



CTO/CRN roles & responsibilities

Clinical Trial Financial Support

Pre and post-award financial support industry initiated Clinical Trials

- Clinical Trial Office (CTO)
 - o Contract support and execution: CDA/NDA/CTA
 - Pre-award financial support: budget, coverage analysis, ancillary services, sponsor negotiations, OGC
 - Post-award financial support: Invoicing, AR, RNA, Expenses, Infor, departmental reporting, amendments

Clinical Research Operational Engagement

Led with community engaged values, driven by scientific outcomes

- CTO system oversight: Velos (CTMS), ClinCard (Pt reimbursement), Research Billing (Epic), Research Fee Schedule
- Collaborate with leadership: CTSI, CRRO, SPH, IRB, BMC, BU, Research Compliance, OGC, Chiefs/Chairs/PIs, Department, Administrators, VP Community Relations
- CR space requests
- Scientifically driven decision making to challenge best practices

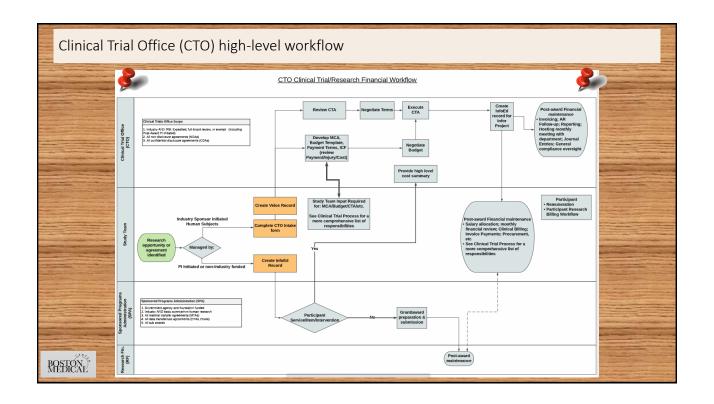
Inclusive Clinical Research in Practice

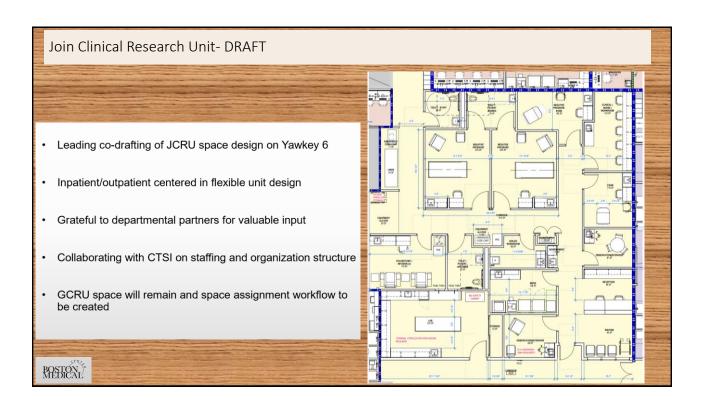
Advancement of Science with and for all people

- Clinical Research Network (CRN)
 - o Management of clinical trials for under-resourced, high-priority research
 - o Community engagement centered around research









Seeking Research Community Advisement and Participation

Equitable Participant Reimbursement Working Group

Aimed as designing equitable research reimbursement processes

A interdisciplinary team gathers and divides highpriority projects into sub-committees

Welcome departmental representation, please contact for more information:

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Research Operations Advisory Committee

Research Operations will host their first researcher advisory meetings by the end of Q4

Intended to advise on Research Operation's decision making, and create a forum to listen to the needs of the community

Please, keep an eye out in the Research Operations Newsletter: *Research Matters* for more information



Clinical Research Network Team & Responsibilities

















The Clinical Research Network (CRN) represents BMC's commitment to community-engaged research values and innovative staffing solutions for institutionally prioritized and under resourced trials. The CRN is a centralized team serving BMC's researchers and our surrounding communities by re-thinking clinical research engagement practices and co-designing appropriate interventions. CRN offers services in the following areas:



Clinical Research Staffing: Providing BMC's researchers, sponsors, and the broader BMC community with high-quality staffing solutions to rapidly activate and manage our most complex and clinically important studies.

