



**The Clinical and Translational Research Center** provides ancillary support for human research study protocols to underserved populations through outstanding education, research, and clinical services in the context of community engagement.

## CTRC Facility at CDU

- 7 exam/procedure rooms
- Experienced and bilingual clinical staff
- On-Site Pharmacist
- Sample Processing Laboratory
- Consultation Room
- Conference Room

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## What services do we offer at the CTRC?

- **Reduced - cost** for clinical research services and laboratory assay fees
- **Pharmacy Services** including but not limited to study drug procurement, randomization, medication dispensing and pharmaceutical waste disposal
- **Sample Processing Laboratory** services include ambient and cold centrifuge, aliquoting, storage, and sample tracking
- **Participant Transportation** one-way or round-trip within a 15 mile radius of CDU campus
- **Flexible scheduling** for study participants, walk-in visits welcomed and Saturdays by appointment
- **Collaborative Community Research Partners** with direct access to CDU's Community Engagement Faculty and weekly radio broadcast
- **Conference accommodations** equipped with convenient technology for small meetings and focus groups
- **IRB submission and budget preparation** assistance
- **Additional resources** available as part of a cross-organizational collaboration with Cedars Sinai, LA BioMed/Harbor-UCLA and UCLA

## CTRC Staff at CDU

- **Medical Director:** David Martins, MD
- **Nurse Manager:** O. Laurice Pitts, LVN
- **Pharmacist:** Peter Tom, Pharm D

## Who Is Eligible for CTSI Services and Support?

CTSI services and support are generally available to investigators at its four partnered institutions and UCLA affiliate institutions. Investigators at CTSI community partner sites may also be eligible.

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## Location, Contacts & Hours:

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**Biostatistics, Epidemiology and Research Design** provides biostatistical and data management support, grant preparation, education and bioinformatics/computational biology services to CTSI research teams. **Staff contact:** [domstat@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:domstat@mednet.ucla.edu)

**Community Engagement and Research Program** develops, implements, and refines models of community engagement and facilitates research collaborations with community partners. **Staff contact:** [Savanna Carson, scarson@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:scarson@mednet.ucla.edu)

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**Integrating Special Populations** focuses on catalyzing and strengthening research in three special groups: children, older adults, and groups affected by health disparities. **Staff contact:** [Nathalie Vizueta, nvizueta@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:nvizueta@mednet.ucla.edu)

**Network Resources** consists of two units: 1) The **Clinical Research Acceleration Unit (CRAU)** interacts with the CTSA Network Trial Innovation Centers (TICs) to ensure rapid study start-up of clinical trials and assist investigators with high priority studies; 2) The **Recruitment Unit** has been established to interact with Research Innovation Centers (RICs) to ensure rapid subject recruitment to clinical trials.  
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