



## **Considerations for Partnering with CHS**

### Our Shared Values

- Partnership
- Relationship building
- Scholarship
- Clinical innovation
- Research advances
- Return of value
- Improved health outcomes

### Our Shared Values Have Different Meanings for Each of Us

- We are still learning each other's languages and working to develop a shared language
- Our goal is to develop a path to engage in research while acknowledging that the burden will fall primarily on partners to execute the activities

### CHS Resources and Constraints

- Imbalance between clinicians and researchers
  - Clinical care is our top priority
  - Very few team members have non-clinical time to devote to research or other initiatives
  - Opportunity costs must always be considered to address lack of access to care and reimbursement lost while away from patient care
- Time
  - Clinicians get at most 1 hour of admin time daily, and that is used to finalize notes and coordinate patient care

### Recruitment

- Flyers
  - Staff dedicated to research only
- Clinical staff cannot substantively contribute. They can, however,
  - Encourage patients to review recruitment materials
  - Answer basic questions about the research study (if we provide the education/talking points)
- Research staff to approach, engage, inform, consent, etc. any interested patients
  - Opportunity for graduate students or more junior staff to gain experience

### Data Collection

- *Surveys*



- Staff dedicated to research only
  - Graduate student, nursing student, etc.
- Collaborate with CHS to identify
  - Clinics/locations
  - Space within clinics to facilitate private interaction
- Medical health record data
  - Must be accessed on a person-by-person basis—and only with written informed consent
  - Only CHS staff can access this—no external access
  - Deidentified
  - In compliance with existing policies such as HIPAA
- *Biospecimens*
  - Research staff only
    - Graduate student, nursing students, etc.
  - Collaborate with CHS to identify
    - Private space
  - Time
  - Consider alternate collection methods
    - Mobile options—mobile unit, etc.
    - Home visits
    - UTK sites with transportation incentives

#### Return of Value

- Clinically useful
- Easily understandable
  - By patients
  - By staff
- Incentives
  - Financial
  - Services