Clinical Research Coordinator

Regulatory/IRB Management

Budget/Financial Management

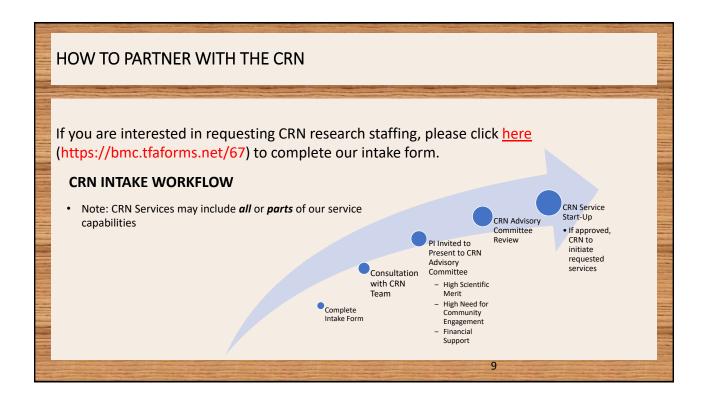
✓ Community Engagement Planning & Deployment



Community Engagement: CRN is engaging with our community members and partners to understand their needs, interests, and beliefs to build trust in research, provide education and resources, and establish hospital infrastructure that supports inclusivity and community-guided research.



Inclusive Infrastructure Building: As an incubator for inclusive, high quality clinical trial practices at BMC, the CRN's goal is to improve diverse participation in research by building inclusive infrastructure within BMC and our communities.



GCRU Services & Training

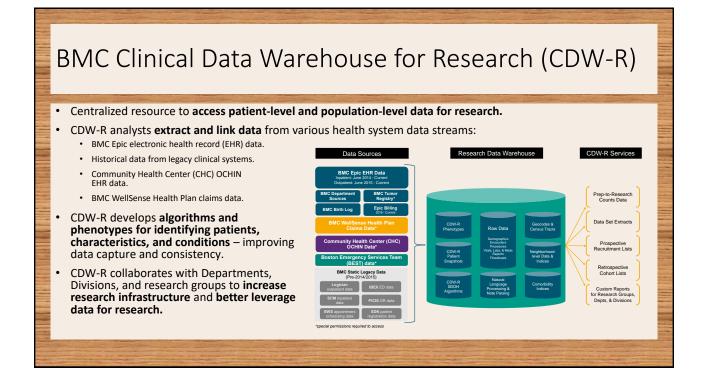
GCRU services Within and Without Walls-BMC inpatient and ambulatory, BU Charles River Campus

- Research Navigator Team-IRB, recruitment, regulatory support, lab processing, visit support, consenting, data entry etc.
- Clinical services-Administration of investigational product, physical measurements and assessment, sample collection etc.
- Laboratory services biological sample processing, handling, shipping, and storage long or short term
- Training-CPR, Phlebotomy with or without national certification, EKG

GCRU Updates

- Webcamp application process and timeline
- "A la Carte" scheduling fee
- Scheduling system changing from Access to Webcamp
- Billing and invoicing process change
 - BMC Purchase Order process (cost center number and detail account number)
 - · BU- currently journal upload, possibility of using ISR in the future

Information and training sessions and videos



CDW-R Recruitment Services: Medical Record Pre-Screens & Study Recruitment Lists

CDW-R recruitment services assist research teams in identifying cohorts of patients that meet study eligibility criteria and provides recurring, prospective patient lists to facilitate study screening, recruitment, and enrollment.

- · CDW-R queries the data warehouse to apply study inclusion/exclusion criteria and identify patients who may be eligible for study enrollment.
 - · Efficiently identify patients eligible for targeted recruitment potentially mitigating need for manual chart review.
- · Recruitment lists provided by the CDW-R to study teams can include*:
 - · Patient demographics (age, race, ethnicity, insurance information)
 - Patient inclusion criterion values (e.g., specific diagnoses, conditions, circumstances; lab values; health care utilization and/or provider information)
 - Patient (and/or parent/guardian) contact information, such as:
 - · Mailing address for opt-out letters
 - · MyChart status
 - · Phone numbers
 - · Upcoming clinical appointment schedule and information, including date/time, location, department/clinic, provider
 - · Other basic inclusion criteria as available in the data warehouse
- · CDW-R aims to begin providing prospective recruitment lists to study teams within 2-3 weeks of data request finalization.
- · Recruitment lists provided weekly, monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly depending on study team's goals and needs.

*As permitted by study's IRB

What is the Role of IPS at BMC?

- Provide support for all clinical drug studies conducted at BU/BMC.
- Responsible for the Receipt, Storage, Accountability, Dispensing and Disposition of all research-related drug products.
- Ensure the investigational products are used appropriately to maximize study human subject protection.
- Ensure compliance with applicable regulatory and protocol requirements regarding the use of investigational products.

