Call for Nominations – Director of the UAB Center for Palliative and Supportive Care (CPSC) – A University-wide Interdisciplinary Research Center – Application DEADLINE: Monday, February 3, 2025

The UAB Center for Palliative and Supportive Care (UAB CPSC), one of the [University-Wide Interdisciplinary Research Centers (UWIRC)](https://www.uab.edu/research/home/university-wide-centers), was established by the Board of Trustees of The University of Alabama on November 17, 2000. It is the national leader in the field of palliative and supportive care, with demonstrated leadership in compassionate clinical care, collaborative research, community outreach and training. The CPSC uses a comprehensive approach to caring for people with serious illness by focusing on the whole patient, addressing the physical, emotional, social and spiritual suffering of disease. Beginning at the moment of diagnosis, palliative care can help address symptoms and set goals for care, focusing on quality of life, dignity and respect.

Vision, Mission & Core Values: The efforts of the CPSC are guided by the Vision “To become an international center of excellence in the field of Palliative Medicine through personalized care, innovative approaches and the sharing of expert knowledge”. The CPSC strives to achieve this Vision through our Mission “The UAB Center for Palliative and Supportive Care serves patients and families experiencing serious illness by providing compassionate clinical care, demonstrating leadership in teaching health professionals and trainees, conducting collaborative research, and influencing health care delivery and public policy.”

The CPSC is committed to upholding the core values of:

* Serving with integrity and compassion
* Innovating through education and research
* Leading through advocacy and influence
* Caring through collaboration and interdependence
* Sustaining through community and collegiality

Research:

 CPSC Research areas include:

* Increasing access to palliative and supportive care in rural and under resourced populations
* Addressing culture, lived experiences and racism towards health equity
* Improving caregiver support and bereavement care
* Symptom Science
* Enhancing communications skills among patients and providers

Pilot Awards: The CPSC funds the Palliative Research Enhancement Project Awards (PREP).

The mission of PREP is to fund the UAB community in innovative research, contributing to the evidence base of palliative and supportive care and enhancing the prospect for external funding opportunities. PREP Awards provide funding to UAB investigators' innovative pilot projects that address aspects of Palliative, Supportive, or Survivorship Care. Since 2014, PREP has awarded $496,410 to 27 separate projects in 5 Schools, 6 Departments, and 4 Divisions including: Nursing, Health Professions, Arts & Science, Education, Preventive Medicine, Pulmonology, Nutrition Sciences, Psychology, Emergency Medicine, Human Studies, and Palliative Medicine.

Director Responsibilities

The Director of the Center for Palliative and Supportive Care has overall responsibility for the CPSC, leads the CPSC Leadership team, provides scientific leadership and monitors the progress of the Center. The Director is responsible for effectively and efficiently managing the resources of the CPSC and leading efforts to increase funding and other resources to promote and support interdisciplinary palliative and supportive care research and education at UAB.

The Director engages in the following activities:

* Leads and directs the CPSC to rapidly and creatively establish the necessary initiatives to facilitate the translation of research discoveries into effective therapies,
* Develops and conveys a strategic vision for the UAB CPSC,
* Facilitates all Review and Leadership Committee meetings as needed,
* Provides guidance and scientific direction to all Program leaders,
* Reviews membership and extends invitation to prospective members as needed,
* Avails themselves to opportunities for philanthropy and fundraising through collaboration with the UAB Office of Research and the UAB Development team,
* Actively participates in the Council of Center and Institutes Directors (COCID), including attendance at monthly COCID meeting,
* Is responsible for developing the annual progress report and other reports as required by the Office of Research.

Interested parties should send a CV, a Letter of Interest (maximum 2-pages) and 3 professional references to Ms. Frannie Horn, Director of Research Development (fhorn@uab.edu), by 5:00pm CT on Monday, **February 3, 2025.**