ROLE OF OFFICE

Under the auspices of Johns Hopkins Medicine and The Johns Hopkins Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR), the Johns Hopkins Clinical Research Network (JHCRN) is a regional alliance of academic and community-based medical centers. Formed in 2009, in response to the NIH-funded Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA), the JHCRN provides a unique mechanism for conducting research across the research continuum by linking academic and community investigators.

JHCRN members include:

Anne Arundel Medical Center
Alleghany Health Network
Inova Health System
Johns Hopkins Medicine
Peninsula Regional Medical Center
Reading Hospital

Our Mission:

The Johns Hopkins Clinical Research Network is a regional translational research organization to link a diverse network of academic and community based health care delivery systems to more rapidly and cost effectively expedite scientific discovery through clinical trials and comparative effectiveness research.

PERFORMANCE IN THE PAST YEAR

- Development of updated strategic plan
- 29 JHU investigator presentations to Investigator Committee
- 12 active investigator-initiated studies
• 1,023 research participants enrolled in JHCRN studies
• IT committee: developing cross-site avenues for data capture and empowering sites by supporting IT initiatives such as the implementation of TrinetX
• Metrics: capturing and analyzing performance measures
• Marketing: new avenues to increase engagement and growth
• Yearly investigator symposium: Jonathan Moreno, PhD, David and Lyn Silfen University Professor of Ethics, University of Pennsylvania, “Blurring of the Boundaries between Clinical Research and Clinical Practice.” 180 participants attended this year’s symposium; the most ever to attend and double the attendance of the previous year.

**CHANGES IN THE PAST YEAR**

• Anne Arundel Health System: After approval from the state to add psychiatric/mental health beds, construction is underway for a free-standing, 16 bed mental health facility. The McNew Family Medical Center should be ready to receive its first patients in the spring of 2020. Additionally, AAMC recently received final go-ahead to begin a new cardiac surgery program in collaboration with Johns Hopkins Medicine. Finally, a major milestone is the new partnership between Anne Arundel Medical Center (AAMC) and Doctors Community Health System (Lanham, MD). The new health system aims to create a positive impact on access to healthcare in the region.
• Peninsula Regional Medical Center: David Cowall, MD, a key research leader from Peninsula Regional Medical Center has retired.
• Peninsula Regional Medical Center: Robert Joyner, PhD is the new Director of the Richard A. Henson Research Institute. Dr. Joyner holds a PhD in Physiology from Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth College. He is also a graduate of Salisbury University’s Respiratory Therapy Program. Dr. Joyner began his career as a traveling Respiratory Therapist. Most recently, Dr. Joyner was a Professor of Health Sciences and Director of the School of Health Sciences at Salisbury University, where he now holds Professor Emeriti status.
• Reading Hospital: Reading Hospital/Tower Health and Drexel University broke ground for the Drexel University College of Medicine at Tower Health site in West Reading.
• INOVA: INOVA and The University of Virginia are beginning a research and education partnership in Northern Virginia. There will be a regional UVA campus on the new Inova Center for Personalized Health which will help keep Virginia on the forefront of advancing medicine.
• Community Research Advisor: The JHCRN Executive Committee The advisor’s responsibility is to share their perspective on patient engagement in research. Melanie Reese, a Baltimore native recently joined the JHCRN team and will meet with investigators to help formulate participant engagement plans.

JHCRN studies benefitted member institutions through research revenues in FY2018

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NEW DEVELOPMENTS FOR UPCOMING YEAR

- TriNetX: Started spring of 2018 at JHU. Affiliate sites are in advanced planning to become TriNetX sites so we can build a JHCRN EMR research database.
- Encouraging investigator-initiated projects: The JHCRN continues to network with Hopkins and JHCRN site investigators to develop grants and respond to funding opportunities.
- Pragmatic trials network: As part of the JHCRN, the Pragmatic trials network continues to build relationships throughout the JHCRN and during the year submitted two grant applications.
- The JHCRN provided a total of $50,000 through our Research Accelerator and Mentorship Program (RAMP) funding mechanism; last year’s recipients are:
  - Risa Wolf, MD (Johns Hopkins Medicine) & Stephan Myers, MD (Reading Hospital): “The role of Adipokines in the Resolution of Diabetes after Bariatric Surgery”
  - Holly Wilcox, MD (Johns Hopkins Medicine), James Trumble, MD (Peninsula Regional Medical Center), & Arundhati Gogineni, PhD (Anne Arundel Medical Center): “Addressing Suicide Research Gaps on the Eastern Shore of Maryland”

The JHCRN continues to offer investigators the benefit of:

- Access to a diverse population of over 11.2 million patients
- One IRB and one source for contracting
- Letters of support from JHCRN and individual sites
- Assistance finding research collaborators in community-based health systems
- Mentorship by experienced clinical researchers
- Assist with gathering administrative paperwork for grants

BEST WAY TO WORK WITH PROGRAM

To learn more, visit: https://ictr.johnshopkins.edu/JHCRN

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