Clinical Research Monitoring and GCP Workshop for Site Coordinators, Monitors and Auditors

Day 1 -
7:45-8:00am  Registration and Continental Breakfast (provided)

8:00-9:45am  Good Clinical Practice: Obligations of the Sponsor and Monitor
- Basic Principles
- International Conference on Harmonisation
- Investigator’s Responsibilities
- Sponsor’s Responsibilities
- Monitor’s Responsibilities
- Record Retention
- Basic Requirements for Conducting Studies in Canada

9:45-10:00am  Break

10:00-11:00am  Investigator Recruitment and Selection: What is the Sponsor Looking For?
- Investigator Recruitment
- Potential Investigative Sites
- Investigator Selection Factors
- Site Selection Visits

11:00-12:00pm  Ethical Considerations
- Institutional Review Boards
- Financial Disclosure

12:00-1:00pm  Lunch (provided)

1:00-2:00pm  Informed Consent
This session will review the informed consent process, including discussion of requirements in the FDA regulations and the ICH E6 guideline, and some of the challenges in obtaining informed consent.

2:00-3:00pm  Study Initiation Activities
- Budget/Contract Negotiation
- Essential Document Definitions and Collection Mechanisms

3:00-3:15pm  Break

3:15 – 5:00  Monitoring Activities and Site Visits
- Purpose
- Preparation
- On-site Document Review
- Visit Summary with Study Personnel
- Visit Report and Follow-up Correspondence

Day 2 -
7:45-8:00am  Continental Breakfast (provided)

8:00-10:00am  Monitoring Activities and Site Visits CONTINUED

10:00-10:15am  Break
Day 2 - continued

10:15-11:30am  The Quality Assurance Audit – Audit Preparedness
  • Distinguishing Auditing from Monitoring
  • Sponsor Audits
  • Getting Ready for an Audit
  • FDA Inspections
  • FDA Warning Letters

11:30am-12:15pm  Quality Assurance Exercise

12:15-1:15pm  Lunch

1:15-2:30pm  Completion and Discussion of Exercise

2:30-2:45pm  Break

2:45-3:45pm  Proactive Study Management
  • Expecting the Unexpected
  • Addressing Specific Challenges
  • Improving Performance

3:45-5:00pm  Question & Answer; Discussion: Investigator Initiated Research
  • Pros and Cons of Investigator Initiated Research
  • Informed Consent / IRB Oversight
  • Protocol Development / Protocol Approval
  • Budgeting: Funds, Supplies, Personnel
  • Is an IND/IDE Required?
  • Sponsor-Investigator Responsibilities
  • Data Management / Report Development / Publishing
  • Adverse Event Reporting

Course Faculty

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