

Emergency Department Research Associate (EDRA) Program – Not Just for Emergencies

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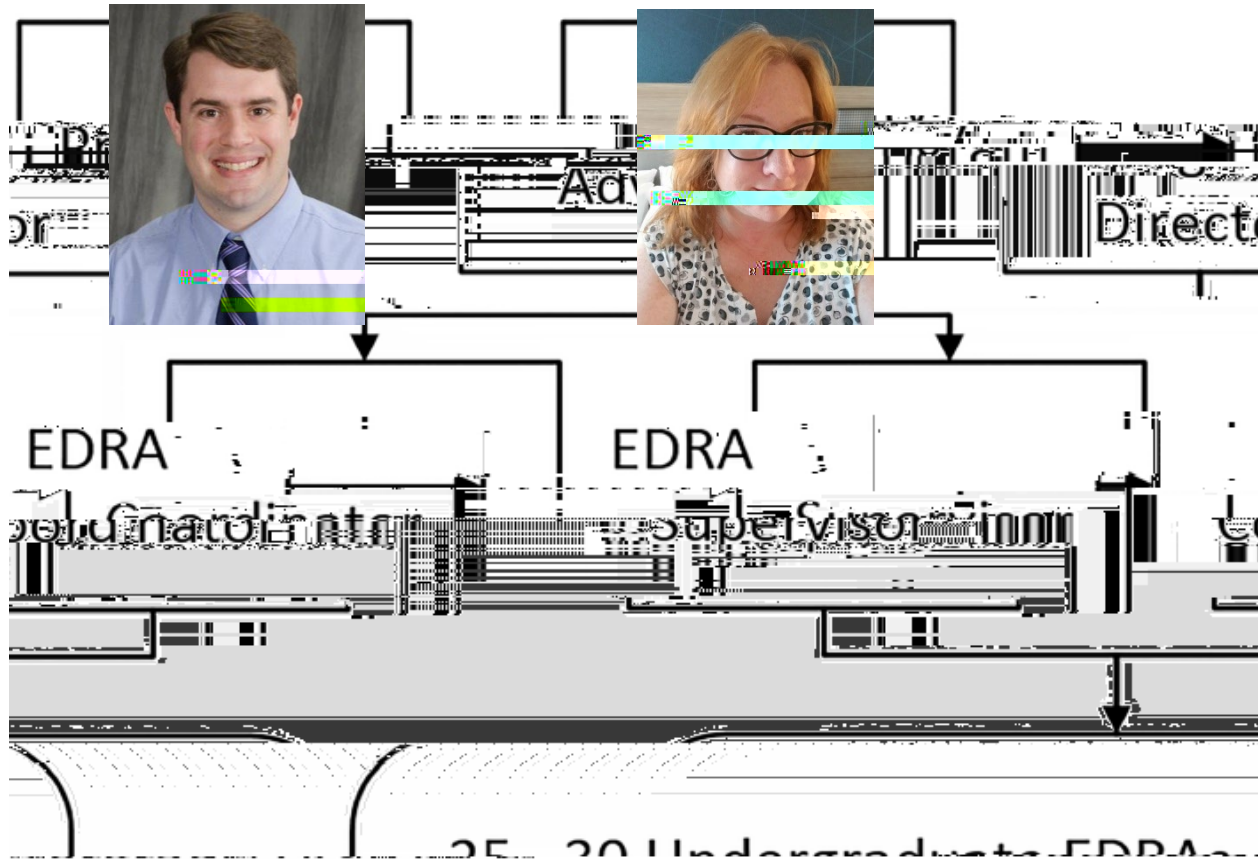
In the past 10 years nearly 30,000 study participants have been enrolled by our EDRA program at URMC into a wide variety of research studies.

EDRAs responsible for URMC being among the top enrolling institutions in many recent multicenter studies in which we participate.

We have successfully enrolled participants at SMH, HH, Noyes, and URMC Urgent Care Facilities



So who are we...



What do we do, and how do we do it?

Our EDRA program is a university *service center*,
with funding received from investigators

Costs consist primarily of administrative effort, EDRA wages, and training expenses, resulting in a calculated fixed hourly rate for program utilization



How do we do it?

EDRAs use the dashboard on Epic to screen patients for initial eligibility

EDRAs can either obtain



Responsibilities of our EDRAs following the consent process are highly variable and depend on study need

Contact the study team to hand off the consented patient

Or perform study procedures

Administer surveys on paper ~~or~~ REDCap

Obtain specimens (e.g., nasal swabs, saliva, blood)



Why recruit in the ED?

Diversity of patient population

Diversity of enrollers

Diversity of chief complaints & acuity

Open 24/7 with active coverage 16/7

Access to both admitted and discharged patients



But My Study isn't about Emergencies

Everyone uses the ED at some point!

We recruit for studies involving almost any health-related condition including Public Health, Behavioral Health, Primary Care, Prevention, and all Medical Subspecialties



EDRA Training

Prerequisite 4 credit undergraduate course



So... what does this cost?

Our program does cost more than volunteerThe cost varies tremendously based on your needs

Current projects (14) average \$1,200/month

Relative to hiring research assistants, the program is extremely cost effective

Almost always less expensive than hiring research assistants to enroll 16 hours a day/7 days a week (2.8 FTE)

Already trained and monitored

Able to sign a contract and begin enrolling within 2 weeks

Umbrella RSRB approval means you do not need to add 40 enrollers to your RSRB protocol, just reference the Umbrella Protocol in your application



Questions?

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