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Dear Colleague:

Case Western Reserve University and its clinical partners are privileged to provide support for clinical and translational science education, training, and infrastructure through the Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA). The CTSA is supported by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS), National Institutes of Health, through Grant UL1TR000439.

Our CTSA was first approved for funding by the NIH in 2007. The CWRU consortium renamed itself the Clinical and Translational Science Collaborative (CTSC) to emphasize collaboration among the University and its clinical affiliates. Our goal is to enable and enhance integrated clinical and translational research within the Cleveland community to improve the health of residents in Northeast Ohio and beyond.

This Collaborative finds its academic home within the Case School of Medicine in the Center for Clinical Investigation (CCI), directed by Pamela B. Davis, M.D., Ph.D., CTSC PI and Dean of the School of Medicine. The CTSC coordinates existing resources relevant to clinical research at Case Western Reserve University and four of its hospital affiliates, the Cleveland Clinic, MetroHealth Medical Center, University Hospitals Case Medical Center and Louis Stokes Cleveland VA Medical Center. The CTSC incorporates three previously-existing GCRC facilities, now termed Clinical Research Units, coordinated practice-based research networks, and research programs reaching into the community. We provide pilot grant funds, assist with development of new enabling technology, provide consultation on research project planning and design, assist investigators to navigate the regulatory environment, provide bioethics consultations, assist with designing research databases, and provide various other services. A research education and training program, directed by Richard Rudick, M.D., CTSC Co-PI, and co-directed by Shirley Moore, PhD, RN, Dean of Research for the School of Nursing, provides support for training at the pre-doctoral and post-doctoral levels, and coordinates various education activities across the spectrum of the research enterprise workforce.

CTSC resources are easily accessed online or in person through the Research Concierge Service. The Research Concierge Service will help you navigate the CTSC resources, and identify individuals to assist with statistics and design, bioethics, regulatory issues, and other expertise or resources that can assist you in planning or conducting clinical or translational research projects.

We invite you to become a member of the Cleveland CTSC, and to participate in multidisciplinary, collaborative clinical and translational research within our Cleveland collaborative.

Sincerely,

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