Consulting with the Biostatisticians at the Quantitative Methods Core (QMC)

A. Services offered – please see brochure or call/e-mail

B. Analysis of existing data sets
   1. Please see separate QMC Guidelines for Constructing Data Sets for Analysis
   2. The QMC statisticians work primarily in SAS, so files are typically converted to SAS for analysis
   3. Questions? Please call or e-mail before you spend a lot of time on a data set that might be difficult to use
   4. Analyses will be discussed with you prior to proceeding
   5. If specific techniques are common in your field, please let us know

C. Grant applications
   1. Typically develop five sections
      a. Sample size/power
      b. Statistical analysis plans
      c. QA/QC
      d. Data management plans
      e. DSMBs
   2. Please see separate QMC Guidelines for Grant Applications

D. First meeting – things to remember
   1. Although a biostatistician typically knows a lot of content areas (e.g., cardiovascular disease, oncology, orthopedics, ophthalmology, obesity, etc.), he/she may not be totally conversant in YOUR area
   2. Biostatisticians have areas of expertise – we have areas that we are experts in and others that we do not know well – so we may have to do some research before determining how best to help you with analysis
   3. Helpful to fill out a Statistical Consult Information Sheet prior to visit so that we have some background info
   4. While we can usually meet with investigators on short notice, we would like a little time to read the Statistical Consult Information Sheet, determine who is best qualified to work with you on your project, and think about your project before first meeting with you

E. Above all else, we look forward to meeting with you and discussing how we can help with your project