

## New Studies

In its twelve-year history, Mercy Health Research has conducted more than 390 clinical trials. In addition, we collaborate with the St. John's Mercy Medical Group Clinical Operations department to conduct Health Services and Outcomes research. We have engaged in clinical research for the following companies:

- Abbott Laboratories
- Amgen, Inc.
- Allergan, Inc.
- AstraZeneca LP
- Braintree Laboratories, Inc.
- Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., Inc.
- Daiichi-Sankyo
- Eisai Medical Research, Inc.
- Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- Eli Lilly and Co., Inc.
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Research & Development, L.L.C.
- MAP pharmaceuticals
- Merck & Co., Inc.
- Minster
- National Institutes of Health
- National Institute on Aging
- Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corp.
- NPS Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- Orexigen
- Organon
- Ortho McNeil Pharmaceutical, Inc.
- Pfizer Inc.
- Pozen, Inc.
- Schwarz
- Shionogi
- Shire Pharmaceutical Development, Inc.
- Takeda America Pharmaceutical, Inc.
- Trine Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
- Vernalis, Ltd.
- Wyeth-Ayerst Pharmaceuticals
- Other pharmaceutical companies and Clinical Research Organizations.

We take great pride in our solid relationships with these companies and look forward to new ventures. **We invite you to let us know how we may assist your organization.**

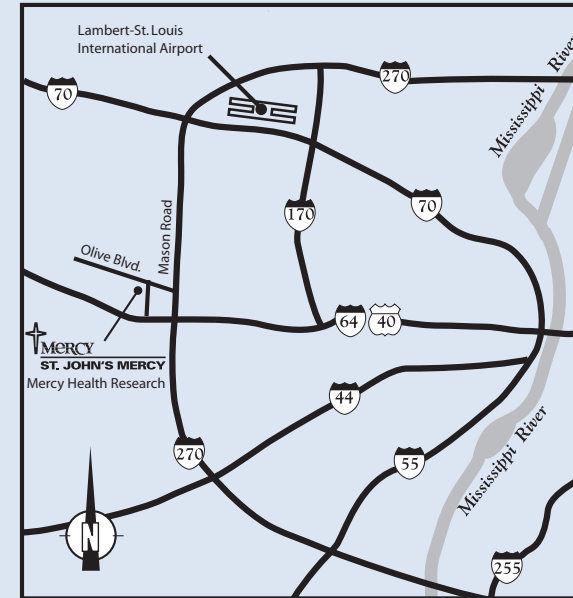
## Who We Are

Mercy Health Research is part of St. John's Mercy Medical Group, an organization of 161 primary care physicians and specialists and 31 nurse practitioners affiliated with St. John's Mercy Medical Center. We are a research division dedicated to quality clinical research. Our goal: to generate accurate data in an expedient manner while holding to the highest possible ethical and academic standards. We continually strive to build our reputation and are well known as one of the top investigative sites in the country in each of our research areas.

## Resources

Mercy Health Research is housed in a St. John's Mercy Medical Building in suburban St. Louis County, at the intersection of two major thoroughfares and within easy reach of major highways. We enjoy the financial support of SJMMG, which is committed to the continuation of our research. We employ nine study coordinators, five of whom are ACRP-Certified Clinical Research Coordinators, as well as a research assistant and additional support staff to assist our coordinators in achieving high quality results.

## Where We Are



For more information on the ways in which we can support your research needs, contact us:

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Headache Center Fax: 314-251-8894

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Toll-free Volunteer Line: 1-888-44MERCY

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[www.mercyhealthresearch.com](http://www.mercyhealthresearch.com)

# Mercy Health Research

## Making Clinical Trials Less Trying

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## Our Clinical Investigators



**Timothy R. Smith, M.D., R.Ph., FACP**, is the Medical Director of Mercy Health Research. Dr. Smith is a Certified Physician Investigator through the Academy of Pharmaceutical Physicians and Investigators (APPI). He also is board certified in internal medicine, holds a subspecialty certification in headache medicine by the United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS) and is a Fellow in the American College of Physicians. He brings a pharmacology background to the research division and has developed expertise in many areas of clinical investigation, including diabetes and metabolism, cardiovascular medicine and neurology. Dr. Smith is a nationally recognized researcher and lecturer and has received numerous awards for research and teaching.



