

CLINICAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR LEVEL I (Lay Supportive Care Coach/Interventionist)

**“ADAPT HF: An Optimization Pilot to Address Pain for Older Adults with Advanced Heart Failure using the Multiphase Optimization Strategy (MOST)”
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Summary

The purpose of this randomized factorial trial is to pilot test and refine components of the ADAPT HF (ADdressing pain through A navigator led Palliative care opTimized for Heart Failure) intervention—a lay navigator-led, telehealth early palliative care pain. The lay supportive care coach/interventionist, under the supervision of an interdisciplinary team, will provide essential support to Black adult patients with heart failure through the ADAPT HF intervention, assist with recruiting and consenting participants, and support other operations of the clinical trial. As an interventionist, she or he will employ health coaching techniques to reinforce psychoeducation and promote action planning regarding pain, self-care, and spirituality over multiple telephonic sessions plus follow-up. ADAPT HF is specifically designed to be led by a “lay” individual who does is not professionally licensed in a healthcare clinician discipline (e.g., nursing, social work, medicine, chaplaincy).

Position Qualifications:

- Bachelor’s or Master’s Degree preferred. Because the ADAPT HF intervention is lay coach-led, the study requires that the position *not* be held by an individual who is a clinically-licensed healthcare professional (e.g., nurse, social worker, physician)
- Excellent oral and written communication skills
- Ability to work independently, organize tasks, and arrange scheduling with participants. Preferable if able to schedule sessions with participants during non-business hours and on weekends.
- Positive interpersonal skills, approachable, cheerful, friendly. Able to convey empathy and compassion to individuals experiencing emotional distress and/or grief.
- General computer skills, basic proficiency with Microsoft Office, Outlook, and Excel
- Preferred experience: Previous experience with and/or interest in: patients and families impacted by cancer, lay patient navigation, community health work, and/or supportive, palliative and/or hospice care

Responsibilities:

- Arrange and deliver ADAPT HF intervention sessions and monthly follow-up according to research protocol.
- Thoroughly document intervention contacts with participants.

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- Assist with study recruitment, including screening, consenting, and enrolling participants.
- Assesses each participant's individual needs and tailors the intervention within the parameters of the curriculum.
- Assist with database development and direct enter data in web-based platform.
- Ability to function within the boundaries of the job description while referring/coordinating care appropriately with the study team and PIs.
- Trained in the ethical conduct of research, use of intervention protocol, and procedures for protecting the confidentiality of study participants and data security.
- Work under the direct supervision of the Principal Investigators and co-investigators in accordance with UAB, School of Nursing, and Office of Research and Scholarship policies and procedures.

Other Responsibilities:

- Participate in team meetings.
- Perform other duties as assigned.
- Provide general support to the project by reviewing professional literature and assisting in preparation of grants, publications, presentations, etc.

Requests for applications may be directed to: sonemployment@uab.edu.

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