What Services Does IPS Offer?

- Study Start-Up/Close-Out
- Inventory Control/Storage
- Assist with database maintenance (Vestigo, EPIC)
- Regulatory Documentation
- Dispensing and Accountability
- Randomization
- Blinding

- Compounding/Repackaging (if feasible)
- Collaborating with monitors and auditors for site and remote visits.
- Providing tours for site qualification visits
- IRB membership
- Protocol Training

A New Look and Enhanced Enforcement for ClinicalTrials.gov

CTgov Modernization Initiative (2019-24)

- NLM is modernizing ClinicalTrials.gov and the components of the information submission system/the Protocol Registration and Results System (PRS) to:
 - Introduce users to the new technology platforms and evaluate their real-world performance; and
 - Provide foundational features that will be expanded over time; and
 - Provide PRS users with improved functionality to manage their record portfolios and workflows, and:
 - Collect user input to inform future development activities.
- The modernized CTgov website will go live in June 2023, and the PRS in 2024.
- Look for 3-part CR TIMES series in Fall 2023

CTgov Enhanced Enforcement (ACT & NIH)

- As of Apr 2021, Applicable Clinical Trials (ACTsstudying an FDA regulated drug or device) that are not kept updated receive a Notice of Noncompliance.
 - If results are not posted within 30 days, civil penalties of \$13,237/day can be imposed.
- As of Oct 2021, enhanced checks on noncompliance with CTgov registration, updating, and reporting, and harmonization of information between CTgov and the eRA Human Subjects System/ASSIST system.
 - NIH/POs email PIs if information is late or not harmonized between the two databases and until resolved the RPPR submission could be delayed and NIH funds withheld (see the NIH guide notice <u>NOT-OD-22-008</u> for additional details).

The Massachusetts Controlled Substances Registration (MCSR) Research License Application System is Now Online

- In MA, any drug used as an intervention in a research study is considered a 'controlled substance' and per MA law, the PI of that research must be covered by an active MCSR Research License.
 - If the drug research involves an IND -no matter who holds the IND- the PI must have an active individual MCSR Research License; there are still 2 umbrella/institutional MCSR Licenses to cover non-IND drug research studies
 - IPS will not release the study drug/s unless there is an active MCSR Research License
- In March 2023, the MCSR Research licensing system, that was previously paper-based, transitioned to an online licensing system. PIs are now required to apply, renew, and amend all MCSR Research licenses online through the MDPH eLicensing System.
 - No documents should be mailed or delivered to the MDPH
 - Payment of the \$150 annual fee must be made online by credit/debit card or ACH/electronic check
 - · Verification of any license can be done online
- · BMC/BUMC OHRA provides support, maintains oversight, and monitors compliance

Measure Twice, Cut Once: Tips for a successful IRB submission

- Submissions to the IRB can be challenging
- The IRB team and panels are wholeheartedly dedicated to approving your study as fast as possible – once it is ready!
- Common issues appear in every type of submission
- Before your next submission, read this CR Times article:
 - Avoiding & Responding to the Most Common IRB Application Stipulations
 - January/February 2023 Issue
 - bit.ly/CommonStips



Before you submit to the IRB... CREMATE your study

- **C** <u>consistent</u> (make sure all parts of the submission are harmonized)
- R reread (take a thorough look at everything before you submit)
- **E** <u>engage with instructions</u> (read the entire question before answering and make sure you've addressed every part of the question)
- **M** <u>missing information</u> (make sure there are no blank sections, unattached documents, or details missing that we would need to assess the study)
- A <u>allow time for routing & reviewing</u> (submit early because it takes time to obtain signoffs from stakeholders and for us to review it)
- **T** <u>templates</u> (make sure you're using our templates for consents, protocols, scripts, etc coming soon: opt-out letter!)
- **E** <u>elementary</u> (write your application so we can understand it don't copy from your grant; write your ICF so an 8th grader can read it with ease).

Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)

- Cross-institutional collaboration between Boston Medical Center and Boston University Medical Campus
- Set of written instructions
 - · Documents routine activity
 - Used by an organization to ensure compliance with regulations/policies, etc.
- Guidance for a research team
 - How to complete some of the daily activities
 - How to complete structural activities

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Delegation	n of Authority and Responsibilities	
Essential F	Research Documents	
External A	Audit Preparation	
Informed Consent Process		
Institution	al Research Policies and Guidance Documents	
Participant Withdrawal		
Protocol Deviation Reporting		
Quality Management		
Research Team Competency		
Research Training		
Site Monitoring Visits		100
SOP Management		
Subject Re	ecruitment	

SOPs - Importance and Value

- Framework for excellence in research
- Part of a successful quality system
 - provides individuals with the information to perform a job properly, and facilitates consistency in the quality and integrity of work performed
- Promotes consistency/reproducibility in conducting the study
- Reduce errors/reduce non-compliance
- Protects safety and rights of participants,
- Ensures quality/reliability of the data

- Provides overall foundational learning and context
- Provide less experienced research teams or staff learning in best practices
 - Information that can be referenced continually when questions or new situations come up
- Enhanced performance, confidence, efficiency of staff
- Provides external teams (industry sponsors and lead teams) with assurance of the high-quality work and written documentation of procedures

Institutional requirement – Effective as of January 1st, 2023 (based on scope)

SOP – Scope and Format

Scope

Specifically guide clinical research studies that target BMC patients, use BMC patient data, or utilize BMC facilities and/or services

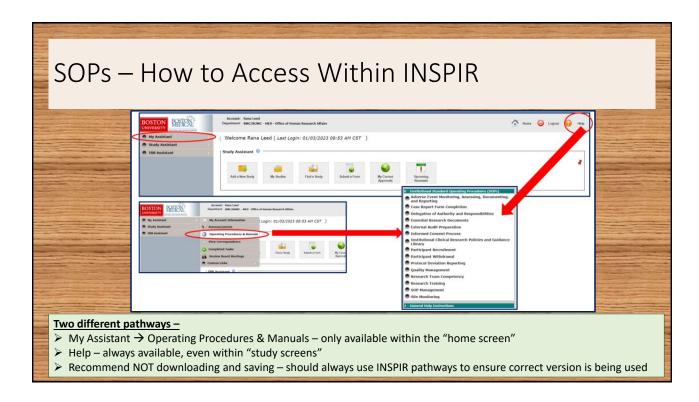
- BMC patient: any individual with a clinical encounter generating a BMC-specific medical record
- BMC patient data: patient data that is derived from BMC medical records and/or systems
- BMC facilities: clinical or non-clinical space owned or operated by BMC
- BMC services: a unit or group operated or managed primarily by BMC staff

Format

- Purpose/Objective: Explains briefly what the SOP will include and the intent
- Scope: Includes which studies the SOP applies to as referenced above
- Responsibility: Provides information on whose responsibility it is to follow the procedures in the SOP
- Procedures: Contains the primary information and details of how to complete the procedure or process
- Definitions, References, and Resources: Includes additional details and links, but not all SOPs will have information in these three sections

Recommendation

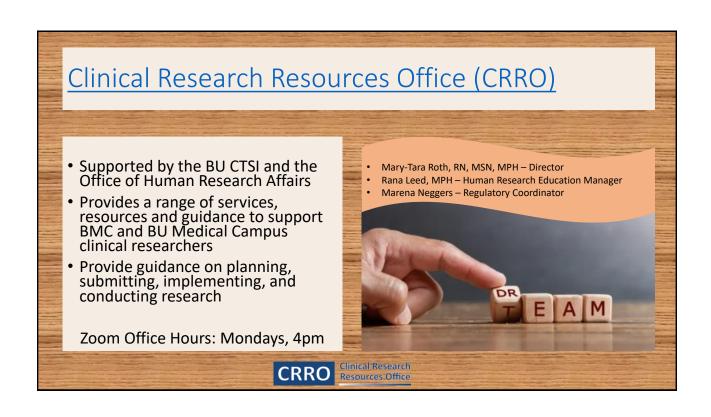
SOPs provide excellent guidance for studies that are outside of the scope and can be followed/used for any study



CITI Modules – "Question 10" • 2 levels • Fundamental: all SOPs must be reviewed and acknowledged • Abbreviated: Subset of SOPs must be reviewed and acknowledged (for those conducting only studies that are limited to data and/or specimen analysis) • Training will be required to be completed according to the following time-frames: • January 1, 2024: all new studies targeting BMC patients, utilizing BMC facilities and/or services, or using BMC patient data will require completion of training prior to IRB approval • January 1, 2024: new BMC employees working on studies within scope are required to complete training within 90-days of employment start date • December 31, 2024: existing clinical research investigators and staff are encouraged to complete • Review the Research Training SOP for more details

