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The Department of Statistics collaborates closely with other RERF departments to carry out multidisciplinary research on A-bomb dosimetry, epidemiology, clinical studies, radiobiology, and genomics. The Chief of Statistics is responsible for planning, managing, and actively participating in the department’s research activities as well as supervising and mentoring department staff. The chief also carries out independent research on statistical methodologies that can be used to advance RERF’s work.

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