

Resources for Training

Research is different. It is not clinical medicine or program development or teaching. It can be clearly distinguished from other activities or so intertwined that the procedures are difficult to distinguish. The professionals involved in the conduct of research are generally well trained in their respective fields but few professional programs include training in the Responsible Conduct of Research.

IRC agrees with the current national trend of requiring that investigators and their key staff must meet at least a minimum certified competency level in order to request the privilege of conducting research involving human beings. CURRENT IRC POLICY is found at [2.2.03](#))

As of January 1, 2002, principal investigators approved by IRC must have completed some training in the Responsible Conduct of Research *within the past three (3) years*. We highly recommend that key personnel, particularly any involved in recruitment, also have training. (As an added bonus, many courses offer CME credits!)

There are a number of resources available. We have included a list below but it is not restrictive or inclusive. If you find others you wish to recommend, please email or fax us the contact information. Also, if you have rave reviews or complaints about any course of study, please let us know.

* *Offers a certificate at the end
 CE Offers continuing education units*

CERTIFICATES ACCEPTED

CIP	Certified IRB Professional	ARENA	http://www.primr.org
CRCC	Certified Clinical Research Coordinator	ACRP	http://www.acrpnet.org
CCRA	Certified Clinical Research Associate	ACRP	http://www.acrpnet.org
RAC	Regulatory Affairs Professional	RAPS	http://www.raps.org
CCRP	Certified Clinical Research Professional	SOCRA	http://www.SoCRA.org

LISTS OF SITES with lists of sites

NIH Bioethics site	http://www.nih.gov/sigs/bioethics/casestudies.html#research	
AAMC Research Compliance Resources	http://www.aamc.org/research/dbr/compliance/curricula.htm	

WEB BASED TRAINING SITES

CITI Collaborative IRB Training Initiative	*	http://www.citiprogram.org IRC investigators will be issued a password that will allow entry into the IRC section. THIS IS THE SITE WE RECOMMEND FIRST. There are modules for various disciplines.	Free web based training. 13 basic modules. IRC receives notice of completion. Be sure to ask for a certificate.
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Various university web sites	CE	http://www.research.umn.edu/ University of Minnesota	Well prepared site with good resources esp re consent Separate modules for clinical and soc/behav
		http://www.mcg.edu/ce/research.htm Medical College of Georgia	Clinically oriented. Good course preview.
	* (log in: "UCInetID")	http://tutorials.rgs.uci.edu UC Irvine –	Series of questions with immediate feedback.
	*	http://gra.sdsu.edu/cphs/tutorial San Diego State University	Examples are more social science based.

FEDERAL TRAINING SITES

OHRP		http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/education/	Useful for federally funded investigators – This site is not sufficient for RCR training.
NCI	* **	http://cme.nci.nih.gov/clinicaltrials/learning/clinical-trials-education-series	Cancer institute (includes a unit on tissue use)
Dept of Energy		http://www.science.doe.gov/ober/humsubj/	

TRAINING COMPANIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND PEOPLE

IIR - Institute for International Research Pharmaceutical Training Institute	* CE	http://www.iirusa.com/index.cfm/Link=36 941-670-8200	A variety of 2 to 3 day, small group seminars
Barnett International: A division of Parexel International	* CE	http://www.barnettinternational.com	A variety of 2 or 3 day small group seminars and web-based courses
Clinical Device Group		http://www.clinicaldevice.com	Short courses and books about device trials
Center for Clinical Research Practice		http://www.ccrp.com/	Books and courses (owned by CenterWatch) with graded tests.
IRB 101	CE	http://www.primr.org	A one-day course hosted by a local organization and presented by ARENA
OHRP/FDA workshops		http://www.hhs.gov/ohrp/education/	List of workshops with local hosts
ACRP	CE	http://www.acrpnet.org	Variety of courses including "GCP for Clinical Investigators"
DIA	CE	http://www.diahome.org	Variety of courses for PIs and site staff.

SELF STUDY GUIDES

Barnett International	http://www.barnettinternational.com 610-565-2622	
Center for Clinical Research Practice	http://www.ccrp.com/education.shtml Center for Clinical Research Practice 40 Washington Street, Suite 130 Wellesley, MA 02481 Phone: 781-431-7577 Fax: 781-237-0330	

