Eva Lustigova returns to Tulane as head of Center for Clinical Research

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Eva Lustigova, a graduate and former research program manager at Tulane University, is returning to oversee the <u>Tulane Center for Clinical Research (TCCR)</u>. Lustigova will serve as Senior Director of the TCCR, a facility supporting Tulane clinical and translational research.

The recruitment of Lustigova is a visible sign of Tulane Medicine's ongoing commitment to evolving our clinical research programs, an important ongoing initiative. "We are excited to have been able to recruit Eva back to New Orleans to help us elevate the state of clinical research as we partner with LCMC Health. A leading academic medical center has to stay on the cutting edge of healthcare, and her leadership will help us gain first access in the region to the latest treatments, tests, and cures," said L. Lee Hamm, MD, Senior Vice President of Tulane University and Dean of the School of Medicine.

Lustigova returns to Tulane from <u>Kaiser Permanente Southern California</u>, where she most recently functioned as a Manager of Research Support in the Department of Research and Evaluation, providing operational support to the research teams in the Epidemiologic Scientific Division. Before that role, Lustigova spent eleven years managing the operations and projects in the Tulane Office of Health Research at <u>Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine</u>. She also worked as a clinical research coordinator and adjunct faculty member at Tulane.

Lustigova began her career after earning her Bachelor of Science in Exercise and Sports Sciences and her Master of Public Health in International Health and Development from Tulane University. Well-respected in her profession, Lustigova has authored many papers and become a frequent presenter at scientific and clinical conferences. "I loved working at Tulane, and this position seemed like a great opportunity," said Lustigova. "To be part of a unit where you can shorten the time between research and implementation and have an impact on the community that it serves is a meaningful mission."

The TCCR is currently supporting protocols in epidemiology, genetics, cancer, and more. The center has seven individual treatment areas, a laboratory, and a separate unit to conduct COVID-19 studies. Along with the facilities located at Tulane University School of Medicine, the TCCR has two mobile units that can bring clinical trials to underserved communities. The center also offers training for clinical research investigators and coordinators.

"There's a lot of potential right now," said Lustigova. "I'm excited to work with the physicians and research teams to understand their needs better and identify opportunities to help our clinicians and scientists pursue ideas and funding to advance meaningful clinical research at Tulane."



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