PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the kick off of 2016, the New York Metropolitan Chapter is turning our focus on membership involvement. While our chapter maintains a large membership each year, we welcome engaging members into chapter activities. The chapter currently is seeking volunteers for our committees. Participating in committee activities provide members with opportunities for networking and to support chapter events. Please consider supporting the chapter in 2016 by joining one of our committees.

For more information on committees and the appropriate contacts, please see the article below, "Get Involved and Help Shape Our Future".

We look forward to seeing you at educational event on March 15, at Hospital for Special Surgery. Registration is now open.

Be sure to also mark your calendars for our exciting May 11 event offered at Columbia University Medical Center, "How to Create an Almost Paperless, Almost Free Clinical Trial Management System" presented by past president, Lyn Goldsmith. This session was offered and received rave reviews at the ACRP Global Conference.

Best regards,
Erika

EDUCATION AND PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

The New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP’s Education Committee has an exciting year planned for 2016. We are starting off our education series on March 15th with a presentation from Christine Pierre of Rx Trials who will present at the Hospital for Special Surgery on "Facts and Fictions on How to Be a Site of Excellence."

Our second event will be at Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC) on May 11th, where Lyn Goldsmith of CUMC will provide an instructional presentation on "How to Create an Almost Paperless, Almost Free Clinical Trial Management System."

Based on the success of our chapter's first webinar in 2015, we are pleased to offer a second evening webinar this year. We plan to feature a live webcast on "Diversity in Clinical Research" in September of 2016.

Finally, our last and most highly anticipated event of the year - our 8th annual clinical research symposium - will take place in November and will focus on all things monitoring. We look forward to seeing you at our events this year!

Halley Rogers
Chair, Education and Programs Committee
Get involved and help shape our future...our success relies on YOU!!!

The New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP is a comprehensive organization of clinical research professionals from a variety of backgrounds and relies on its membership involvement and support to help the chapter grow and be more effective in meeting the needs of the membership.

Chapter members are encouraged to become actively involved in different committees and other chapter activities, and eventually assume leadership roles in the chapter.

By working together we can ensure that the New York Metropolitan Chapter will be able to continuously provide a readily accessible mechanism for regional program development for clinical research professionals to foster professional interaction, continuing education, problem solving, discussion of professional issues and to deliver improved access to ACRP resources, including certification.

We are looking for member volunteers for the Marketing, Membership and Retention and Nominations Committees. If you are interested to join any of these committees, please contact the following committee chairs:

**Marketing Committee**
The Marketing Committee shall initiate co-branding with global ACRP and other local chapters on events or activities and advertise meetings/training sessions. The committee shall also seek corporate outreach and sponsorship and obtain income and revenue through promotion and advertising. Committee members may be asked to help find venues for educational and social chapter events. This committee works closely in support of the Communications, Education and Membership committees.
Chair: Emily Mapplebeck at emilymapplebeck@gmail.com

**Membership and Retention Committee**
The Membership Committee will conduct an ongoing recruitment effort that actively identifies potential new members and recruits them into the organization and into the ACRP. In addition, the committee will lead the efforts in retention initiatives for local constituents and will develop a retention plan for how to maintain existing membership and avoid turnover due to lack of involvement. The chair will work with the secretary to maintain an accurate list of membership records, reach out to the local community, other professional organizations and companies to bring in new members to the group. Committee members may be asked to assist with registration as well as serve as greeters at chapter events.
Chair: Jun Avelino Loquere at al2061@cumc.columbia.edu

**Nominations Committee**
The Nominations Committee is responsible for reviewing the credentials of members interested in running for office, preparing a final slate of candidates for all elective offices, tallying the ballots and presenting the election results to the President to be certified as accurate. The Nominations Committee busiest time is from the summer till the end of the year.
Chair: Carlotta Rodriguez at rodrigcm@ca.rutgers.edu

Please visit our chapter website at [www.acrpnet.org/nymetro](http://www.acrpnet.org/nymetro) to see our past accomplishments and activities.

**Item Writing Training for the ACRP Certification Exams is coming to the NY Metro Chapter Open to ACRP Certified individuals, coming this**
Spring!

