



## GREATER KANSAS CITY Chapter Newsletter



### A Message from the President

At our 2014 Winter Educational Event on Dec. 1st (*FDA Inspection Readiness*), we successfully completed elections for the new Board of Directors for the Greater Kansas City Chapter (results below).

I will be handing off the President role to Grant Gorr. Grant has been involved with the chapter since its inception in 2012, and he was instrumental with the launching of the chapter and all the recent success we have had. As for myself, I will continue to be involved and help wherever possible. It has been a fun 2.5 years in the President role, but more importantly I'm excited for our future growth. From a personal standpoint, I'm very pleased with how much the GKC Chapter has grown, the quality of our Educational Events and having the opportunity to meet so many of you that work "in this field".

Please also note that we have 2 new Board members: Angie Parizek and Jody Ehrhardt. Welcome! It's good to have some new members join the board.

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](mailto:kcacrp@gmail.com).

...the next event in spring 2015.

Best Regards,

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Greater KC Chapter President

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# 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.



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| <b>Jennifer Dolan</b>        | <b>Children's Mercy Hospital</b>                          |
| <b>Joseph Mudd</b>           | <b>Mudd Research Consulting, LLC</b>                      |
| <b>Kara Claxton</b>          | <b>Boehringer-Ingelheim Vetmedica, Inc.</b>               |
| <b>Michele Davidson</b>      | <b>Heartland Regional Medical Center/Mosaic Life Care</b> |
| <b>Stephanie Wharton</b>     | <b>Kansas City Vascular, P.C.</b>                         |
| <b>Lauren Pfeiffenberger</b> | <b>United BioSource Corporation</b>                       |



## 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://acrpnat.org/> Once you have*

## Employer Spotlight

Quintiles Phase One Services specializes in Phase One clinical research. Their state-of-the-art facility in Overland Park, Kansas was built in 2007 and houses up to 150 volunteers at one time, making it one of the newest and largest Phase One clinics in the world. Their goal is to bring people and knowledge together for a healthier world.



## Employee Spotlight

**Terry Casalou** is the Supervisor of Clinical Enrollment Services at Quintiles in Overland Park, Kansas. He has 15 years of experience in the pharmaceutical research industry with a strong emphasis in recruitment for Phase 1 and early Phase 2 clinical studies. Terry manages an operations team of study recruiters, comprised of 10-12 employees in a group of 20-23, responsible for the timely and effective recruitment of over 50 studies each year.

Having served in leadership roles in the Navy for 20 years, followed by 12 years of leadership in the Kansas area, Terry offers well rounded best practices in team motivation and ongoing process improvements. He has a Bachelor's degree in Business Management and is a member of the Association of Clinical Research Professionals, including an active role in the Greater Kansas City Chapter.

## Spotlight on KC ACRP

Introducing your new **Greater Kansas City ACRP** board members!

President: Grant Gorr (Aerotek Scientific – Business Development Manager)

## Research News

# Johnson & Johnson to make clinical research data available to outside researchers

The health care giant Johnson & Johnson has agreed to make detailed clinical trial data on its medical devices and diagnostic tests available to outside researchers through collaboration with Yale University, making it the first large device manufacturer to systematically make such data public.

The announcement came on the same day that the Institute of Medicine, of the National Academy of Sciences, called on all sponsors of clinical trials share detailed study data with outside researchers and recommended that such data be made available within 30 days of a product's approval.

The dual developments are parts of a broader shift toward making clinical trial data more publicly available and follows years in which the industry resisted calls to share its research with outsiders, claiming such moves would expose trade secrets and violate patient privacy. Medtronic, another large device maker, had previously allowed Yale to evaluate data on a controversial spinal treatment, but the agreement with Johnson & Johnson is the first time a device manufacturer has made data available in a systematic way. Johnson & Johnson agreed last year to work with Yale to share data about its drugs, and added devices and diagnostics to the agreement to deepen its commitment, Dr. Joanne Waldstreicher, the chief medical officer of Johnson & Johnson, said in an interview Tuesday. "We really believe that to advance science and to advance medical care, we wanted to take the next step," she said.

