Primary Children’s Medical Center

Medical research complements the mission of Primary Children’s Medical Center and the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Utah by providing and improving excellent patient care in the following ways:

**BETTER MEDICAL OUTCOMES** —
Primary Children’s focuses on translational research studies and clinical trials that directly improve quality of care. These outcomes are shared broadly through presentations and publications.

**TREATMENT INNOVATIONS** —
Research offers patients opportunities to receive treatment innovations and bring funding into the facility.

**ATTRACTING MEDICAL EXPERTS** —
Primary Children’s research support helps attract leading physicians, nurses, and caregivers. This contributes to better patient care.

**GETTING STARTED**

1. Research projects must identify how the research may improve patient care or enhance clinical outcomes.
2. Projects require prior departmental approval and, in some cases, approval of departments and service lines that will be impacted. Please communicate with affected areas before submitting the proposal to the Institutional Review Board (IRB).
3. Plan ahead. Consider consulting the IRB and Intermountain Privacy Board when preparing the project. The IRB of record for Primary Children’s Medical Center is the University of Utah. Primary Children’s does not delegate oversight of records to the University of Utah. IRB and privacy review and approval takes time.

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**Institutional Review Board (IRB)**
The IRB reviews proposed research protocols to protect human subjects involved in research within the Intermountain Healthcare system. We also review protocols that involve human biological material and protected health information.

IRB is responsible for the following:

- Reviewing and approving applications to conduct research that involves human subjects.
- Continuing review of approved protocols.
- Monitoring reported adverse events that involve subjects in approved protocols.
- Assuring and facilitating the ethical conduct of biomedical research that involves human subjects.

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Faculty from the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Utah apply through the ERICA system — http://www.ERICA.research.utah.edu

Studies lead by investigators outside the Department of Pediatrics that utilize Intermountain resources and data must submit an IRB application through the Intermountain Office of Research. Intermountain employees leading research projects within Intermountain Healthcare apply for IRB approval through the Intermountain Office of Research and the Research Management System — http://intermountainhealthcare.org/qualityandresearch/researchmanagement.

**Intermountain Privacy Board**

In order to facilitate pediatric research at Primary Children’s Medical Center, we will accept approvals from the University of Utah Institutional Review Board for data research using Intermountain pediatric patients. The approval will apply to principal investigators who are pediatricians and pediatric subspecialists at the University of Utah within the Department of Pediatrics and university staff who specialize in pediatric ophthalmology, pediatric dermatology, pediatric orthopedics, and pediatric surgery. The applications entered into ERICA for Primary Children’s data research will be reviewed by the Intermountain Privacy Board. Then the decision of this Board will be submitted to the University of Utah’s IRB for final approval.

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INTERMOUNTAIN STATISTICAL DATA CENTER

The Statistical Data Center is a team of statisticians available to help with design, analysis, and interpretation of research within Intermountain Healthcare. Statisticians can help with research study design and results analysis. Although help is available at any stage, most researchers benefit from talking with a statistician earlier in the process rather than later. The Statistical Data Center does not collect data or write proposals or articles, but helps with data entry and statistics.

Initial consultations are free. If a grant is involved, then the Statistical Data Center should be included on the grant. Short-term projects, less than 20 hours, and certain other projects are accomplished without charge to the investigator. Ask about rates for other projects. Contact: Kent Korgenski at kent.korgenski@imail.org or 801.213.3293.

STUDY DESIGN AND BIOSTATISTICS CENTER (SDBC)

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INSTITUTIONAL ACCOUNTS AND PATIENT BILLING

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S YSTEM IMPROVEMENT AT PRIMARY CHILDREN’S MEDICAL CENTER

The Primary Children’s Department of System Improvement includes a team of data analysts with the ability to extract data from the various clinical information systems used at the hospital. This group can create research data sets, prepare charts and graphs, and provide basic statistical support to researchers. Contact Tanya Stout at tanya.stout@imail.org or 801.662.6508.

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