

Company: Atrium Health Levine Children's  
Job Title: Pediatric Vaccine Trials Medical Director

Brief description of the position: Atrium Health Levine Children's is looking for a full – time Medical Director for Vaccine Clinical Research to join their team.

The STRIVE Vaccine Research program at AH LCH was established during Fall of 2020. Originally started to enable COVID-19 vaccine clinical trials for our community, STRIVE has grown to encompass vaccines to protect against multiple pathogens across the lifespan, as well as work in multiple locations and with varied populations. In addition, a full time dedicated team has been added, including 2 research APPs, a vaccine research manager, research nurses, research coordinators, research associates, phlebotomists, and an interpreter. We have 2 stand-alone vaccine research clinics that have labs, pharmacy, clinical exam rooms and offices for staff are fully dedicated to pediatrics and primarily our vaccine program. This program has brought in substantial funding, including 2 large NIH awards, and resulted in participation as study group authorship for 1 New England Journal paper to date. There are currently contracts with 3 major vaccine manufacturers and over 380 individuals on active arms of clinical trials.

Position details:

This individual will be expected to work closely with the Vice Chair for Research in the Department of Pediatrics at Levine Children's Hospital to enhance and further develop the vaccine research program. They will lead the operations of the program in conjunction with the Pediatric Research Director and the Vaccine Research Manager, under the oversight of the Vice Chair for Research. The program will grow with a significant emphasis on diversity, equity, and inclusion, with representation in both the research team and investigators, as well as the populations included in trials. They will serve as PI on studies, as well as assist in the identification and professional development of additional investigators and sites. They will work with sponsors to enhance the visibility of the program and grow the research portfolio to include both industry and federally sponsored trials.

The new Medical Director for Vaccine Clinical Research will work with colleagues at the Center for Vaccines at the Extremes of Aging in Winston Salem to assist in further establishing a formal "component" of the Center in Charlotte. Cross campus collaborations will be fostered. Opportunities for learners to become involved in research will be encouraged over time.

Research activity in the STRIVE program will grow to encompass reducing vaccine hesitancy, increasing confidence in vaccines and vaccine science, along with research that increases vaccine uptake. The Medical Director will serve as a key leader in developing these programs.

The Medical Director will work closely with the Vice Chair for Research to ensure the financial viability of the program, and to develop directions for future growth. They will serve as a mentor to new investigators, as well as assist members of the research team in professional development. They will work to identify new funding opportunities and participate and/or lead new investigator-initiated grant development activity. Scholarly activity is anticipated, in the form of papers, presentations, and educational offerings.

Activities and effort will be divided as below:

- 80% research and research administration/20% clinical or education (or other leadership activity, to be negotiated)

Qualifications you are seeking: • Pediatric physician with significant experience with Vaccine Clinical Trials

- Family medicine or internal medicine physician could be considered, depending on experience and interest, and ability to work with young children
- Previous experience with developing research and/or clinical programs in complex systems, multidisciplinary collaboration, and operationalizing vaccine trials in multiple settings will be preferred.
- Experience working within the community to expand engagement in order to foster diversity, equity, and inclusion in research and/or clinical care is preferred.

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