DAY ONE:

8:00 - 8:30 - Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 8:45 - Welcome and Course Overview
Jennifer Goldfarb, MSN, RN, CCRP, Vice President, Clinical Research Operations, The IMA Group

8:45 – 9:30 - Introduction to Clinical Research Nursing: Scope and Standards of Practice
Mary Jane Williams, DNP, MPH, RN, NE-BC, Nurse Manager, Clinical Research Unit, University of Wisconsin Hospital
This session will provide an overview of key concepts of the Clinical Research Nursing Scope and Standards of Practice and functionality of the associated competencies. The conceptual framework describing the who, what, when, where, and why of Clinical Research Nursing practice will be explored.

9:30 – 10:30 - Roles and Practice Dimensions of the Clinical Research Nurse
Gunda Simpkins, RN, MSN, MPH, CCRP, Clinical Research Team Manager, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
This session will further explore the various roles and responsibilities of the clinical research nurse. Interactive exercises are designed to increase attendees’ ability to delineate these practice roles and the activities they encompass, as well as lead to a better understanding of the application of theory to the conduct of research.

10:30 – 10:45 - Break

10:45 – 12:00 - Clinical Research Nurse Panel
A panel of speakers and session participants will discuss their career journeys and answer questions related to their roles, responsibilities, and challenges.

12:00 – 1:00 - Lunch (Provided)

1:00 – 2:15 - Study Team Management
Jennifer Goldfarb, MSN, RN, CCRP, Vice President, Clinical Research Operations, The IMA Group
Clinical research nurses require effective leadership and management skills regardless of job setting or title. In this interactive session, we will discuss considerations for leadership and management of the multidisciplinary clinical research team. Communication strategies, team dynamics, and conflict management will be discussed. Practical tools and techniques will be shared to assist the clinical research nurse in his/her role as a leader with guided exercises related to communication and team development.

2:15 – 3:00 - Tenets and Principles that Guide Clinical Research Nursing Practice
Margaret McCabe, PhD, RN, PNP, Director, Center for Pediatric Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
The five tenets of clinical research nursing will be discussed along with the guiding principles that give direction to nurses practicing in the clinical research specialty. The purpose and potential impact to study participants and fidelity to the research protocol will be described.

3:00 – 3:15 - Break

3:15 – 4:30 - Standards and Competencies of Clinical Research Nursing: How Does My Practice Fit?
Margaret McCabe, PhD, RN, PNP, Director, Center for Pediatric Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
Mary Jane Williams, DNP, MPH, RN, NE-BC, Nurse Manager, Clinical Research Unit, University of Wisconsin Hospital
This interactive session will use the Standards of Professional Performance to explore evidence of compliance from the CRNs practice experience. Competencies from the professional practice standards will be used to identify real-world application in various CRN roles and associated responsibilities.
CLINICAL RESEARCH NURSING CONFERENCE AGENDA

DAY TWO:

8:00 – 8:30 - Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 9:15 - Contributing to the Science
Margaret McCabe, PhD, RN, PNP, Director of the Center for Pediatric Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
CRNs make important contributions to science in a variety of ways. This session will help CRNs to become familiar with opportunities to contribute to science and the advancement of patient care.

9:15 – 10:00 - Human Subjects Protection/Regulatory Considerations
Gunda Simpkins, RN, MSN, MPH, CCRP, Clinical Research Team Manager, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
History has shown the potential for subject rights abuses in the name of science. Resulting consensus statements and regulations guide the practice of the CRN. This session will focus on the crucial role the CRN plays in the proper conduct of research.

10:00 – 10:15 - Break

10:15 – 11:30 - Informed Consent Process
Jennifer Goldfarb, MSN, RN, CCRP, Vice President, Clinical Research Operations, The IMA Group
This session will provide an overview of the informed consent process with a small group practice session using case studies. Barriers to understanding and the critical role of the Clinical Research Nurse in the informed consent process will be emphasized, along with strategies to improve the process and ensure consent is truly both voluntary and informed.

11:30 – 12:30 - Lunch/Networking

12:30 – 1:15 - Project Management
Gunda Simpkins, RN, MSN, MPH, CCRP, Clinical Research Team Manager, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
The CRN plays multiple roles within any given project—Educator, Coordinator, Facilitator, Patient Advocate, Manager. This session will share best practices in the management of clinical research projects, promoting consistency of functions and ensuring accuracy and integrity of study data.

1:15 – 2:30 - Program Management
Jennifer Goldfarb, MSN, RN, CCRP, Vice President, Clinical Research Operations, The IMA Group
During this session we will examine ways to build infrastructure and develop operational best practices for centralized clinical research units and/or programs. Operational and financial management best practices, along with effectively determining how to budget for and track staffing costs, will be discussed. Practical tools and templates will be shared.

2:30 – 2:45 - Break

2:45 – 3:30 - Education and Professional Development for CRNs
Margaret McCabe, PhD, RN, PNP, Director, Center for Pediatric Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
Current trends in education and professional development for CRNs will be presented in this session. Continuing education and opportunities for career development will be discussed.

3:30 – 4:00 - Trends and Issues in Clinical Research Nursing
Mary Jane Williams, DNP, MPH, RN, NE-BC, Nurse Manager, Clinical Research Unit, University of Wisconsin Hospital
This session will discuss workplace, research participant, and public safety issues and current trends Clinical Research Nurses encounter in their practice. It will explore important contributions the CRN is poised to make in identifying and meeting these challenges when practicing at the cutting edge of clinical research.

4:00 – 4:15 - Closing Remarks