**James W. Banks III, M.D., FAAFP**, is the Associate Director of Clinical Research for Mercy Health Research. Dr. Banks also is a Certified Physician Investigator through the APPI and holds a subspecialty certification in headache medicine by the UCNS. In addition, he is board certified in family medicine and a Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians. Prior to joining Mercy Health Research in 2005, Dr. Banks served as residency director for the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Kentucky, Lexington, Medical Director for the Carilion Family Medicine Center in Roanoke, Virginia, and the founding Medical Director for the Carilion Headache Care Center, also in Roanoke. He is a member of the American and International Headache Societies, the American Academy of Neurology, the American Academy of Pain Medicine, and the National Headache

Foundation. He has been named one of America's Best Doctors annually since 2003 and a *St. Louis Magazine's* "Best Doctor" in 2006 and 2007. He has expertise on a range of topics, including cholesterol, diabetes, headache management and women's health.



**Jo Jaeger Bonner, M.D.**, is a board certified neurologist through the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine who obtained her medical degree from the University of Missouri School of Medicine in Columbia, Mo. She completed two years of an internal medicine residency, then obtained her residency training in neurology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio. She also completed a fellowship in neuromuscular disorders at Saint Louis University in St. Louis, Mo. Dr. Bonner is a member of the American Academy of Neurology. Her primary focus is the evaluation and management of headache patients.



**Joseph P. Drozda, Jr., M.D., FACP, FACC**, spent more than 15 years in private cardiology practice before joining Mercy Health Research as a clinical investigator. During that time, he held leadership positions—including vice president of medical management, chief medical officer, chief of cardiology and medical director—within various health organizations. Dr. Drozda graduated from the University of Nebraska College of Medicine. He is on the executive council of the American Medical Association's Physician Consortium for Performance Improvement, participating in work groups that developed physician performance measures for diabetes, community acquired pneumonia and chronic stable

coronary artery disease. He also serves on the Health Professional Council of the National Quality Forum. Like Drs. Smith and Banks, he is a Certified Physician Investigator through the APPI.



**Rob Nicholson, Ph.D. LCP**, is an Assistant Professor of Research at Saint Louis University School of Medicine and School of Public Health. He is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist and a Certified Clinical Trials Investigator through the Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP). His clinical and research experience spans a wide array of chronic diseases, including headache, chronic pain, mood and anxiety disorders, attention-deficit disorders, obesity, cognitive impairment, and cancer prevention. He is principal investigator on clinical trials funded by the National Institutes of Health-National Institute of Neurologic Disorders and Stroke and the National Headache Foundation. He is a member of the Society of Behavioral Medicine, the American Psychological Association, the American Headache Society, the American Pain Society, and the National Headache Foundation.



**Jill Stoneman, A.P.R.N., B.C., F.N.P.**, received her nurse practitioner degree from the University of Missouri. Her background in family medicine contributes to her role as sub-investigator in various clinical trials. Before joining Mercy Health Research, Stoneman worked in a family practice clinic and also taught baccalaureate nursing classes. She has authored and co-authored numerous scientific papers and abstracts in peer-reviewed publications.



**Kathy Erlichson, R.N., MSN, A.N.P.**, received her Bachelor and Master of Science degrees in nursing from the University of Missouri, St. Louis. Before joining Mercy Health Research, Erlichson served in several capacities at St. John's Mercy Medical Center: staff nurse in the surgical unit and the medical-surgical ICU, head nurse of the acute hemodialysis unit and, most recently, as a member of the adjunct nursing faculty. As a study coordinator, Erlichson has worked on clinical trials of drugs used to treat acute tubular necrosis and anemia. She is a certified nephrology nurse and a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners and American Association of Nephrology Nurses.

## Our Advantage

As part of St. John's Mercy Medical Group (SJMMG), which provides high quality care for more than 450,000 patients in suburban St. Louis, Mercy Health Research conducts a variety of original research, sponsored clinical trials and health services research. Our center is an independent, dedicated research facility that has performed more than 390 studies over the past 12 years. We have rapid regulatory document completion policies and are more than amenable to working with Central IRBs. Sponsors and CROs know us as a high-enrolling site with extremely high quality and accuracy.

The office features private monitoring suites, secure drug storage, on-site laboratory facilities (including PK lab capabilities), ample free parking and close proximity to St. Louis's Lambert International Airport. Study subjects are recruited from a database of more than 19,000 volunteers, local advertisements and referrals from the 161 primary care doctors in our system, as well as physicians on staff at St. John's Mercy Medical Center. Studies that require input from sub-specialists can draw on a full range of medical and surgical specialists within the St. John's Mercy system. Many of these doctors have strong academic backgrounds and participate in clinical research on an ongoing basis. All of our investigators are recognized leaders in their respective fields, involved in speaking and teaching activities on a local, national and international level.