A Message from the President

Welcome to the Greater Kansas City Chapter of the Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP). We proudly serve Kansas City and the surrounding area to provide up-to-date information, continuing education credits, and networking for the research community. We are a comprehensive organization of clinical research professionals from a variety of backgrounds.

As a chapter of the ACRP, we strive to provide a readily accessible mechanism for regional program development for clinical research professionals to foster professional interaction, continuing education, problem solving, and discussion of professional issues. We have an active and exciting year planned for the Greater KC Chapter. If you have questions about ACRP meetings or events, please contact us at kcacrp@gmail.com.

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Greater KC Chapter President
Welcome New Members!

A big welcome and hello to our newest members. Without your interest and involvement our group could not continue to grow and flourish.

We hope you enjoy everything your local chapter has to offer and are always interested in hearing your suggestions for improvement.

Jamie Meseke  
PPD, Inc.

Angie Parizek  
PRA International

Jody Ehrhardt  
Ehrhardt Clinical Research, LLC

Talita Hill  
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Heartland Research Association, LLC

Jeffrey Wiley  
Theorem Clinical Research

Barbara Lomeli  
Quintiles

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Know someone that could benefit from membership?

Become a Greater Kansas City Chapter member for only $20 a year.

Joining the GKC Chapter is easy through the new ACRP website. Simply log in to the ACRP website, http://acrpnet.org/. Once you have logged in, select “my profile” from the right side bar, then select “join chapter” in the right side bar. Once you locate the GKC Chapter, hit the select button to purchase your membership!
Employer Spotlight

The Theorem Clinical Research name is relatively new, but it is built on a long history of delivering exceptional services and support for all phases of clinical research. Before its launch in 2011, Theorem operated as a subsidiary of Omnicare Inc., tracing its roots back to 1985. Today, Theorem is a global organization with 1,200+ employees located throughout more than 30 countries.

As our story continues to unfold, one factor remains constant: We remain committed to our clients and their success and strive for excellence at every opportunity. Theorem understands your evolving drug, device and combination clinical studies development needs and pledges to meet them far into the future.

Theorem is well represented right here in Kansas City! We have CRAs, Lead CRAs, Project Managers, and Management team members in the greater KC area!

You, too, could join Theorem! We’re looking for problem solvers who think for themselves and can think on their feet. We want people who are looking for a challenge and feel they have more to offer than they’re being asked to give. We want people who do excellent work — professionals who are their own worst critic — for whom excellence is the only standard worthy of consideration.

If you would like additional information about Theorem, please contact Jeff Wiley, Sr. Director of Clinical Operations, at Jeff.Wiley@TheoremClinical.com

Employee Spotlight

Angie Parizek is the Sr. Director of the Clinical Pharmacology Center for PRA Health Sciences in Lenexa, Kansas. She has more than 16 years of experience in the pharmaceutical research industry with a strong emphasis in Phase 1 and Phase 2 clinical operations. Angie directs PRA’s clinical research operations where she is responsible for volunteer recruitment, pharmacy, site operations and clinical data groups. Angie is Lean Six Sigma Green Belt certified and has an extensive track record in developing and implementing new metrics and reporting systems that lead to improved operational quality and efficiencies.

Having served in leadership roles for over 20 years, Angie has had direct and indirect responsibility for leading teams comprised of more than 100 staff members. Prior to PRA Health Sciences, Angie spent most of her career in Nebraska with ICON and MDS Pharma Services/Celerion.

Angie and her family relocated to the Kansas City area last year. She is excited to be in a part of a community rich with history and leadership in pharmaceutical research. She has a Bachelor’s degree in Biology and is a member of Association of Clinical Research Professionals, including an active member of the Greater Kansas City Chapter. Angie is also serves on the Board of Directors for the Association of Clinical Pharmacology Units.
Introducing openFDA

June saw the launch of openFDA, a new initiative from the Office of Informatics and Technology Innovation (OITI). OpenFDA was designed to make access to health data sets by the public as well as by developers, researchers, and other industry professionals, easier.

These data sets will include such things as drug adverse reactions, medication errors, and other Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) reports. Once openFDA is fully integrated and analyzed, the availability of these important data sets in one single source will help facilitate the protection of patient health and safety.

In fact, the first large, published data set that is available for search and viewing is the FDAs drug adverse reaction and medication reports. Data from 2004 to 2013 are included in the over 4 million records analyzed for this set. As more data is added and more records are submitted, analyzed and integrated the possibilities and uses for this open sharing searchable database will be unlimited.

New Local Clinical Research Site

Ehrhardt Clinical Research, LLC, (ECR), a multi-specialty site located in Belton, Missouri, recently announced their growth and success with a Chamber of Commerce sponsored ribbon cutting ceremony.

Founded in 2012, ECR conducts gastroenterology and respiratory trials, with plans to extend into other therapies in the future. Currently they are enrolling for Crohns, Ulcerative Colitis, COPD, and Asthma trials.

www.ecrtrials.com

What’s Happening Locally?

