



Clinical and Translational Science Institute
of Southeast Wisconsin

HAPPY SUMMER INVESTIGATORS AND STUDY STAFF!

Welcome to the July edition of our brand-new A-TRU newsletter, designed to keep you up-to-date on everything A-TRU. As we dive into the heart of summer, we hope that you are finding time to recharge while continuing the important work that you do every day.

Whether you are taking some well-deserved PTO or powering through key projects, we hope you have a great summer of progress, positivity and a little sunshine too.



A-TRU NEWS

A monthly newsletter brought to you by the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) of Southeast Wisconsin

STAFFING UPDATES

Clinical Staffing Updates

We're hiring! The A-TRU is currently looking for a great Medical Assistant (MA-I) to join our team. If you know of anyone who is reliable, compassionate and would be a good fit for a team-oriented research environment, we'd love your recommendations. Please contact us at atru@mcw.edu.

Yolanda Perez, our pool MA for years, has joined our team as a .75FTE and has taken up scheduling and clinical duties. Please welcome her in her expanded capacity!

Please also welcome Anita Ward, RN joining our nursing pool. Anita comes to us from GI and brings years of research experience. She is currently being onboarded to conduct infusions.



BION Staffing Updates

Kelli Dunham, Bionutrition Manager, has transitioned to a part-time role. She will be focusing strictly on the clinical duties and not invest effort towards administrative tasks at the A-TRU. Kelli remains available to assist with all BION-related needs, including diet recalls, lifestyle counseling, study visits, quotes and general inquiries.

You also may have noticed Jesse Chavez-Penalzoza, LPN, supporting our BION services. Over the past year, Jesse has taken on an expanded role in BION, performing DXA scans, scheduling and providing additional program support. Please feel free to reach out to Kelli and Jesse as needed – they are both here to ensure continuity and excellence in our BION services.

IRB PROTOCOL AMENDMENTS

Just a reminder to reach out via email to let us know of any procedure/visit changes, and to provide updated protocol, etc. This will allow us to make edits to our flowsheets and train our staff to continue providing excellent service to you. Contact us at atru@mcw.edu

EQUIPMENT USE IN THE A-TRU

When using pumps and BP monitors at the A-TRU, please be sure to return it to its original place and ensure that it is plugged in so it is ready for the next visit. In addition, if moving equipment or furniture within the room or to another room, please return it to its original location.



UPDATED A-TRU PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION FORM

We've made a few updates to our registration form to help streamline the scheduling process. If you are not already using the latest version, it is now posted on our website for you to download and use. Moving forward, all updates will be posted on the website as well.

When scheduling appointments, if possible, kindly specify a time range for blood draws to help us plan efficiently. We may also coordinate a specific time for your DXA scan or diet recall ensuring a smooth and timely visit.

The registration form has also been revised to include "Request for Participant Identification Labels". Knowing the number of labels needed will help us have them printed and waiting for you at the time of your visit. Additional changes include the removal of participant's contact information and the addition of the study coordinator's contact information. Please submit your request for service only by using the A-TRU Participant Registration Form to schedule new appointments, one appointment at a time. [View the updated A-TRU Participant Registration Form on the CTSI website.](#)

A-TRU COMMUNICATION & BEST PRACTICES

To ensure smooth operations, please be on time for your scheduled visits. Although, we will try our best to let you know if your participant has arrived, we may not always be available to contact you immediately. Showing up on time to meet your participant and begin study procedures is important to keep our schedule moving along.

Also, if the study coordinator that sent the A-TRU Participant Registration Form will not be the same study coordinator that will be attending the visit, please let us know so we know who we should be contacting.

Finally, in the interest of study participants, please properly inform them of the exact time, place and study coordinator they are meeting with and the research study they are part of. Participants knowing these important details related to the study they are participating in, will not only prevent any future confusion, but also enables A-TRU staff to better assist study participants.