The Clinical Research Education (CRE) Course was held on October 4-6, 2015 at UTHealth’s Cooley University Life Center. The course offered lectures by UTHealth and Memorial Hermann staff, and about 50 participants attended.

**Days 1 and 2** focused on guidance for good clinical practice. **The first day** began with an introduction to clinical research and continued with presentations on IRB and Memorial Hermann hospital review, outside IRBs, contract agreements, the research financial process, ClinicalTrials.gov, and study documentation. **Day 2** continued with presentations on study initiation, subject recruitment and retention, the consent process, problem reporting, study closure, and research compliance and monitoring.

**Day 3** topics included investigational devices, the investigational drug service, iRIS, and CTSA-funded services (i.e., CCTS, the Clinical Research Unit, the Biobank, Clinical Trials Xpress, and REDCap).

This was the last CRE course hosted by our dear team member, Catrina VanAllen, who has since moved on to a position at Huron. We’ll miss her!

The next CRE course will be held in October of 2017.

For more information, contact the Clinical Trials Resource Center at clinicaltrials@uth.tmc.edu.

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**Congratulations to CRU Members Cristina Dyke and Stephanie Hulsey!**

**Cristina Dyke, BA** has been promoted to Sr. Administrative Manager for the Clinical Research Unit (CRU). Cristina is a graduate of the University of St. Thomas, where she received a BA in International Business. She joined UTHealth as the Financial Analyst for the CRU in July 2012. Cristina is currently responsible for the management of the administrative and financial functions of the CRU, as well as billing, collections, and reconciliation for the Committee for the Protection of Human Subjects (CPHS). Please congratulate Cristina on her promotion to Sr. Administrative Manager.

**Stephanie M. Hulsey, RN, BSN, CCRN** graduated from Baylor University with a BA in Psychology and Philosophy. She previously worked as a Research Coordinator at the Memorial Hermann Clinical Innovation and Research Institute. Stephanie then attended The UT Health Science Center at Houston to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Upon graduation, she began her nursing career at Texas Children’s Hospital in Pediatric ICU. After gaining valuable experience, she joined the CRU as a Research Nurse in April of 2015. She also functions as the CRU Unit Educator and was selected to serve as the CTX Navigator at UTHealth. Please congratulate Stephanie on her promotion to Senior Research Nurse.
Upcoming Training

NCURA WEBINAR: Clear and Authentic Communication with Principal Investigators
**Objective:** Participants will learn best practices for guiding PIs through common, yet complex policies and topics. Panelists will provide strategies a research administrator (RA) can use to interact and communicate with PIs, using case studies and examples.
**Date:** October 26, 2016
**Time:** 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm
**Location:** RAS E-101 (SPH)

iRIS Training
**Objective:** Provide hands-on training in the iRIS system, which is used to submit research protocols to UTHealth’s CPHS and AWC.
**Date:** November 9, 2016
**Time:** 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm
**Location:** UCT 1160 (Parking will be validated.)
Registration is required. Register [here](#).

Study Coordinator Monthly Forum
**Objective:** Discuss best practices in clinical research management, and network with administrators and staff from various research groups within UTHealth.
More information [here](#).
**Date:** December 6, 2016
**Time:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

**Location:** MSB 2.135
*Lunch provided for the first 40 participants.*
Registration is not required.

Orientation for Clinical Research Staff
**Objective:** Educate new clinical research personnel on clinical trial management, as well as IRB review and Memorial Hermann study start up processes. The program will lead into the Study Coordinator Forum.
**Date:** December 6, 2016
**Time:** 9:00 am – 11:30 pm
**Location:** TBD
Registration is required. Register [here](#).

Clinical Research Finance Lunch and Learn
**Objective:** Provide staff members guidance on research financial topics (e.g., budgeting, billing, and coverage analysis). Also, a forum to introduce or update financial matters and to present questions or concerns for discussion in an open setting with peers.
**Date:** December 14, 2016 (Gregory Cole, EP Heart)
**Time:** 11:30 am – 12:30 pm
**Location:** MSB 2.135
*Feel free to bring your lunch.*
Registration is not required.

About the Clinical Trials Resource Center
It is the mission of the Clinical Trials Resource Center (CTRC) to provide a single portal of expertise and best practices for study teams in order to facilitate efficient, compliant, and ethical study conduct and management. The CTRC office is located at UCT 790. Please visit [https://www.uth.edu/ctrc/](https://www.uth.edu/ctrc/) for more information.

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