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The University of Florida’s newly formed Pain Research and Intervention Center of Excellence (PRICE) is a multi-college center of excellence that serves as the professional home for UF scientists, clinicians and trainees dedicated to improved understanding and treatment of pain. Directed by Roger Fillingim, Ph.D., PRICE is affiliated with and supported by the UF Clinical and Translational Science Institute and receives strong support from the UF Institute on Aging and the UF Health Cancer Center.

PRICE provides member investigators with several resources and services to foster clinical and translational pain research at UF. The Pain Clinical Research Unit, directed by Joseph Riley, Ph.D., is a component of PRICE that provides a patient-oriented research venue for clinical and translational pain research.

Pain Clinical Research Unit

The Pain CRU, located on the second floor of the Dental Tower, offers the expertise and equipment to incorporate state-of-the-art pain assessment into clinical research protocols. It provides the following services:

Consultation on design and implementation of pain assessment protocols into research studies: Because pain is a nearly ubiquitous accompaniment to dental and medical conditions, pain assessment is an important component of many clinical research projects. We can provide consultation to investigators on optimal pain assessment methods, ranging from basic pain scales to sophisticated laboratory-based pain measurement protocols.

Collection of psychophysical pain assessment data: If an investigator would like to include some pain testing, but does not have the staff or facilities to do this, we can be the “one-stop pain shop” that provides space, equipment and trained personnel to assist investigators with the administration of laboratory pain assessment methods. Our staff have undergone considerable training and calibration in the conduct of pain testing methods. Pain CRU staff can train your research staff in the conduct of these procedures, or we can arrange to have our staff conduct the testing in the Pain CRU facility.