The NY Metro Chapter was selected for this inaugural in-person training, held exclusively for an ACRP chapter. Coordinated by ACRP and facilitated by ACRP's Test Development Partner, this is an opportunity to learn how to write exam questions (also known as "items") as a volunteer subject matter expert. Once trained, you will be invited to join the community of 100+ writers who contribute content for the Academy Certification exams while staying sharp on GCPs. This is also an opportunity to give back to the clinical research community while earning continuing education points toward your ACRP Certification.

To learn more about the training and becoming a contributing item writer, visit www.acrpnet.org/itemwriter.

Interested? Contact Jennifer Witebsky, ACRP Certification Manager, at jennifer@acrpnet.org.

CISCRP CLINICAL RESEARCH AMBASSADORS

Interested in playing a direct role in helping and honoring the patients who make clinical research possible? The non-profit Center for Information and Study on Clinical Research Participation (CISCRP) in Boston is offering an opportunity for professionals to earn a Clinical Research Ambassadors credential through our Communicating Trial Results program. This initiative focuses on translating technical results of clinical trials into scientifically accurate, non-promotional Trial Results Summaries written at a 6th-8th grade reading level. CISCRP calls upon medical professionals, patient advocates, and patients to review each summary as members of our Editorial Panel, and help us make sure our materials are as clear and effective as possible for the clinical trial participants. If interested, please email your resume/CV to sbuzard@ciscrp.org.

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS
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The New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP presents:

Facts and Fictions on How to Be a Site of Excellence

Tuesday, March 15, 2016
6:00—8:30 pm

6:00-6:45 pm Networking
6:45-7:00 pm Chapter Meeting
7:00-8:30 pm Educational Presentation

Brief Description: Please join the NY Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP as we learn from an expert in the field what it means to be a site of excellence and why sites should strive to achieve that status.

Event Objectives:
- Describe the features that make a site most desirable to a sponsor.
- Outline strategies of how to make the research team work like a team.
- Define what it means to be a site of excellence.

Target Audience: All clinical research professionals

Registration and Contact Hours: This event is FREE for NY Metropolitan Chapter members and employees of the Hospital for Special Surgery (with valid ID at registration), and $25 for non chapter members. Register at Eventbrite.

Contact Hours: 1.5 Contact hours and CMEs have been approved through ACRP. Contact hours can be purchased on the NY Metro Chapter website. Contact hours are complimentary for Chapter Members, $15 for ACRP members and $30 for non members. To receive contact hours: Purchase the contact hours, sign in at the registration desk, and attend the program. Log on to ACRP website then click "ACRP Learning Portal" to complete the evaluation between 1-30 days following the event and receive the online certificate. No refunds unless the chapter cancels the event.

Membership is not required for online registration/application of contact hours.

Stay tuned to our Chapter website at ACRP New York Metropolitan Chapter - Upcoming Chapter Events or send us an email at nymetro-acrp@gmail.com.
The New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP presents:

Introducing an Almost Paperless, Almost Free, Clinical Trial Management System

Hammer Health Sciences Building
Room 312
Columbia University Medical Center
701 West 168th St.
New York, NY 10032

Speaker:
Lyn Goldsmith, MA, RN, BSN
Director of Clinical Trials
Dept. of Surgery
Columbia University Medical Center

Wednesday, May 11, 2016
6:00—8:30 pm

6:00-6:45 pm Networking
6:45-7:00 pm Chapter Meeting
7:00-8:30 pm Educational Presentation

Program Description: For many researchers, the task of managing study and source documentation in clinical trials is complicated, costly, and involves multiple heavy study binders. Please join us for an educational session in which our featured presenter will provide a new approach to this archaic process for maintaining study records that may just make your job easier.

Event Objectives:
> Demonstrate how to save time, paper and money by adopting (almost) paperless regulatory binders.
> Evaluate whether your site will benefit from paperless electronic source documents and research charts.
> Develop strategies to facilitate the conduct of paperless monitoring visits and audits.

Target Audience: All clinical research professionals.

Level: Intermediate

Registration: This event is FREE for NY Metropolitan Chapter members and employees of Columbia University Medical Center (with valid ID at registration), and $25 for non-chapter members. Register at Eventbrite. No refunds unless the chapter cancels the event.

