

CLINICAL RESEARCH DEPARTMENT

The Clinical Research Department (CRD) oversees all research projects at the Lung Center of the Philippines (LCP). It receives, evaluates and coordinates all research activities. It establishes policies and guidelines for the development, writing, presentation and approval of research proposals. Thru its Technical Review Board (TRB), it provides guidance and technical expertise on protocol development, including sample size calculation and statistical analysis plan. It spearheads institutional researches and coordinates with other national and international agencies for clinical trials, student undergraduate and graduate research, and collaborative research. It runs the TB Research Team at the LCP's National Center for Pulmonary Research (NCPR) as well as spearheads the Lung Cancer Registry to gather and collate the comprehensive local data on pulmonary tuberculosis and lung cancer, respectively. It maintains the Clinical Research Facility (CRF), an establishment that provides room, space and storage facilities for clinical trials and research.

The CRD publishes the Scientific Proceedings, the official journal of the LCP, to share local relevant educational material in the field of pulmonary medicine. The Scientific Proceedings Journal publishes original clinical investigations, epidemiological studies, case reports, review articles, evaluation of diagnostic and surgical techniques, and latest updates on management guidelines.

In 2019, the CRD started to align with the vision and strategic direction of the LCP on research. The current challenges involve providing resources to support priority programs and projects with other departments to undertake institutional research on advanced procedures to support new clinical pathways, programs and policies and contribute to impact healthy lungs and healthy environment.

The department likewise is aligned with the National Unified Health Research Agenda 2021-2025 on [1] responsive health system [2] research to enhance and extend healthy lives [3] holistic approaches to health and wellness [4] health resiliency [5] global competitiveness and innovation in health and [6] research in equity and health.

In order to achieve these proposed strategic directions, the CRD reviews its accomplishment using the perspectives of the Balanced Scorecard in [1] learning and growth [2] internal business processes [3] customer satisfaction and [4] financial perspective. From these perspectives, the CRD hopes to monitor the outcomes of all action plans and to evaluate the implementation of such plans.

LISTING AND BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF AVAILABLE SERVICES

Registration of researches to be conducted at the LCP : processes all applications for Institutional Research, Clinical Trials, Student Undergraduate Research, Graduate Research and Collaborative Research.

Technical Review Board (TRB) : provides review of research protocols based on its technical merits.

Clinical Research Facility: provides rental for room space, investigational product storage and archiving of completed research.

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