

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

### General Summary

The research activities of the Department of Otolaryngology occur in each of the 8 divisions: Neurotology, Rhinology and Endoscopic Skull Base, Pediatrics, General, Head and Neck Oncology, Facial Plastics, Voice and Swallowing, and Children’s Cochlear Implants. The research portfolio is comprised of observational studies, basic science (anatomy, physiology, and behavior), translational studies, and clinical trials. The department faculty and staff also frequently collaborate with other departments across the SOM.

### CRAU Structure

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

#### **CRAU Faculty Director:**

- Wendell Yarbrough, MD, MMHC, FACS, Department Chair

#### **CRAU Co-Administrative Directors:**

- Emily Buss, PhD, Vice Chair of Research
- Meg Dillon, AuD PhD, Director of Cochlear Implant Research

### CRAU Essential Activities

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

Administration	
Primary point of contact for CRSO and CRAU:	Emily Buss
Primary point of contact for industry sponsors:	Meg Dillon
Monitor personnel and staffing:	Emily Buss Meg Dillon
Review study feasibility assessment outcomes:	
First level review:	Emily Buss Meg Dillon
Second level review:	Wendell Yarbrough
Review and verify administrative data about the CRAU:	Emily Buss
Operations	
Point(s) of contact for OnCore utilization:	Meg Dillon

Pre-review of initial IRB submissions for quality and completeness:	PIs and/or their designees Points of Contact: Emily Buss Meg Dillon
Departmental IRB certification:	Emily Buss Meg Dillon Wendell Yarbrough Sara Beland Blair Allen
Review aggregate audit and monitoring findings:	Emily Buss Meg Dillon
<b>Financial Management</b>	
Point of contact for financial management best practices:	Meg Dillon

**Additional Support Activities Provided by the Otolaryngology CRAU**

For more information or to request additional support activities, contact Emily Buss.

<b>Description of Activity</b>	
Mentoring Program (career development and research)	Brent Senior