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NEW CONTRACT ATTORNEY JOINS UAMS ORSP

Please welcome Joe Underwood, Ph.D., J.D. to the contract review team in the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs (ORSP). Dr. Underwood received his B.S. in Chemistry *cum laude* in 1994 from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and in 2000 earned his Ph.D. in Biochemistry & Molecular Biology from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. In 2005 he graduated *cum laude* with a J. D. from the University of Arkansas School of Law. He is a registered Patent Agent and was admitted to the Arkansas Bar in 2005. He comes to us from Williams and Anderson law firm in Little Rock where he practiced in the area of intellectual property law, including patents and technology licensing.

CRC INFORMATION

The Clinical Research Center (CRC), formerly the GCRC, will be moving parts of its operation from the VA to other locations on the UAMS Campus. More information to follow...

CMS REGULATIONS

New CMS (Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services) regulations take effect this month. For more information see the CMS website at the following link: <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/QuarterlyProviderUpdates/>. Click on What's New under the heading Overview on the left side of the screen and then download What's New Page - October 2007 to see the two new regulations published this month.

CITI PROGRAM INFORMATION

All human subjects' protection and HIPAA training are now conducted through the CITI Training Program <https://www.citiprogram.org>. The Pass Rate for CITI training has been set at 100% correct for the UAMS and ACHRI Investigator and Research Staff. The quiz at the end of each module can be repeated if you don't score 100%. The questions will be the same but may be listed in a different order.

EDUCATION CORNER

The upcoming workshop, “Developing and Negotiating Clinical Trials Budgets Using CRIMSON” scheduled for October 24 from 9:00-11:00 has been moved to a new room, ED II 8/105 A/B to accommodate additional participants. Register by clicking <https://secure.uams.edu/TrainingTracker/frmEnrollInClass.aspx> and select RSRA CRS.

ADDITIONAL CLASSES

Good Tissue Practices Q & A (October 10 10:00-11:00 UAMS Biomed 1, 205/207) The presentation includes discussion of all the key elements of the cGTPs with an emphasis on organization, personnel and facility requirements. Participants will gain a detailed understanding of what is required to achieve and maintain compliance with this important regulation. Register by clicking <https://secure.uams.edu/TrainingTracker/frmEnrollInClass.aspx> and select RSRA QA.

Essentials of Quality Human Subject Research (October 17 8:00-5:00 UAMS Biomed 1, 205/207) Full day seminar for new research investigators and coordinators providing introductory information on conducting research. Topics will include the IRB, ARIA, Informed Consent, Record Keeping, Case Reporting Forms, Pharmacy, and Research Compliance. Register by clicking <https://secure.uams.edu/TrainingTracker/frmEnrollInClass.aspx> and select RSRA Essentials.

Case Reporting Form Workshop - ACH Campus (October 24 8:30-10:30 ACH South Campus Brandon North A) The first hour of this workshop will consist of lecture concerning the importance of Case Report Forms to your study as well as creation of these forms. The second hour will feature workshop style activities to explore Case Report Forms by finding mistakes in completed forms and completing example forms by using source documentation. Space is limited—register today! To register: ACH & UAMS Employees register through the ACH Training Site.

Go to: <https://secure.archildrens.org/achtraining/myprofile/> Department name: res human protections co. If you have any problems/questions contact Margie Brackeen at brackeenmargiei@uams.edu or 364-3586

*Arkansas Children's Hospital is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Arkansas Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation. This activity provides 2 contact hours.

For more information, contact RSC Education Manager Crystal Hunnicutt at 526-6879 or by email at chunnicutt@uams.edu.

We invite your input. Please e-mail any items that you would like to share with the Clinical Research community to: doanleslie@uams.edu