

Clinical Research Committee

1. What is purpose of the Clinical Research Committee?

The purpose of the Clinical Research Committee (CRC) is to support clinical research and to facilitate research collaborations which involve clinical space, personnel, or clients from the Northwestern University Center for Audiology, Speech, Language and Learning (NUCASLL). CRC welcomes requests for clinical research involvement that encompass one or more of the following criteria: contribute to the overall mission of the department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and NUCASLL; contribute to clinical growth; and enhance student learning. CRC will review requests according to available resources, including clinical staff time and available space. CRC will also monitor adherence to clinic procedures and responsible research conduct throughout the study. The CRC oversees the following areas:

Coordination of shared space. Clinical spaces available for research use include the Virtual Sound Room (ViSoR), ABR and EEG room. Users may reserve space using an online schedule. Substantial users will be asked to contribute to supply costs, with the CRC to determine equitable cost distribution among users on a quarterly basis. Although every effort is made to offer flexible scheduling, clinical needs have priority use for shared space.

Availability of clinical faculty time. CRC will assist researchers in determining the appropriate clinical faculty expertise, and will facilitate use of clinical faculty time. Researchers who require an ongoing clinical contribution may choose to offer grant support of a percent FTE.

Participant recruitment. NUCASLL is committed to offering translational research opportunities to our clients. The [Communication Research Registry](#) offers a ready source of ongoing recruitment. All recruitment requests go through this registry.

Clinical Outcomes Research: NUCASLL is committed to conducting clinically-based research involving the evaluation of diagnostic and intervention procedures.

2. Who is on the CRC?

The CRC is comprised of a group of clinical and research faculty.

3. Does my research need CRC support?

If you are using NUCASLL clinical data, personnel, space or clients for research purposes your research needs CRC support.

4. Does the data I collect clinically need CRC support?

If you are intending to present your data outside of NUCASLL (e.g, at a conference or in a published paper), your project needs CRC support.

5. When does the CRC meet?

The CRC meets bi-monthly to provide consultations, review applications and monitor ongoing projects.

6. What is the CRC process?

