Training Courses for Clinical Research Coordinators

Role & Function of a Clinical Research Coordinator (CRC)

A CRC is the individual who manages all aspects of research and is required to have an in-depth knowledge of protocol requirements, good clinical practice and protects human subjects. As the primary resource for the protocols, the CRC acts as a liaison between investigators, primary care providers, the DSRB, and the sponsor.

Along with the Principal Investigator, the CRC will screen, enroll and follow study participants, ensuring protocol compliance and close monitoring while the participants are on a study. In addition, the CRC is responsible for all data and source documentation (i.e. preparing and submitting case report forms and other data to the Sponsor), safety reporting, and maintenance of investigator files to study close-out.

Therefore, it is vital and essential that a CRC attends training courses to further equip and update themselves necessary research knowledge and information.

Local Courses Available for CRCs:

Researcher’s Training & Development Unit (RTDU) Training Programs

1. Proper Conduct of Research
   - Basic – PC101 (E-Learning), PC102 (WDA accredited)
   & PC103 (E-Learning),
   - Intermediate – PC201
   - Advanced – PC301, PC302
2. Singapore Guideline for Good Clinical Practice

Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI)

See previous issue July 2012 – Minimum Training Requirement For Research Team [http://www.citiprogram.org/].

Other available programs

There are also other available courses or programmes by Polytechnics, local or overseas Universities or those accredited by the Singapore Workforce and Development Agency (WDA) under the Workforce Skills Qualifications (WSQ) national credentialling system in Singapore. More info available on the WDA’s website or internet.

Internationally Recognized Certifications:

Society of Clinical Research Associates (SoCRA)

SoCRA established the Certification Program for Clinical Research Professionals (CCRPs) so as to create an internationally accepted level of knowledge, education, and experience by which clinical research professionals will be recognized by the medical research community. This certification is opened to individuals with two or more years’ experience in clinical research. Individuals meeting all of the eligibility and application requirements will be required to successfully complete a written examination.


Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP)

The ACRP is the primary resource for clinical research professionals in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries, and those in hospital, academic medical centers and physician office settings. The ACRP Certification is the formal recognition of clinical research professionals who have met the eligibility requirements and demonstrated job-related knowledge and skills.

See [http://acrpnet.org/MainMenuCategory/Certification.aspx] for more information on the various type of certifications available.

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