

Dear Colleague,

As you may have seen, a memo was sent to Feinberg School of Medicine (FSM)/Northwestern Memorial Hospital (NMH) based investigators describing the transition plans for the General Clinical Research Center (GCRC). We wanted to send a separate memo to investigators based at Children's Memorial Hospital (CMH) to clarify that the new Clinical Research Unit (CRU) will continue to serve Children's Memorial Hospital with Leon Epstein continuing to serve as Associate Program Director for Pediatric Research. The original memo is attached but we would like to highlight the changes that most directly impact investigators at CMH.

New Projects: we have simplified the application forms and instructions from the old GCRC process. These are posted at the CRU website: <http://www.nucats.northwestern.edu/centers/ccr/index.html>. The next phase is to further simplify the application process. We will keep you posted as we continue to streamline the application process.

We will continue to communicate regularly during this transition phase. In the interim, please contact Carla Lozano at 773-880 3746 or clozano@childrensmemorial.org with any questions or concerns. We are very excited about the new CRU and an attendant increase in the quality and range of services available to investigators.

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