San Antonio clinical research unit

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Facility overview and capabilities

A 200-bed, GCP-compliant clinical research unit for early-phase studies in healthy participants, patients and specialty populations. The San Antonio CRU combines large-cohort capacity, specialized procedures and on-site clinical services in one facility.

At a glance

- 200-bed capacity for large-cohort and complex early-phase studies
- More than 100 studies conducted each year
- Phase I and Phase IIa clinical pharmacology support
- On-site pharmacy, safety laboratory and sample-processing laboratory

Participant access

The unit has established participant databases of healthy participants and patient populations in CNS, cardiovascular and metabolic therapeutic areas. This helps match cohort size and population to protocol needs.

Integrated study support

The San Antonio CRU supports Phase I and Phase IIa clinical pharmacology programs, from straightforward healthy-participant studies to larger, more complex designs. With 200 beds and access to healthy participants and patient populations, study teams can match cohort size, study complexity and operational needs to the right clinical setting.

SITE FEATURES	
Number of beds	200 beds
Size	60,000 ft^2 5,574 m^2
cGMP pharmacy	✓
On-site CAP/CLIA-accredited laboratory	✓
Customizable kitting services	✓
Third-party temperature-controlled and monitored transport vehicle	✓
Psychedelics	✓
Radiolabeled hAME	✓
CSF collection	✓
Muscle biopsy	✓
Fibroscan	✓
PFTs/DLCO	✓

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Key study functions are all in one building. The cGMP-compliant Phase I pharmacy prepares study drug in controlled environments. The unit is also licensed to store and handle Schedule I–V controlled substances, so it can support psychedelic research and other controlled-drug programs. The CAP/CLIA-accredited safety laboratory provides clinical safety testing within the unit, and the fully equipped sample-processing laboratory handles samples from collection through preparation for shipment. Having these functions together cuts down on handoffs between dosing, safety review and sample handling, which keeps study conduct coordinated.



The unit has flexible procedure areas and telemetry equipment that can be set up for each protocol. Specialized capabilities include CSF collection, muscle biopsy, FibroScan, pulmonary function testing (including DLCO), radiolabeled human AME studies and psychedelic research support.

Customizable kitting services and third-party temperature-controlled, monitored transport support efficient study execution from participant dosing through sample analysis. There's also an established transfer route to Fortrea's Austin laboratory for bioanalysis.

Part of Fortrea's Texas network

San Antonio works alongside Fortrea's Dallas CRU, giving sponsors flexibility across clinical settings, cohort sizes and participant populations.

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