

North Carolina Statewide Push for Excellence, Engagement, and Delivery

The logo for NCSPEED, featuring the word "NCSPEED" in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The text is positioned below a stylized graphic of overlapping blue and white geometric shapes that resemble a wing or a paper airplane.

WHAT IS NC SPEED?

Important research findings that affect our health take an average of seventeen years to reach communities and impact lives.¹ **NC SPEED** works across North Carolina to quickly move research findings into practice. Our goal is to make sure that every region of North Carolina participates in and benefits from designing and conducting research to improve local health and health care.

In summary, NC SPEED works toward:

- **excellence** in health and health care,
- **engagement** of University of North Carolina (UNC) researchers with community members,
- **delivery** of evidence-based approaches to improve individual and community health.

NC SPEED is part of the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center and the NC TraCS Institute.

WHAT DOES NC SPEED DO?

NC SPEED provides services to both **communities** and **researchers**.

Our services help **communities** identify and implement evidence-based approaches to address pressing local health and health care needs, locate funding sources, develop grant proposals, and link local providers and organizations to UNC investigators who want to partner in research.

Our services help **researchers** link with **communities**, understand community issues, interact with local institutions and organizations, and manage and use local data.

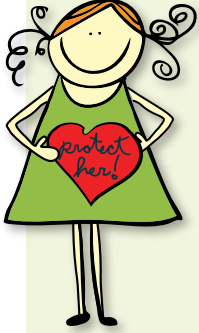


¹Balas EA. Information systems can prevent errors and improve quality. J Am Med Inform Assoc 2001;8:398-399

NC SPEED PROJECTS

- In Pitt County, we are evaluating how patient navigator services impact cancer treatment. Patient navigators are professionals who help cancer patients and their families find and use health and social services they need.

Community Partner: Leo Jenkins Cancer Center



- In Cumberland, Harnett, Richmond and Robeson counties, we are implementing and evaluating a campaign to increase human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination. The vaccine is effective against most types of the HPV virus that cause cervical cancer.

Community Partner: South Central Partnership for Public Health

- In Wake, Cumberland and Wayne counties, we are providing technical assistance to organizations delivering wellness programs to their low-income residents. *Community Partners: YWCA of the Greater Triangle, Cape Fear Valley Health System, and Mount Olive College*

- In Harnett County, we are working with a community health center to tailor a colorectal cancer screening toolkit for all community health center providers in North Carolina.

Community Partner: Tri-County Community Health Center

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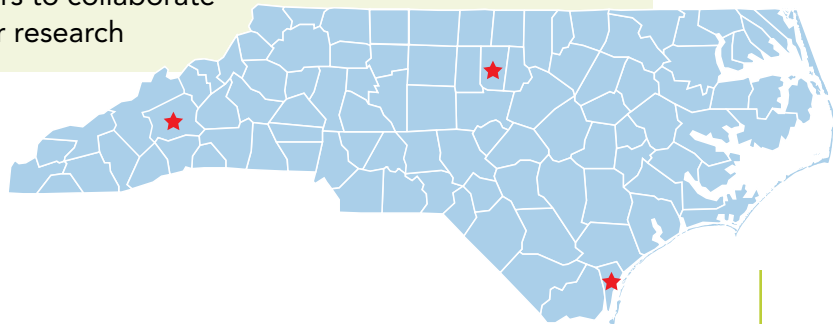
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We welcome requests from community and university partners, including:

- **Researchers** from local colleges and universities
- **Representatives** from community-based health and human service organizations
- **Local healthcare providers** including clinicians and staff in hospitals, clinics, or private practice
- **UNC investigators** who are seeking community partners to collaborate in their research



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