

## Clinical Research Services

The mission of the Virginia Commonwealth University Center for Clinical and Translational Research (CCTR) Clinical Research Services is to augment, cultivate, facilitate and refine high-quality, subject-oriented clinical research.

In order to standardize, streamline and support clinical research, CRS works with investigators, funding organizations and research and administrative staff. It also partners with the VCU Health System, the Office of Sponsored Programs, the IRB and other university and hospital service providers.

The safety and support of research participants is paramount. CRS provides clinical trial training, expertise and opportunities; enhances administrative, operational and resource efficiencies to support clinical trials; and supports the discovery of safe, effective and timely treatment options for the communities it serves. While the mission of CRS is to provide mechanisms for quality clinical research, the overarching goal is to improve the overall health and wellness of the community.

For more information about Clinical Research Services, visit [go.vcu.edu/clinicalresearchservices](http://go.vcu.edu/clinicalresearchservices).

### Services include:

- Protocol evaluation and recruitment planning
- Budget development and negotiation services
- Industry IRB submissions
- Research coordinators
- Nursing
- Bionutrition
- CRS Laboratory
- Research team education and training
- Clinical trials outreach
- Regulatory review and routing

CRS provides physical space and equipment that can be used for inpatient and outpatient clinical research, including inpatient rooms for studies when patients need to stay overnight. In addition, research-trained nurses, dietitians and clinical laboratory personnel are available. CRS also offers assistance with budgets/contracts and regulatory submissions for clinical research projects. Trained study coordinators and project managers are available to assist in the conduct of clinical research studies.

