

Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation

Clinical Research Accountability Unit (CRAU)

General Summary

The Department of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation focuses research efforts on maximizing health and physical function for people with physical impairment and cognitive dysfunction. The Department is home to the Program on Integrative Medicine (PIM), which conducts research in complementary and alternative medicine and integrative health care.

The department conducts both observational and interventional clinical trials, including community-based research, with most clinical trials occurring within the PIM. The department investigators frequently collaborate with other schools, departments, and divisions to accomplish research and clinical goals.

CRAU Structure

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

CRAU Faculty Director:

- Joshua Alexander, MD, Department Chair

CRAU Administrative Director:

- Susan Gaylord, PhD, Research Associate Professor

CRAU Essential Activities

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

Administration	
Primary point of contact for CRSO and CRAU:	Susan Gaylord
Primary point of contact for industry sponsors:	Susan Gaylord
Monitor personnel and staffing:	Kim Faurot
Review study feasibility assessment outcomes:	
First level review:	Susan Gaylord
Second level review:	Joshua Alexander
Review and verify administrative data about the CRAU:	Joshua Alexander Aaron Olsen Susan Gaylord Kim Faurot
Operations	

Point(s) of contact for OnCore utilization:	Susan Gaylord Kim Faurot
Pre-review of initial IRB submissions for quality and completeness:	PIs and/or their designees Point of Contact: Kim Faurot
Departmental IRB certification:	Aaron Olsen Joshua Alexander
Review aggregate audit and monitoring findings:	Susan Gaylord
Financial Management	
Point(s) of contact for financial management best practices:	Nhandi Kenion Lisa Howe