The UF Clinical Research Center provides services in support of inpatient and outpatient research studies involving any disease area or age group, from neonates to older adults. The UF CRC’s highly trained research staff includes registered nurses, a medical technologist, a research dietitian, and bionutrition and administrative staff. A research subject advocate is available to help participants understand their rights and responsibilities.

Facilities & Equipment

Occupying the first floor of the north wing in the new Clinical and Translational Research Building (CTRB), the UF CRC has a significantly expanded outpatient research facility with 14 exam rooms, 2 procedure rooms and 8 infusion bays plus reception, consenting, phlebotomy, sample processing and lab areas (see floor plan on reverse). The new space has adult and pediatric waiting areas and office space for research teams to utilize, as well as an on-site investigational pharmacy and metabolic kitchen. The CTRB has on-site parking for research participants and access to the UF Health shuttle. The UF CRC is able to accommodate uncomplicated overnight stays in the CTRB and has access to three beds for inpatient research in unit 42 of Shands hospital. The UF CRC has a treadmill, exercise bike, Bod Pod, pulmonary function and pain testing research equipment.

Nursing Services

Nursing services include clinical trial coordination, phlebotomy, serial blood collection, monitoring of vital signs, height and weight measurements, specimen collection including pharmacokinetic sampling, assistance with procedures, body composition testing, basal metabolic rate testing, EKG testing, exercise testing, medication administration including investigational medications and infusions, and physician order set and worksheet development. Investigators can also utilize their own nurses and coordinators in the new CTRB facility.

Bionutrition Services

The UF CRC can provide 24-hour diet recalls, food record analyses, food frequency questionnaires, anthropometric measurements, protocol-specific nutrition counseling/assessment, and nutrition data management. Protocol-specific controlled meals can also be provided.

Laboratory Services

Lab services include specimen processing, temporary storage of specimens (-80 degrees), pregnancy testing (urine), YSI glucose and lactate testing, urinalysis by dipstick, and DNA extraction. We can also help determine which tests are most appropriate for a protocol.
UF Clinical Research Center’s New Outpatient Research Facility
1st floor of the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (north) wing of the Clinical and Translational Research Building

Floor Plan as of 4/15/2013

- Pediatric waiting area
- 8-bay infusion suite
- Investigational pharmacy
- Procedure rooms (2 total)
- Exam rooms (14 total; up to 3 available for overnight stays)
- Adult waiting area
- Sample processing lab
- Adjacent parking garage with spaces for research participants