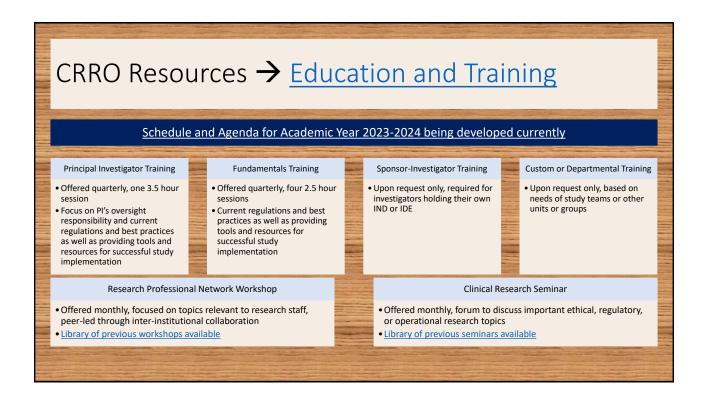
SOP Resources

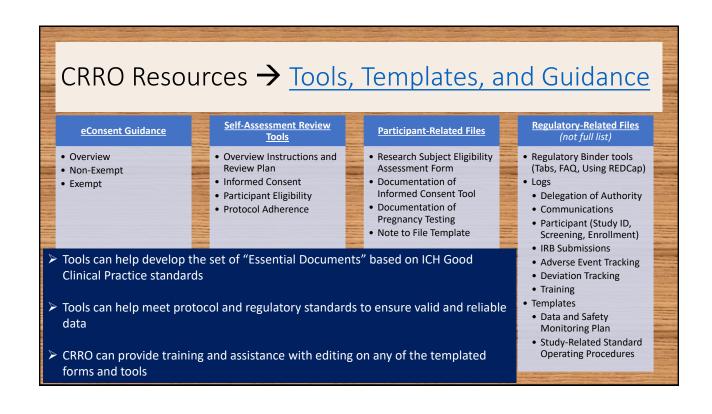
- Institutional Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) webpage for more info
- Clinical Research Times
 - Feature Article December 2022
 - Monthly Spotlight on SOPs
- Clinical Research Seminar November 2022
- Feedback Intake Form for suggestions and recommendations
- Email CRRO for targeted training on a specific SOP or procedure



CRRO Resources → Consultations Obtain expert review and guidance for investigators and research staff Consultations can be requested at any point during the life of a study and for any reason Any member of a study team or research staff member may request a consultation For simple questions, consultations will be completed over email but most generally involve at least one meeting or more depending upon the complexity of the For investigators with funding or submission deadlines, it is recommended that consultations are requested early in the process to best meet those deadlines To request a consultation, complete the Request CRRO Services form Required Review for Study Implementation: either Investigator-Initiated Clinical IRB Submissions before or after start of **BMC SOP Guidance** FDA Guidance Trials recruitment and enrollment · Could include review of Recruitment plans either for Responsibilities of a Sponsor- Per HRPP policy 6.2.1.2. a Implementation and feasibility or slower than study meeting the definition INSPIR application, protocol, Investigators holding an IND completion of standards set of a clinical trial that is consent, or any other studyexpected enrollment rates in Quality Management and initiated by the PI at Boston Medical Center or Boston Research Team Competency specific document Consenting processes · Review of initial or ongoing SOPs Could be an initial submissions Eligibility determinations and University Medical Campus submission, CAPA General review and documentation must complete a CRRO submission, or protocol compliance Adverse events monitoring, consultation prior to IRB amendments recommendations for any assessing, and reporting review SOP Could include review of General study stipulations from any IRB documentation include review setup of participant or regulatory files



