

Center for Healthcare Innovation



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Mission

The mission of the Wake Forest Center for Healthcare Innovation is to collaboratively leverage the unique talents and capabilities of our innovators, digital health tools, scientific discoveries, and clinical care delivery system to improve population health, enhance the patient experience, reduce costs, and improve care provider work life.

The CHI is the only center in the organization that is jointly funded by the School of Medicine and the clinical health system.





Leadership

Jeff D. Williamson, MD, MHS

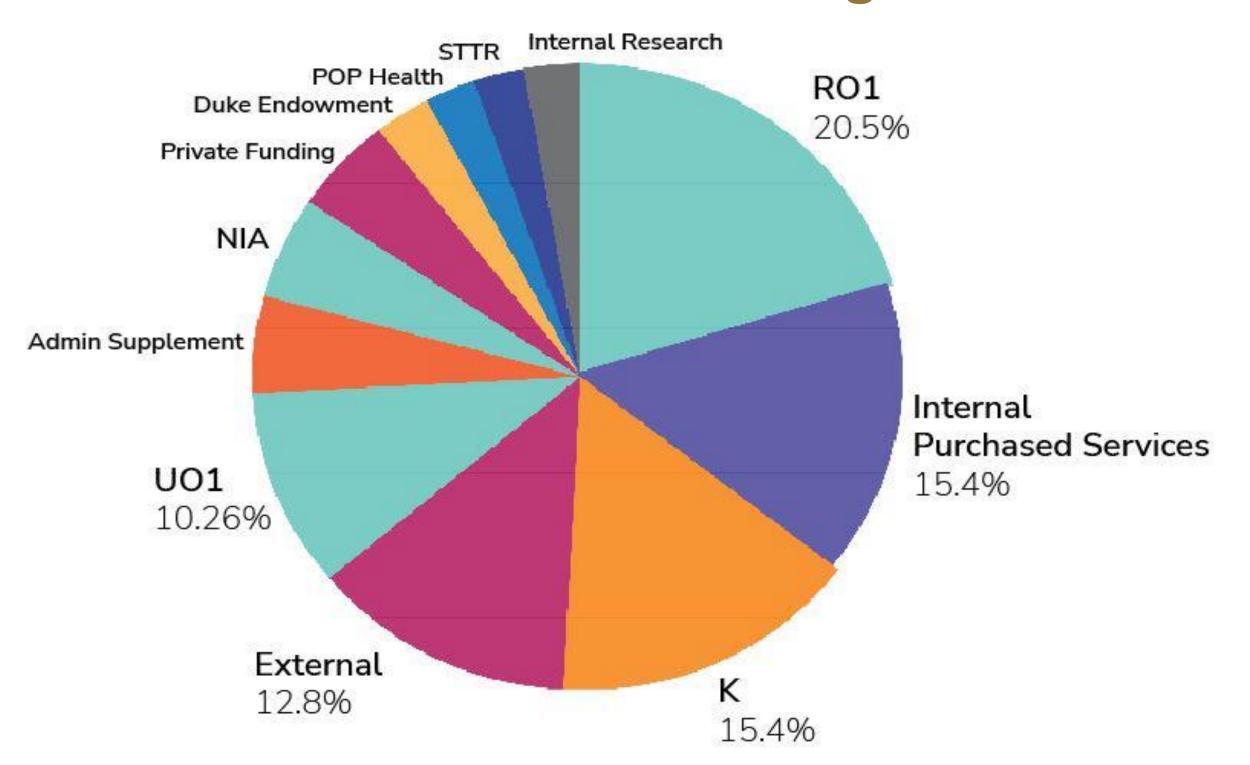
CHI Director, Professor of Internal Medicine and Epidemiology; Chief, Section on Gerontology and Geriatric Medicine.

Eric S. Kirkendall, MD, MBI
CHI Deputy Director, VP, Chief
Medical Information Officer/Chief
Information Officer, IAS; Professor,
Pediatric Hospital Medicine

Membership

- Nearly 100 faculty/staff represented
- Comprises more than 20 departments and specialty areas.
- Recently launched a tiered-membership program: Core (including Membership Chair role), Champion, and Partner.
- Mentor or awardee for more than 15 career development awards

Research and Other Funding



Key Publications

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CHI as a Core Driver of the aLHS

Collaborations

- Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Aging (SCHAAP) / Geriatrics
- Center for Biomedical Informatics
- Public Health Sciences
- Population Health
- Telehealth

Community/Diversity

- eFRIEND enrolled participants are over 30% Black and 65% female
- DCARE 27% of enrolled caregivers are underrepresented minorities
- eCHI Black Americans are 2x more likely to develop cognitive decline, and we will include a minimum of 25% of Black participants

Technology Capabilities

- Real-time system integration
- Scalable architected applications
- Complex algorithm design and development
- Currently have over 50 projects in the Center's portfolio

Clinical Application Examples

mPATHTM

- Shared clinical decision-making tool allowing patients to request screening for Colorectal Cancer or Lung Cancer
- Used by > 60,000 patients
- Identified over 4,000 patients due for colorectal cancer screening, 79% of these patients never had a screening.
- Has been spun out as a startup called Digital Navigation Solutions, Inc.

electronic Frailty Index (eFI)

- eFI is an algorithmic tool utilizing the electronic medical record to mobilize routine data that already exists in a single, automated, objective score
- Measured the eFI on over 1.5 million patients at Wake and Atrium
- Expanded externally to CHESS (external Pop Health) and their value partners
- Completing a customer agreement with UCSD/UC Irvine

Total Lives Touched By Year | 2.4 Million Lives Touched in 2022

