

**RCMI Clinical Research Infrastructure Initiative (RCRII)
Clinical Centers for Research Excellence (CCRE)
Comprehensive Centers for Health Disparities (CCHD)
PROGRAM DIRECTORY**

(Sorted by State)

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RCRII Goals

- Increase the number of clinical research investigators using the Clinical Research Center (CRC)
- Expand research infrastructure to support outpatient and/or inpatient clinical research studies at Drew
- Increase clinical oriented research publications and PHS-funded clinical oriented research grant applications developed by Drew faculty
- Fully develop the CRC Informatics Core and the RCMI Clinical Research Advisory Committee (RCAC)
- Increase community dissemination activities, collaborations with community-based organizations and community-based collaborations on grants and publications

Areas of Investigation

- Endocrinology and Metabolic Studies
- Exercise Physiology
- Nutrition
- Hypertension
- Kidney Disease
- Lead Toxicology
- Keloids
- Cancer

Center Resources, Special Instruments, and/or Services

- Outpatient facilities, nursing, biostatistical and ancillary services
- Hormone Assay Core (HAC) Laboratory
- Exercise Physiology Laboratory

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CCRE Goals

- Increase the critical mass of diabetes and metabolic-related clinical researchers
- Promote faculty development through the support of mentored-research pilot projects by pairing dedicated senior investigators with promising junior faculty
- Enhance the career development of junior investigators by provided an environment that facilitates scientific discovery and short-term curricula and/or formal degree training at Drew
- Improve diabetes and metabolic disorder patient outcomes in the context of methodologically rigorous clinical research via two research cores: 1) The Translational Research Core and 2) The Body Composition and Metabolism Core
- Increase the body of knowledge and research activity (grant submissions and procurement, presentations, and publications) in diabetes and metabolic disorders

Areas of Investigation

- Diabetes
- Metabolic-related Diseases

Center Resources, Special Instruments, and/or Services

- Translational Research Core
- Body Composition and Metabolism Core

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CCHD Goals

- Improve the quality of life and reduce the incidence of death for those who have Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)
- Promote the conduct of methodologically rigorous research (focusing on national CKD priority areas) aimed at improving outcomes for CKD patients
- Promote the conduct of methodologically rigorous research (focusing on national CKD priority areas) aimed at reducing disparities in CKD and CKD risk factors for disadvantaged African American and Latino patients
- Build research capacity and provide formal training in both academic and community-based settings for CKD/health disparities researchers at Drew
- Educate and increase the participation of medically underserved minorities in evidence-based health promotion and disease prevention research directed toward CKD and CKD risk factors
- Disseminate results of relevant efficacy studies and health information in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner to this population, community-based health care providers, the broader academic community, and to health policy makers

Areas of Investigation

- Chronic Kidney Disease

Center Resources, Special Instruments, and/or Services

- CCHD-CKD Disparities Repository
- Chronic Kidney Disease Policy Resource Center

GEORGIA

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RCRII Goals

- Provide an infrastructure to conduct state-of-the-art clinical and translational research on diseases that disproportionately affect African Americans and other ethnic minorities
- Provide focused training and faculty development programs to increase the number of clinician scientists qualified to serve as principal investigators
- Facilitate basic science and clinical science collaborations as a mechanism to foster research translation

Areas of Investigation

- Hypertension

Center Resources, Special Instruments, and/or Services

- Community Physician's Network (CPN)
- Recruitment and Retention Core
- Noninvasive Cardiovascular and Hemodynamic Core Laboratory
- Analytical and Protein Profiling Laboratory
- Biostatistical and Data Management Core
- Nursing Core
- Bionutrition Core

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CCRE Goals

- Establish an organizational framework to promote a collaborative, inter-disciplinary approach to clinical investigation that engages the full breadth of the Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) scientific community and create a nurturing research environment for the development of MSM junior faculty
- Establish an institution-wide mechanism to recruit and mentor a critical mass of talented young faculty who will develop successful translational and clinical research programs at MSM
- Recruit a 'magnet investigator' who will provide ongoing leadership of the CCRE program, further enhance MSM's research capacity and expand the critical mass of senior clinician-scientist mentors
- Establish a vibrant, collaborative research infrastructure that supports a continual process of innovation in clinical investigation by the ongoing incorporation of new enabling technologies in translational and patient-oriented research

Areas of Investigation

- Ethnic Health Disparities
- Under-representation of Minority Clinical Investigators
- Interplay between regional environmental factors (high-fat/high-salt diet) and genetic influences on the pathobiology of vascular dysfunction and cardiovascular complications in African Americans

Center Resources, Special Instruments, and/or Services

- Career Development Core
- Participant Coordination Core
- Reparative Biomedical Core