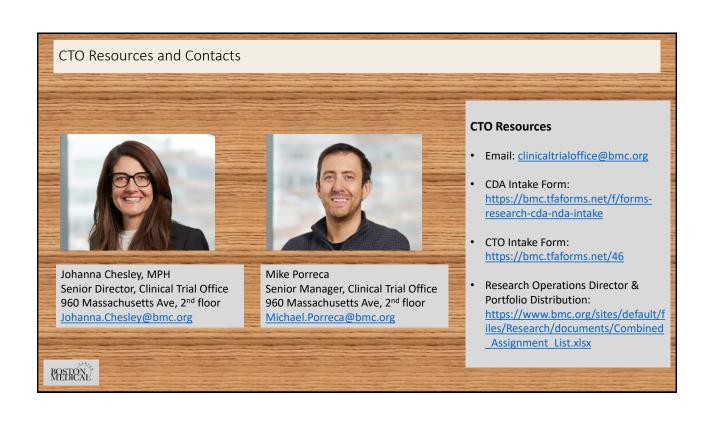


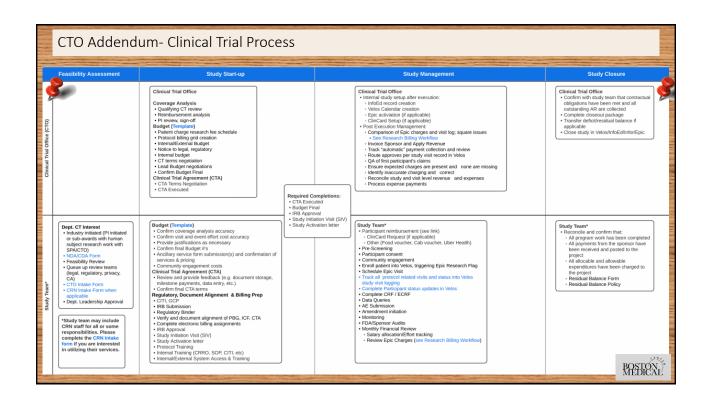


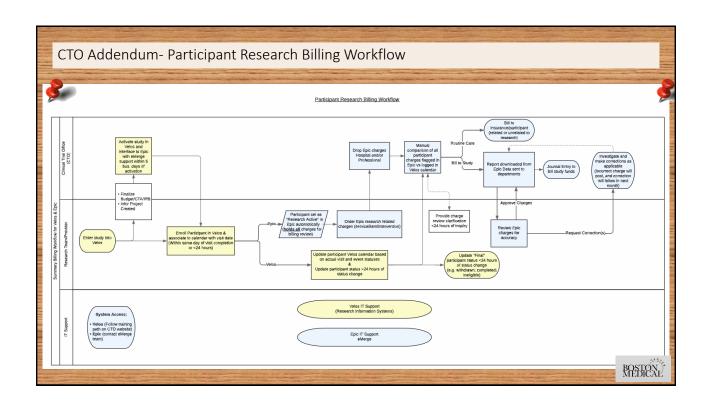
Research Professionals Network (RPN) • Primary audience is clinical research staff (coordinators, research assistances, mangers, etc) RESEARCH REFERENCE GUIDE Provide professional development opportunities including mentoring and ONBOARDING CHECKLIST networking Increase awareness and communication of best practices to promote ZOHO CONNECT GROUP overall wellbeing and protection of participant rights as well as successful recruitment and retention RPN WORKSHOPS Maximize satisfaction and productivity of all members of the research team through sharing of resources Main services and resources RESEARCH CERTIFICATIONS • Workshops Onboarding Checklist STUDY MANAGEMENT TOOLS Research Reference Guide LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER Join the RPN – Become a Member



Wrap-Up Contact Information and Additional Resources will be available in full slide set posted to Seminar Library. • Planning for 2023-2024 seminar calendar is ongoing – provide suggestions on Evaluation Survey. Thank you to our Lightning Talk Presenters CRN CDW IPS **SOPS** CRRO Resources Johanna Chesley Michael Porreca Husam Dennaoui Rvan Schroeder Ridiane Denis Erin Ashe Mary-Tara Roth Rana Leed









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Contact the BMC Clinical Data Warehouse for Research (CDW-R)

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For questions or to schedule a consultation, email: cdw@bmc.org

For more information on CDW-R Services

or to submit a research data request: https://www.bmc.org/research/clinical-data-warehouse-cdw

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- Main GCRU
 - https://www.bu.edu/ctsi/support-for-research/ctsi-general-clinical-research-unit-gcru/
 - BUMCGCRC@bu.edu, 617-358-7560

OHRA Resources and Contacts for CTgov and MCSR Research Licenses

ClinicalTrials.gov/CTgov

- For questions/assistance to register, update/edit or submit results to CTgov, contact the BUMC/BMC CTgov Administrator, damusk@bu.edu, 358-5337 or the OHRA Director <a href="mailto:mail
- www.bumc.bu.edu/ohra/clinicaltrials-gov
- CTgov related HRPP policies 6.6.9 Registering, Updating, and Posting Requirements for Clinical Trials
- https://clinicaltrials.gov
- Articles about CTgov in CR Times

MCSR Research Licenses

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- www.mass.gov/mcsr-for-individuals
- www.mass.gov/info-details/health-professions-licensing-system-user-guide
- https://checkahealthlicense.mass.gov