



## Owl Research & Innovation Newsletter

# New Clinical Research Unit Director

**Ximena Levy, MD, MPH**, is now the director for the FAU Clinical Research Unit (CRU) Core. As director, she will oversee the CRU, including the scientific, regulatory, operational and financial processes of the unit. She will also work to ensure that FAU research investigators and staff have the training, resources and support needed to conduct high-quality, collaborative, innovative clinical and translational research.

Levy's comprehensive career in research spans more than 18 years. She received her medical degree from Universidad Javeriana in Colombia, South America, a master's in public health from the Harvard T.H. Chan Harvard School of Public Health in Massachusetts, and completed a program in clinical research methods from Brigham and Women's Hospital in Massachusetts.

Early in her career she was awarded a two-year fellowship from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Fogarty International Center to conduct research related to human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and tuberculosis in the Division of Disease Prevention at the University of Miami. She also received an additional NIH grant to study delivery models in the HIV population in Colombia. In addition, she worked as a health services and health economics researcher for major pharmaceutical companies around the world before founding her own consulting company, Health Economics and Outcomes Research Team (HEORT).

Previously, she was program director for clinical research and NIH funded studies in the School of Integrated Sciences and Humanities at Florida International University, and regulatory affairs and Institutional Review Board manager at Jupiter Medical Center. Most recently, she was associate director of Research Integrity at FAU. She will continue in this role half-time, in addition to her new role, until a replacement is hired.



Currently, Levy's research efforts focus on substance use disorders, health services research and improvement sciences. She holds an appointment as research professor (secondary) in the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine and is an adjunct professor in the Christine Lynn College of Nursing. She also serves as a Board of Trustees member of two non-profit organizations in Boca Raton.

Her background in clinical research, together with expertise in fundamental research, administration, academia and mentorship combined with her work ethic, people skills and proved efficiency will provide invaluable support to interdisciplinary teams as we build collaborations and advance the research enterprise at FAU.