

WVCTSI FAQ's

What is WVCTSI?

The West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute is the academic home and driving force for clinical and translational research in the state. Funded by the National Institute of General Medical Sciences Clinical and Translational Research (CTR) Award and by generous contributions from multiple West Virginia institutions, WVCTSI focuses on increasing West Virginia's biomedical research capacity to create real solutions for better health.

What is translational research?

Translational research brings findings being discovered in the lab into the clinical setting where they can have a direct impact on West Virginians.

How does this research help West Virginia?

Working with partners across the state, WVCTSI focuses on research questions relevant to the health of West Virginians.

What health problems is WVCTSI addressing?

Priority areas of research addressed by WVCTSI include addiction and resulting emerging epidemics (such as hepatitis C), cancer, cardiovascular disease, chronic lung disease, and neurological diseases. These priority areas target disease with high rates and/or poor outcomes among West Virginians.

What does this funding support?

This funding will allow WVCTSI to continue building West Virginia's research infrastructure to support investigators pioneering innovative solutions to the state's most pressing health challenges.

What does WVCTSI do?

WVCTSI works directly with clinical and basic science researchers across the state to provide resources including biostatistics support, training and mentoring opportunities, data support, regulatory guidance, and a variety of funding mechanisms and community networks.

Where is WVCTSI located?

WVCTSI's administrative offices are located on the WVU Health Sciences Center in Morgantown, but leverage a statewide network of partners including Marshall University, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the Department of Veterans Affairs, WVU Medicine, the Charleston Area Medical Center, West Virginia University (including regional campuses in Charleston and Martinsburg), and the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. WVCTSI also created the state's first practice-based research network that connects 74 primary care practices to conduct translational research.