The UNC Lineberger Cancer Comprehensive Center (LCCC) Cancer Outcomes Research Program (CORP) is a highly integrated, multi-disciplinary research group comprising investigators from the UNC Schools of Medicine, Public Health, Information and Library Science, Nursing, Pharmacy, and Arts and Science. The CORP has developed two innovative technology systems to support research: 1) the Integrated Cancer Information and Surveillance System (ICISS) which enables ‘big data’ analytics in a virtual, secure computing environment, and 2) the Patient-Reported Outcomes Core (PRO-Core), a survey system platform and scientific support for conducting patient-reported outcomes research.

The CORP occupies 4,000 square feet of shared office space to increase cross-disciplinary research and strengthen collaboration. This facility is located minutes away from the main campus, on the campus bus line, and has ample parking. It includes eighteen offices with desk space and networked computers for forty investigators and research staff, and two conference rooms with Polycom video-conferencing and Creston AirMedia to allow external participation in meetings and presentations via a web browser.

CORP investigators represent an innovative and inter-disciplinary group built through close partnerships between multiple Schools on campus including: Medicine; Public Health; Nursing; Information and Library Science; and Arts and Sciences. The CORP includes over 60 investigators from ~18 departments across campus as well as external partners. Investigators and research staff meet weekly at the ‘outcomes breakfast’ to engage guest speakers, discuss works-in-progress, and host mock-reviews. The CORP also hosts a monthly seminar series for presentations by national experts in patient-centered outcomes research, comparative effectiveness research, and health services research related to cancer prevention and cancer care, that is attended by investigators and clinicians from UNC and neighboring institutions. Investigators within the CORP also participate in active multimedia social networking programs and collaborate closely with broader Lineberger and University Cancer Research Fund programs.

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