

## Department of Neurology

### Clinical Research Accountability Unit (CRAU)

#### General Summary

The Department of Neurology conducts laboratory research as well as clinical research. The Neurosciences Clinical Trials Unit (NCTU) provides oversight for human subjects research and research coordinators within the department. The NCTU supports industry-sponsored, NIH, and investigator-initiated studies with topics including epilepsy, memory and cognitive disorders, neurocritical care, neuromuscular disorders, stroke, movement disorders, multiple sclerosis, pediatric neurology and neurosurgical spine research.

The NCTU is comprised of experienced coordinators, back-up coordinators, and administrative support to assist department investigators with regulatory compliance, budgets, and quality oversight as it pertains to their research needs. Therefore, to build upon this existing infrastructure, the Department of Neurology CRAU will operate within the NCTU.

#### CRAU Structure

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

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

- Susan Wilson, DNP, ANP-BC, FAHA, Professor, Director of the Neurosciences Clinical Trials Unit (NCTU)

##### **CRAU Administrative Director:**

- Anne Beckwith, BS, Assistant Director of the Neurosciences Clinical Trials Unit (NCTU)

#### CRAU Essential Activities

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

Administration	
Primary point(s) of contact for CRSO and CRAU:	Anne Beckwith Susan Wilson
Primary point(s) of contact for industry sponsors:	Anne Beckwith Susan Wilson
Monitor personnel and staffing:	Susan Wilson
Review study feasibility assessment outcomes:	
○ First-level review:	Anne Beckwith

○ Second-level review:	Susan Wilson
Review and verify administrative data about the CRAU:	Anne Beckwith Susan Wilson
<b>Operations</b>	
Point(s) of contact for OnCore utilization:	Jacob Craven Candace Henderson Susan Wilson
Pre-review of initial IRB submissions for quality and completeness:	Candace Henderson Anne Beckwith Susan Wilson
Departmental IRB certification:	Candace Henderson Anne Beckwith Susan Wilson
Review aggregate audit and monitoring findings:	Anne Beckwith Susan Wilson
<b>Financial Management</b>	
Point(s) of contact for financial management best practices:	Jacob Craven Candace Henderson

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

For more information or to request additional support activities, contact Susan Wilson.

<b>Description of Activity</b>	
Internal Quality Assurance and Auditing	Manisha Chopra (QA Officer) Anne Beckwith Susan Wilson
Onboarding and education of new coordinators	Jessica Ferrall (Onboarding and Education Officer) Anne Beckwith Manisha Chopra Jacob Craven Candace Henderson Susan Wilson Senior Coordinators
Ongoing education of NCTU team	Anne Beckwith Manisha Chopra Jacob Craven Jessica Ferrall Candace Henderson Susan Wilson