ACADEMIC RESEARCH DEPARTMENTS IN THE
CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL
RESEARCH BUILDING

The Clinical and Translational Research Building will house five departments of the College of Medicine and the College of Public Health and Health Professions: aging and geriatric research, biomedical informatics, biostatistics, epidemiology and health policy and outcomes. Each of these disciplines plays an essential role in translational research that aims to move scientific discoveries from the lab to the clinic, and from the clinic to the community. The co-location of these departments in the new building will create new opportunities for collaborative research and educational programs.

DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND GERIATRIC RESEARCH
The Department of Aging and Geriatric Research in the UF College of Medicine provides infrastructure for the UF Institute on Aging, and is the academic home for faculty members from diverse disciplines who pursue research on aging. The department shares the institute’s mission to improve the health, independence and quality of life of older adults through multidisciplinary research, education and patient care. The department carries out its work through its four divisions, namely, Biology of Aging, Career Development and Education, Clinical Research, and Geriatric Medicine.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOMEDICAL INFORMATICS
UF is forming a new Department of Biomedical Informatics in the College of Medicine to provide tangible information resources in support of clinical and translational research. By devising solutions such as electronic health record systems and research data management systems, the discipline of biomedical informatics helps address the often vexing complexities of today’s highly collaborative and data-rich science.

DEPARTMENT OF BIOSTATISTICS
Jointly administered by the College of Public Health and Health Professions and the College of Medicine, the newly configured UF Department of Biostatistics trains successful statistical scientists, performs cutting-edge theoretical and applied research and collaborates with investigators at UF and worldwide to further medical knowledge and address public health problems. Faculty members include leaders in the development of statistical methods for clinical trials, genetic research, and infectious disease and vaccine studies.

DEPARTMENT OF EPIDEMIOLOGY
Also newly created, the Department of Epidemiology is uniquely situated in both the College of Public Health and Health Professions and the College of Medicine. The department will focus its research, education and service mission on promoting and improving health, especially on issues of greatest concern to the community.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH OUTCOMES AND POLICY
With a diverse multidisciplinary faculty, the College of Medicine’s Department of Health Outcomes and Policy advances the scientific knowledge necessary to promote population health, improve health care outcomes, and develop sound public policies to improve the health of children and adults. The department evaluates health effects of public policies, conducts controlled field trials of preventive interventions in community and clinical settings, and examines factors that contribute to disparities in health and health care outcomes among disadvantaged populations. It includes the Institute for Child Health Policy, which conducts innovative policy studies and intervention trials to promote the health of children, adolescents and young adults.