

Department of Family Medicine Clinical Research Accountability Unit (CRAU)

General Summary

The UNC Family Medicine Research Program is comprised of an interdisciplinary team of clinicians, researchers, and staff. Research efforts include health equity, health promotion, and disease prevention, including but not limited to the UNC Tobacco Prevention and Evaluation Program, Population Health Program, UNC program in Nicaragua, treatment of chronic diseases (e.g., diabetes and hypertension), and vaccine-preventable illnesses. Studies address issues of access, cost, and quality in health care, the health care workforce, the transition to value-based care, studies related to Medicaid and Medicare policy in North Carolina and nationwide, and the role of primary care in improving health care quality and patient outcomes using innovative health IT tools, natural language processing, machine learning, and the use of large secondary datasets.

CRAU Structure

The Family Medicine CRAU will conduct and manage the essential activities outlined below under the direction of the Faculty Director and Administrative Director.

CRAU Faculty Director:

- Katrina Donahue, MD, MPH, Professor and Vice Chair of Research

CRAU Administrative Director:

- Kelli Hammond, Research Coordinator

CRAU Essential Activities

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

Administration	
Primary point of contact for CRSO and CRAU:	Kelli Hammond
Primary point of contact for industry sponsors:	Kelli Hammond
Monitor personnel and staffing:	Kelli Hammond
Review study feasibility assessment outcomes:	
○ First-level review:	Kelli Hammond
○ Second-level review:	Katrina Donahue
Review and verify administrative data about the CRAU:	Kelli Hammond Katrina Donahue
Operations	

Point(s) of contact for OnCore utilization:	Kelli Hammond
Pre-review of initial IRB submissions for quality and completeness:	PIs and/or their designees Point of Contact: Kelli Hammond
Departmental IRB certification:	Andrew Olsson Dan Chegash
Review aggregate audit and monitoring findings:	Kelli Hammond Katrina Donahue
Financial Management	
Point(s) of contact for financial management best practices:	Andrew Olsson Kevin Tate

Additional Support Activities Provided by the Family Medicine CRAU

For more information or to request additional support activities, contact Kelli Hammond.

Description of Activity	
The Department of Family Medicine (DFM) provides an array of services for researchers and scholars. Services include:	
Manuscript review; grant writing; grant review	Philip Sloane
Grants: Budget development; sponsor forms; routing and submitting	Andrew Olsson Jean Russell
Grants: Checklist for submission	Kelli Hammond
Consultation on data security	Kelli Hammond (with SOM IT)
Grants and manuscripts: Preparation of grant proposals (citations/references/editing/facilities/equipment/human subjects/data sharing plan, etc.)	Kelli Hammond
Post-award management	Jon Cheslock
Editing and Proofreading	Margaret Gourlay Kelli Hammond
Areas of Research Excellence for Methodological Support	
Health Equity	Leah Ranney
Health Promotion and Disease Prevention	Nadja Vielot
Organization, Financing, and Delivery of Care	Erin Fraher
Small Grant Funding Available to DFM Researchers	
Special Needs Fund for Faculty Research	Katrina Donahue
UNC Family Medicine Innovations Award	Katrina Donahue
Additional Support and Resources	
Training activities; student internships; library support	Visit the DFM intranet (or contact Kelli Hammond)
Research at the FMC: PIs can submit applications to do research in the Family Medicine Center (FMC)	Review Committee: Kevin Tate, Yessi Won, Ashley Rietz Keith, Compson