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Location & Hours

The Department of Health Studies administrative offices are located in W-238 and are open Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Biostatistics Laboratory is located in the Medical Center at the north end of the 3rd floor of the Mothers Aid Research Pavilion (MARP). The R-corridor 3rd floor can be accessed from Goldblatt 2nd floor by the staircase at the west end of the corridor near the entrance to the Dept. Ob/Gyn suite.

To schedule an appointment, please call 702-2453. Clinical Research Center and Cancer Research Center members are encouraged to contact their center administrator prior to scheduling appointments.

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Collaboration

The Department mission is to increase and communicate knowledge that enhances health, reduces illness, and improves outcomes of health care.

Faculty interests include diagnosis and outcomes of treatment of prostate cancer; epidemiology of diseases among the elderly; Bayesian inference; meta-analysis of diagnostic test studies; statistical inference in the presence of missing data; clinical trials methodology; mental health and the economics of poor health habits; competing risks and multiple endpoints in survival analysis; and organizational structure and performance of health care delivery systems.

The Biostatistics Laboratory of the Department of Health Studies (DHS) provides University researchers with biostatistical, epidemiological, and health services research expertise in a collaborative setting. The Laboratory is staffed with several experienced master’s and doctorate-level biostatisticians as well as research programmers. Investigators may request assistance with study design, protocol development, preparation of grant and contract proposals, randomization, database development and data analysis and interpretation. Individuals are also invited to establish collaboration with members of the faculty of DHS when it is mutually beneficial to do so.

The Laboratory strongly encourages investigators to inquire about collaboration at the earliest feasible time, generally during the planning stage of a study or proposal. Input is often more critical at early phases of study design than during analysis and interpretation.

To ensure a clear understanding of the needs, expectations, and available resources, the principal investigator should attend the initial meeting to discuss pertinent information with the collaborator.

Consulting Fee Schedule

First two hours of collaboration:
No charge.

Grant preparation collaboration:
No charge when biostatistician has effort on the project budget when submitted.

Subsequent collaborative effort:
Billed as an hourly rate covering both personnel and non-personnel costs……………..$85.00/hr

Percentage of effort on grant or contract (may not be less than 5% annually):
Percentage of salary and fringe costs as a personnel expense,

plus $145.00 for every 1% effort as a Biostatistical Support Fee (to cover project-related non-personnel expenses)

Grant & Budget Preparation

Per Divisional policy, written pre-approval must be obtained from the DHS Chairman or Lab Director before including a lab member on a proposal or grant submission.

When a biostatistician is named on a grant and a percentage of effort is listed in the personnel category, please budget as a line item a Biostatistical Support Fee, which is currently $145.00 per 1% of effort annually. This fee supports the resources the biostatistician will require for performing research work such as the cost of photocopying/faxing, paper for printing, office & computer supplies, software licenses, and telephone charges.

For example, if a biostatistician was named in a grant at 10% effort, the support fee would be calculated as follows:

$145.00 x 10 = $1,450 annually

Medical students, residents, fellows, and new investigators without funding sources are encouraged to call 702-2453 to discuss eligibility and process to apply for internal funding to cover consulting fees.