

Department of Urology Clinical Research Accountability Unit (CRAU)

General Summary

The Department of Urology research portfolio includes clinical trials, observational studies, and health services research. Some of the department research investigators work closely with LCCC to utilize the LCCC infrastructure and support for pre-award, post-award, and study monitoring activities for clinical trial studies. Other research activities such as PI-initiated trials, observational, and behavioral health studies are managed internally by departmental investigators and staff.

The departmental research infrastructure functions under the direction of an executive council that is composed of research directors and faculty. As a group, the council sets the overall mission and strategic goals for the urology research program. Monthly operations meetings are used to review the research portfolio, staffing needs, operating expenses, and future directions.

CRAU Structure

The Urology CRAU will conduct and manage the essential activities outlined below under the direction of the Faculty Director, Administrative Director, and Executive Council.

CRAU Faculty Director:

- Hung-Jui (Ray) Tan, MD, MSHPM, Assistant Professor of Urology

CRAU Administrative Director:

- Julie Farmer, MHA, Associate Chair for Administration

CRAU Executive Council:

- Angela Smith, MD, MS, Professor of Urology – Vice Chair of Academic Affairs
- Marc Bjurlin, DO, MS, Associate Professor of Urology – Director of Clinical Trials
- Kate Chan, MD, MPH, Associate Professor of Urology – Director of Pediatric Research
- Dave Friedlander, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Urology
- Matthew Nielsen, MD, MS, Professor of Urology – Chair of Urology

CRAU Essential Activities

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

Administration	
Primary point of contact for CRSO and CRAU:	Julie Farmer
Primary point of contact for industry sponsors:	Shannon Myers
Monitor personnel and staffing:	Dana Mueller

Review study feasibility assessment outcomes: First level review:	Shannon Myers
Second level review:	Hung-Jui (Ray) Tan
Review and verify administrative data about the CRAU:	Julie Farmer
Operations	
Point of contact for OnCore utilization:	Dana Mueller
Pre-review of initial IRB submissions for quality and completeness:	PIs and/or their designees Point of Contact: Julie Farmer
Departmental IRB certification:	Melissa Cowell Deb Usinger Julie Farmer
Review aggregate audit and monitoring findings:	Shannon Myers
Financial Management	
Point(s) of contact for financial management best practices:	Deb Usinger Julie Farmer

Additional Support Activities Provided by the Urology CRAU

For more information or to request additional support activities, contact Julie Farmer.

Description of Activity	
Grant Pre/Post-Award	Deb Usinger
Regulatory/SOPs	Shannon Myers
Clinical Trials Portfolio Management	Marc Bjurlin
Trainee Onboarding/Coordination/Training	Dana Mueller