CLINICAL TRIALS RESEARCH ALLIANCE

Working to develop the medical treatments and cures of tomorrow through collaborative research, the Wright State Research Institute (WSRI), Wright State University’s Boonshoft School of Medicine (BSOM), and Premier Health operate the Clinical Trials Research Alliance (CTRA). CTRA has increased medical research opportunities for physicians and clinicians and furthered access to clinical trials in the Dayton, Ohio, region.
The Clinical Trials Research Alliance scientifically studies how a new medicine or treatment works in patients, which can lead to medical solutions. Clinical studies allow doctors to find new and better ways to prevent, detect, diagnose, control and treat illnesses. The Alliance’s clinical studies give residents of the Dayton region, where the partners in the Alliance are located, patient access to research studies and possible participation in important research trials.

The Wright State Research Institute provides business infrastructure and administrative support for the Alliance, alleviating paperwork and bureaucracy while building a pipeline for new research projects. By putting strong managerial and administrative support in place, WSRI’s activities free doctors and researchers to concentrate on their research.

Premier Health, a medical network of four hospitals and two major health centers, provides doctors, researchers, facilities and patients for the research. The Boonshoft School of Medicine participates with a similar group of professionals and medical students, accelerating the latter group’s training.

This major public-private initiative partners the clinical resources of the region’s leading hospital system with the Dayton region’s strongest biomedical research institution, Wright State’s medical school.

As the portfolio and research discoveries grow, the Alliance helps strengthen the economy and:
• improves medical science and services sectors throughout the region
• creates opportunities to commercialize new devices, treatments and technologies

Other services include:
• linking investigators to trials and research opportunities
• providing educational opportunities to investigators and clinical staff
• budget development and contract negotiation with sponsors
• regulatory guidance and compliance support
• preparation of Institutional Review Board (IRB) submissions
• access to specific resources within the Alliance to enable implementation, such as clinical research coordinators, biostatistics and any other required support
• back-end clinical trials management system to minimize the time clinicians spend on trial documentation

The Alliance’s infrastructure supports both industry-initiated clinical trials and investigator-initiated clinical trials.

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**About the Wright State Research Institute**
Wright State Research Institute (WSRI), a department of Wright State University, is at the forefront of where science and technology combine to develop innovative customer-focused solutions. With an emphasis on use-inspired and applied research, new product development, and program management in the human and health sciences, the institute applies emerging technologies to difficult problems facing industry and government partners. As one of the region’s leading research institutions, WSRI pursues a mission that facilitates technology development, job creation, and the economic revitalization of the Dayton region and the State of Ohio.

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**About Wright State**
Wright State University is a comprehensive public university with strong doctoral, research and undergraduate programs and is rated among the 260 Best National Universities listed in the annual "America’s Best Colleges" rankings by U.S. News and World Report. Wright State is located in Fairborn, Ohio, a suburb of Dayton. The university has a branch campus on the north shore of Grand Lake St. Marys, near Celina, Ohio. Wright State’s current enrollment is a combined 17,595 students on both campuses, of which 15,665 are undergraduate students.

Wright State became an accredited independent university in 1967. It is named after Dayton’s famed native sons, Wilbur and Orville Wright, the pioneers of aviation.

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