered one cohesive group. In addition to conducting research led by Ophthalmology Principal Investigators (PIs), the research team of the Department of Ophthalmology frequently supports studies led by other departments by conducting eye exams and collecting data from those exams for research purposes.

### CRAU Structure

The Ophthalmology CRAU will conduct and manage the essential activities outlined below under the direction of the Faculty and Administrative Directors.

#### **CRAU Faculty Directors:**

- Don Budenz, MD, Department Chair
- Katherine Whitfield, MD, Assistant Professor

#### **CRAU Administrative Directors:**

- Eliza DuBose, Administrative Director
- Jean-Claude (JC) Mwanza, MD, Research Faculty

### CRAU Essential Activities

The Ophthalmology CRAU will maintain accountability for all studies led by Ophthalmology faculty investigators. Studies conducted within the department that are led by non-Ophthalmology faculty investigators will be accounted for by the study PI’s home department CRAU.

Administration	
Primary point of contact for CRSO and CRAU:	Eliza DuBose
Primary point of contact for industry sponsors:	Eliza DuBose ( <a href="mailto:eye_research@med.unc.edu">eye_research@med.unc.edu</a> )
Monitor personnel and staffing:	Eliza DuBose
Review study feasibility assessment outcomes:	
○ First-level review:	Eliza DuBose
○ Second-level review:	Juan Trujillo Don Budenz
Review and verify administrative data about the CRAU:	Michael Loy Eliza DuBose JC Mwanza

<b>Operations</b>	
Point(s) of contact for OnCore utilization:	Eliza DuBose
Pre-review of initial IRB submissions for quality and completeness:	PIs and/or their designees Point of Contact: Eliza DuBose
Departmental IRB certification:	Don Budenz Juan Trujillo Michael Loy JC Mwanza
Review aggregate audit and monitoring findings:	Eliza DuBose JC Mwanza
<b>Financial Management</b>	
Point(s) of contact for financial management best practices:	Michael Loy

### **Additional Support Activities Provided by the Ophthalmology CRAU**

For more information or to request additional support activities, contact Eliza DuBose.

<b>Description of Activity</b>	
Providing research opportunities for non-funded research fellows looking to gain clinical research experience.	Yang Zhang (Alice) David Fleischman
Serving as a liaison for research and associated compliance activities external to the department.	Eliza DuBose ( <a href="mailto:eye_research@med.unc.edu">eye_research@med.unc.edu</a> )
Onboarding and training new clinical staff that also have research responsibilities and ensuring research system flow in the clinic environment.	Eliza DuBose
Supervising clinical research activities performed by clinical research assistants and other research personnel.	Eliza DuBose