GROUNDBREAKING NEWS

Vince & Associates Clinical Research in Overland Park, Kansas hosted a Groundbreaking ceremony on April 24, 2014 to celebrate a new 5 million dollar expansion of their existing facilities on Metcalf Avenue. This new three-story building will house a state-of-the-art pharmacy, an expanded volunteer recruitment center, a new procedure suite and upscale research suites for overnight clinical trial stays.

Vince & Associates Clinical Research is already a premier research facility in Kansas. This expansion allows them to offer innovative solutions to pharmaceutical companies, the medical industry, and the citizen volunteers in the local community.

http://www.vinceandassociates.com
Job Opportunities

Aerotek Scientific, LLC

**Phase I Clinical Research Coordinator (Kansas City and San Antonio, TX),** under the guidance of the Study Conduct Manager, and each clinical trial’s Principal Investigator, is responsible for assuring that the integrity and quality of the clinical research trial is maintained and that the trial is conducted in accordance with Good Clinical Practice guidelines and ICH guidelines as applicable.

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Clinical Contract Administrator (Kansas City),

Manages contract compliance, vendor bid/selection, cost/benefit tracking. Responsible for vendor relationships, vendor performance management and performance evaluations. Typically would possess a Bachelors of Science Degree. Please contact Grant A. Gorr
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Clinical Research Associate / CRA / Senior CRA / Phase I (Kansas City), As a Home-Based Clinical Research Associate, you will travel regionally to conduct monitoring over complex clinical study sites to assure adherence to good clinical practices, standard operating procedures, and study protocols. You will be responsible for multiple projects, working independently and on a team. You will participate in clinical training programs, staying abreast of industry developments. Please contact Claudia Fortney - Claudia.Fortney@Quintiles.com

Get Involved!

The local Kansas City Chapter offers free educational events to our chapter members 3 to 4 times per year featuring well know professional speakers. Obtaining CEUs for attending is as simple as 1, 2 and 3.

1. **Sign in at the registration desk and attend the program**
2. **Go to http://www.acrpnet.org, Log-in and purchase the contact hours: Member price FREE; Public Price $30 by going to Go My Contact Hours / Purchase Education Event / Greater KC Event**
3. **Go to your “My Tests, Evaluations, and Certificates” (TEC) record on the ACRP website to complete the evaluation between 1-7 days following the event and obtain the online certificate**
Our Mission is our Passion:

To provide local leadership to promote integrity and excellence for the clinical research profession.

The Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP) Chapter of Kansas City is a regional resource for clinical research professionals in the pharmaceutical, biotechnology and medical device industries, and those in hospital, academic medical centers and physician office settings.

Our mission is to address any educational and networking needs of any and all clinical research professionals in the Kansas City area.

What We Are All About!

What can ACRP do for me?

Becoming a member of ACRP connects you to the largest community of your peers.

Through participation in targeted professional development opportunities, the annual ACRP Global Conference & Exhibition, Local Chapters, the Online Community, and Interest Groups and with global members through interactive eForums and a searchable Member Directory the networking possibilities are endless.

Additional Resources

- Access to the Wiki-glossary and global resources
- Access to a social networking-style website (a great resource for clinical research professionals)
- The Clinical Researcher. A bi-monthly journal featuring peer-reviewed articles, columns, association news and more. In addition, each issue provides three CEU’s of self-study, self-paced credits.
- ACRP Wire – A bi-weekly eNewsletter that delivers current new specific to clinical research.
- ACRP Career Center a free resume posting forum.
- ACRP Interest Groups of clinical research professionals from different disciplines and activity areas—fostering the sharing of information and experiences among ACRP Members and professional colleagues.

CONNECT WITH ACRP GREATER KC!
Facebook: Association of Clinical Research Professionals, Greater KC Chapter
Twitter: @ACRPGreaterKC
Linkedin: ACRP Greater Kansas City
Past- Future Events

2014 Spring Educational
“Disaster Preparedness”

On April 2nd, 2014, ACRP Greater KC presented a CE opportunity at KCUMB. The topic: “Disasters and Clinical Trials: Lessons Learned From Recent Disasters and the Impact of Disasters on Clinical Trials”, was presented by William Smith, MD, President at New Orleans Center for Clinical Research. 

In conjunction with a slide deck presentation Dr. Smith spoke about how to design and implement disaster preparedness strategies and policy and how to communicate effectively with regulatory authorities, employees, study volunteers, and the community in the event of a disaster.

It was a very informative evening that even included a few laughs. We would like to thank everyone that attended and especially thank Dr. Smith for sharing his insights with us on this important topic.

SPRING SOCIAL

The ACRP Greater KC Spring Social was held on Thursday May 15th at Granite City Brewery in Olathe. The evening, which was co-sponsored by Aerotek and Ehrhardt Clinical Research, LLC, was held to foster networking, idea sharing, and fun within our group.

As part of the event members and non-members are encouraged to mingle, share backgrounds and business cards, and, of course, share ideas with us for future event ideas or offerings.

With tasty appetizers, refreshing beverages, a short talk from Ehrhardt Clinical Research founder Jody Ehrhardt, the night was declared a success. However, the most prominent part of the evening had to be the drawing for a pair of KC Royals tickets. The lucky winner was Jo Mills-Kaeser. Congratulations Jo!