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RCRII Goals

- Continue to provide the necessary physical and intellectual infrastructure to support safe and culturally appropriate clinical research at the University of Hawaii
- Cultivate and develop well-trained and productive clinical research faculty
- Build and refine clinical excellence and expertise in Early Human Development, Bionutrition and Cancer with particular emphasis on issues of clinical relevance to the populations of the state of Hawaii
- Continue to partner on community-based research and to expand research collaboration through the proposed RCMI Translational Research Network (RTRN)

Areas of Investigation

- Early human development
- Bionutrition
- Cancer

Center Resources, Special Instruments, and/or Services

- Satellite CRC facility at The Queen's Medical Center
- Bionutrition Core
- Body Composition Core

UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII

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CCRE Goals

- Further augment and strengthen research capacity
- Mentor junior investigators as they conduct meritorious preliminary research leading to successful competition for R and P series grants
- Attract other investigators to complement the specific research area of early human development
- Contribute to the reduction and elimination of health disparities in early human development in diverse ethnic groups in Hawaii

Areas of Investigation

- Early human development
- Health disparities

Center Resources, Special Instruments, and/or Services

- Clinical Phenotyping and Patient Sample Core
 - Multidisciplinary Mentoring Core
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RCRII Goals

- Develop infrastructure and support services to facilitate clinical research activities
- Stimulate the research potential of the clinical faculty
- Enhance the clinical faculty skills in modern principles and practices of clinical research, methodology of study design and statistical methods
- Intensify the specific research activity in the areas of diabetes, neurosciences, AIDS and establish a Neonatal Twin Registry to allow the study of metabolic and hereditary conditions in prospective studies
- Encourage collaborative projects between basic and clinical investigators as well as with other major research centers and Universities
- Increase the number of investigator initiated research with independent funding in order to assemble a critical mass of clinical investigators suitable for the progression of the RCRII to a General Clinical Research Center (GCRC)

Areas of Investigation

- Diabetes
- Neurosciences
- AIDS

Center Resources, Special Instruments, and/or Services

- Clinical Research Faculty Development
- Clinical Research Development
- NIH Services

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CCHD Goals

- Enhance clinical and translational research through collaboration among University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine, Universidad Central Del Caribe School of Medicine and Ponce School of Medicine
- Establish a “culture of collaboration” for future research endeavors
- Develop sustainable, replicable and culturally appropriate prevention and/or intervention research programs targeted to the Puerto Rican population to decrease the burden of disease
- Develop and validate a series of culturally appropriate instruments to measure diverse variables (i.e. sociodemographic, HIV risk behaviors, co-morbidities, adherence, stigma, history of violence and abuse) and to make them available to interested investigators and health care providers
- Establish a mentorship program for junior investigators with resources from both local and abroad (PR and US institutions) and to create a stimulating academic environment that will encourage students and fellows to pursue a care in health disparities research (i.e. HIV/AIDS research)
- Enhance the opportunities for multidisciplinary research collaborations between the island institutions and those with more established research programs in the US mainland

Areas of Investigation

- AIDS
- HIV Infection
- Health Disparities

Center Resources, Special Instruments, and/or Services

- Faculty Development and Clinical Behavior Research Cores
 - Data Center and Repository Cores
 - Laboratory Cores
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TENNESSEE

MEHARRY MEDICAL COLLEGE

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RCRII Goals

- Strengthen the administrative infrastructure of the CRC and to diversify the clinical research activities in the CRC by developing initiatives in oral health, community health, clinical pharmacology, and a collaborative clinical research network
- Increase the type and quality of direct research support available to both junior and experienced clinical research faculty
- Increase the number of medical and dental faculty conducting clinical research using the CRC

Areas of Investigation

- Oral Health
- Community Health
- Clinical Pharmacology
- Collaborative Clinical Research Network
- Health Disparities Research (i.e. cancer, cardiovascular, infectious disease, HIV/AIDS, neurobiological/behavioral, and infant mortality)

Center Resources, Special Instruments, and/or Services

- Biometrics Core

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CCHD Goals

- Recruit and employ an established nationally recognized clinical scientist to serve as a focus to attract and develop other research faculty and to lead the Comprehensive Center for Disparities Research in HIV/AIDS at Meharry Medical College (MMC)
- Enhance the scholarly environment for research in HIV/AIDS
- Establish a sound administrative and scientific infrastructure for the growth of the center
- Recruit and employ established investigators who study HIV or closely related subjects
- Increase the number of mainstream research project grants that fund HIV research at MMC
- Increase the number of Meharry faculty with collaborative, extramural funding for research in HIV/AIDS
- Increase the number of peer-reviewed publications by HIV/AIDS investigators

Areas of Investigation

- HIV/AIDS
- Health Disparities

Center Resources, Special Instruments, and/or Services

- Faculty Recruitment and Development Activities