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SPOTLIGHT on Research

by Marisa Kavanaugh-Hogans, RN, BSN, CCRC

Research is one of the few areas where paper is still an important part of the data collection process. From consents to source documents to case report forms, the average research subject’s binder is overflowing with important forms necessary to confirm that we have correctly enrolled a patient into a study and are following that patient appropriately throughout the course of their participation. With this in mind, it’s exciting to be able to speak to Lyn Goldsmith this month who will be speaking at an upcoming New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP event about making part of the process electronic. Besides looking forward to hearing her insights on this subject, I think it’s inspiring to also learn of all of the roles she has held in the chapter. Ms. Goldsmith, an RN who received her BSN from New York University and her MA in Biotechnology from Columbia University, was gracious enough to let me interview her and I’m thankful for her time.

Can you please describe your current role as the Director of Clinical Trials at Columbia University Medical Center?

I’m Director of Clinical Trials for the Department of Surgery at Columbia University. I manage a group of coordinators, research nurses, and research assistants collectively known as the Clinical Research Core. We provide the Department with immediate access to a pool of part-time or temporary full-time experienced research professionals, as determined by the needs of the study. The team works in various divisions: cardiothoracic, renal and lung transplant, bariatric, plastic and breast cancer studies.

What have been some of the positions you have held on the board of the New York Metropolitan Chapter of ACRP, including your role as president of the NY Metropolitan Chapter of the ACRP?

My first position was as newsletter editor; then I served as Education Chair, and finally as Chapter President.

In May, you will be a speaker at one of our educational events discussing a very interesting topic: “Almost Paperless Trials”. Can you give us a preview of what we can expect during your presentation?

Gladly. I’ll be presenting on a system of maintaining study documents in electronic format. The first part of the session will focus on regulatory binders and sponsor communications, and the second part on source documents and subject binders.

What do you do when you’re not working?

My passion for years was kayaking, but I started swimming last year and am now interested in seeing how long and far I can swim.

My longest swim this summer will be a race from the Tappan Zee Bridge to the George Washington Bridge (15.7 miles). I’m registered for several other swims, I’ll also be going back to Bermuda in the fall. I finished my first 10K there and that got me hooked on marathon swimming forever. At my age, my swim goals are modest: have fun and try not to come in last.
FREE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

UPCOMING WEBINARS

Risk Based Monitoring: Transforming Theory into Practice
March 15, 2016 at 10:00 am EST
Presented by Business Review Webinars

21 CRF Part 11: Vendor vs. Sponsor Responsibilities
March 16, 2016 at 2:00 pm EST
Presented by Forte Research Systems

Run Your Research Program as a Business: 6 Techniques to Grow Your Site
March 22, 2016 at 1:00 pm EST
Presented by Forte Research Systems
PRE-RECORDED WEBINARS

**Financing Clinical Trials - Appropriate Compensation and Allocation of Study Budgets**
Presented by Forte Research Systems

**Advanced Coverage Analysis: NCDs and LCDs**
Presented by Forte Research Systems

**IRB and Social Media: 5 Misunderstood Regulations to Help Your Site Recruit Patients Faster**
Presented by Forte Research Systems

ARTICLES

**Assessing Common Challenges in Clinical Research Billing Audits**
Presented by Forte Research Systems

**Ten Ways to Derail a Clinical Trial**
Presented by PharmaVoice

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**Welcome!**

**to our new and returning chapter members!**

We currently have 231 active members to date with 9 new and returning members joining us in the last quarter. We would like to give a warm welcome to:

Andrew Frisina, Ruby Garzon, Sung Hye Gonzalez, Jennifer Kalina, Molly Maurer, Patricia Nadraus, Deborah Rupert, Howard Wong and Amanda Yaari.

For membership questions, email Jun Loquere at al2061@cumc.columbia.edu. You can also log on to www.acrpnnet.org for ACRP and chapter membership applications.

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**WANT TO POST SOMETHING IN OUR NEWSLETTER OR JOB BOARD?**

For information on placing advertisements in the quarterly newsletter or posting positions on the monthly Job Board, click HERE. You can also send your comments or suggestions to jholwell@aol.com.
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Marketing Committee is currently seeking sponsorship for our upcoming 2015 events. Corporations, recruiters, or institutions interested in sponsorship of any of our events should contact Emily Mapplebeck at emilymapplebeck@gmail.com or 828-228-9558. We have several levels of corporate sponsorship available.

The Marketing Committee is always looking for volunteers. Any members interested in becoming more involved in the chapter should also contact Emily.