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TEMPORARY RESEARCH RESTRICTION AT CAVHS

Effective August 31, 2007, no new human research studies may begin at Central Arkansas Veterans Healthcare System (CAVHS) and no participants may be newly enrolled in any research project. Research treatments and other activities already being provided to research participants are to continue uninterrupted. In addition, CAVHS will constitute and implement a local VA IRB for oversight of human research. If you have any questions related to current ongoing projects, direct them via VA outlook email to the newly established mail group entitled: VHALIT CAVHS Research.

DR. PHILIP KERN APPOINTED ASSISTANT DEAN FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH

Phil Kern, M.D., Professor of Internal Medicine in the Division of Endocrinology at UAMS, has been appointed Assistant Dean for Clinical Research in the College of Medicine (COM), effective September 1. Dr. Kern will help enhance the COM's clinical research programs at a time when clinical and translational research is more important than ever.

CITI PROGRAM UPDATE

As of September 14, 145 people have registered to complete their Human Research training through the CITI Program and 25 people have completed their training and received their certificates. When it is time to renew your Human Subjects Protection training, go to www.citiprogram.org and register under UAMS, choose a Login Username and Password, enter your personal information and select either Biomedical Research or Social/Behavioral Research under question 1. HIPAA for Research is included in both modules. All other training modules are optional.

UPCOMING RESEARCH SUPPORT CLASSES

1. **Developing Case Reporting Forms**
September 19th 9:00 - 11:00 AM Biomed 1, 205/207
In this course, we will discuss developing the case reporting form, which is a data transfer aid designed to move key pieces of clinical and research data from the source documents at the

clinical site into a data base for statistical analysis. Register by clicking <https://secure.uams.edu/TrainingTracker/frmEnrollInClass.aspx> and select RSRA CRS.

2. **Informed Consent: Execution, Documentation, and Monitoring the Process**
Web Seminar to be held at Arkansas Children's Hospital South Campus:
Brandon South A&B

September 21st 11:30 - 2:30 (Lunch provided to registered participants)

This seminar presents the basic elements of informed consent and beyond, presenting informed consent as a dynamic process instead of an event.

To register contact Margie Brackeen at brackeenmargiei@uams.edu or call 364-3586.

3. **Good Tissue Practices Q & A**

October 10th from 10:00 - 11:00 AM 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.

4. **Essentials of Quality Human Subject Research**

October 17th from 8:00 - 5:00 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>

In Step 1, Select a course: Select RSRA Essentials.

5. **Developing and Negotiating Clinical Trials Budgets Using CRIMSON**

October 24th 9:00 - 11:00 AM Biomed 1, 205/207

Hands-on workshop for participants who actually develop the budgets for Industry Sponsored Clinical Trials. Participant will need to bring a research protocol which has either not been entered into CRIMSON or has been initially entered into CRIMSON, but not yet submitted to IRB. This class is limited to 8 participants who meet the criteria above. Register by clicking

<https://secure.uams.edu/TrainingTracker/frmEnrollInClass.aspx> and select RSRA CRS.

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