More information: [click here](#)

## What's Happening Locally?

### **MRIGlobal wins \$54 million contract from the National Institutes of Health**

MRIGlobal has won a \$54 million program contract from the National Institutes of Health to help develop and test drug ingredients for eventual use in human clinical trials.

The 10-year contract was awarded to the

MRIGlobal chief executive Thomas M. Sack said the program has the potential to "literally transform the lives of so many impacted by stroke and a multitude of neurological diseases such as Alzheimer's disease, autism, Parkinson's disease, epilepsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis and migraines."

Roger K. Harris, MRIGlobal's associate vice president for global health security, said the research institute expects to collaborate with the

## Job Opportunities

### Aerotek Scientific, LLC

Clinical Research Coordinator (Overland Park, KS), 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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### - Call Center Nurse Specialist (Overland Park, KS)

Provides telephonic professional nursing services. Duties to include: telephonic patient support and resource, referral source, data collector and nurse educator to patients, consumers and healthcare professionals.

RN licensure in Kansas is required

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### Theorem

#### Clinical Research Associate (Sr CRA and CRA II)

*Theorem Clinical Research is currently hiring talented, dedicated CRA's. These are remote, home-based opportunities open to most US locations. Immediate opportunities available in the following areas: **respiratory, neurology, women's health, oncology, musculoskeletal, medical device, cardiovascular and Phase I.***

In this role, the CRA is responsible for the timely production of high quality data, adhering to the standards set by the Company/Sponsor in the Standard Operating Procedures for clinical studies. The CRA, in concert with the Project Leader, is accountable for the timely, quality, satisfactory, and cost-effective completion of the client's study.

**When you're ready to join a company that's as dedicated to excellence as you are, THINK THEOREM.** Experience with Oncology, Device/Cardiac Device, Phase I or Dialysis is strongly preferred. Other complex therapeutic experience considered.

For more information about Theorem Clinical Research, please

visit: <http://www.theoremclinical.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*

# What We Are All About!

## 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 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!

## Past- Future Events

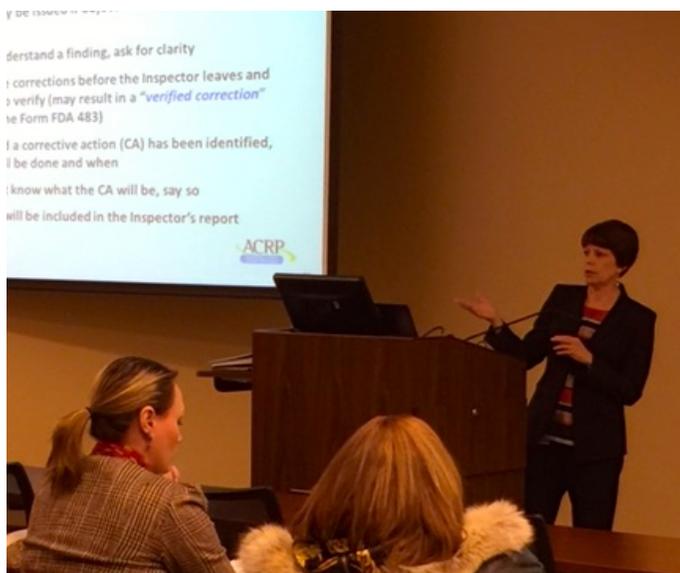
### 2014 Winter Educational

#### “FDA Inspection readiness”

On Dec. 1st, 2014, ACRP Greater KC presented a CE opportunity at KU Clinical Research Fairway Campus. The topic: “FDA Inspection Readiness”, was presented by Kathy Scott, Director Clinical Research, Regulatory Sciences, Cardinal Health Specialty Solutions.

In conjunction with a slide deck presentation Ms. Scott spoke about the key items to create and maintain to assist with a smooth inspection. These items included documents such as a proof of stipend payment form, patient authorizations to keep medical records forms, and even a copy of the sign in sheet from the lobby!

Enormous amounts of information were given and some lively discussion followed. It was a wonderful event and we would like to thank everyone that attended and especially thank Kathy Scott for sharing her insights with us on this important topic.



We have a lot planned for 2015!!!!  
Stay tuned for more information  
about the newest Spring and Winter  
Educationals plus details about our  
upcoming Spring Social!