



RESEARCH

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## MEET THE COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD



**Claude Pirtle, MD**

Claude J. Pirtle, MD, MSACI is a member of the Tennessee Clinical and Translational Science Institute Community Advisory Board.

He completed his clinical informatics fellowship at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, and is board certified in internal medicine and clinical informatics. He also holds a Master of Science in Applied Clinical Informatics from Vanderbilt University

and is pursuing a Masters of Business Administration from the University of Massachusetts.

At West Tennessee Healthcare, Dr. Pirtle began his tenure as Associate Chief Medical Information Officer and was promoted to Chief Medical Information Officer in 2019. He focuses on how informatics can be used to improve the experience of each staff member and provide the highest quality of care to each patient.

Dr. Pirtle is a recent recipient of the Rural Health Association of Tennessee's 2021 Collaboration Award. This award recognizes outstanding individuals, organizations, companies, governmental units or other entities that work jointly with others to develop processes to achieve a common goal toward the betterment of rural health. Congratulations, Dr. Pirtle!

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*The TN-CTSI aims to integrate community engagement into research through our Community Advisory Board (CAB). Our goal is to collaborate with community members to address health and healthcare disparities across the state of Tennessee. Every newsletter, we highlight one CAB member and their important work and efforts towards eliminating health disparities within Tennessee.*

## TN-CTSI STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Tristan Hayes, MSc

Tristan Hayes is the Biostatistics, Epidemiology, and Research Design (BERD) consulting manager for TN-CTSI at UTHSC.

He has a Masters in Epidemiology from the University of Tennessee Health Science Center. Tristan enjoys connecting investigators with the tools and resources they need to succeed in their research. He has extensive experience in litigation and economic consulting and “likes to get his hands dirty with data in SAS (data analytic software package).”

## LIBRARY SERIES

The TN-CTSI recently collaborated with the UTHSC Library to offer Library Research 101 for Clinical Researchers Fall-2021. The series was designed for anyone interested in learning more about how the library can support clinical researchers: students, residents, fellows, staff, and faculty. The topics included:

- Library Overview
- Writing Research Abstracts
- Getting Articles for your Research
- Staying Current with New Research Information Alerts
- Enhancing your Search Skills
- Managing your research flow with EndNote
- Identifying Publishing Opportunities
- An Overview of Evidence Based Medicine (EBM) Resources
- Library Support Services for Systematic Reviews
- Data Visualizations
- Understanding Research Impact



Recordings of the Library Series are available for viewing [here on our website](#).

## UPCOMING CLASS CERTIFICATION

TN-CTSI's 2022 Certification Exam Preparation Course for clinical research professionals will be coming soon! We prepared this series in response to many requests for a course to prepare for the SOCRA (Society of Clinical Research Associates) or ACRP (Association of Clinical Research Professionals) clinical research certification exam. The course will be held virtually on Zoom beginning in mid-January 2022 through March 2022. There will be about twenty 1.0 to 1.5 hour-sessions occurring mid-day on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you are interested, please send an email to [mlynn@uthsc.edu](mailto:mlynn@uthsc.edu) to be placed on the registration mailing list. More information about registration will be forthcoming.

## UPCOMING RECRUITMENT SERIES

The TN-CTSI will be hosting a 6-part recruitment series beginning January 2022. This series will cover topics such as:

- How to prepare for recruitment
- How to create an effective advertisement
- Tips for recruiting families in clinical trials
- Tips for partnering with clinicians
- Utilizing social mediums & databases for recruitment
- and more!

Please be on the lookout for upcoming dates by checking out our website and the [TN-CTSI Events Calendar](#).

## CORNET SYMPOSIUM



Based on the ideals of cross-disciplinary team science, the CORNET Awards were created to stimulate innovative, interdisciplinary, team research. CORNET Symposia are held to honor awarded teams and provide recipients an opportunity to present their findings and share their discoveries. A variety of collaborations, including internal, regional, and global, comprise the most recent award teams. The final presentation of these findings will be presented virtually on December 10th.

The December 10th session is earmarked for the UTHSC/University of Memphis SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 CORNETs, awarded in August 2020. UTHSC Vice Chancellor for Research, Dr. Steve Goodman, and UofM Executive Vice President for Research and Innovation,

Dr. Jasbir Dhaliwal, will co-chair this event. Please stay tuned for more information, including the link to register, through the Research Listserv, announcements in the UTHSC Daily Digest, or by following UTHSC Research (@UTHSCResearch) on Twitter.

## SERVICES & RESOURCES

### Need help recruiting participants for your study?

TN-CTSI can help guide you towards your ideal participant! We offer guidance and helpful tools through our Research Innovation Center that can help you meet your goals.

“The TN-CTSI has been an incredible resource for our research. For instance, we decided that social media would be a critical place for us to recruit participants for a series of focus groups across the state in order to reach all of Tennessee. Our team lacked social media recruitment expertise, so we reached out to TN-CTSI and with Ashley Evans’ help we created a social media recruitment strategy that was feasible and within our grant budget.”

--Kenneth C. Hohmeier, Pharm.D.  
Associate Professor, UTHSC

Request for assistance is always available through the [TN-CTSI website](#).

### Interested in gaining knowledge and skills to better conduct high-impact Clinical and Translational Research (CTR)?

TN-CTSI has established various CTR education and training programs that provide core competencies focused on study design, conduct, analysis, dissemination, and translation of clinical research. We offer online training, seminars & workshops, opportunities for mentorship, and other resources that will likely fit your needs. Learn more about what we offer [here](#).

### Become a Member of TN-CTSI

By being engaged and becoming a member of TN-CTSI, you’ll receive guidance toward specific resources that may be vital to the completion of a research project. As a member you will also receive information about the latest research news, training, and funding opportunities available to you through the TN-CTSI.

Please [visit our website](#) to learn more about becoming a member.

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