SiteCoach™ training

Foundations for Research Naïve Sites

Prepare new research sites to confidently conduct clinical trials

Site training to prepare for a clinical trial

Foundations for Research Naïve Sites is a SiteCoach™ course built around the Joint Task Force for Clinical Trial Competency Framework. This course is comprised of four modules that can be taken live, as virtual training or as self-paced online training. It prepares site staff to conduct a clinical trial on behalf of a sponsor by reviewing typical clinical trial activities from start up to closeout.

Who is this course for?

This is a foundational course for medical and research staff who have not previously conducted a clinical trial. It focuses on the roles and responsibilities of the principal investigator and study coordinator, and their relationship with the trial sponsor and other regulating and reviewing bodies. It also is appropriate for other key medical staff who will support the trial in some way. In addition, this training is suitable as refresher training for sites who haven't conducted a recent trial or sites that require training as a result of audits or inspections.

How will this training help site staff?

This training provides a practical overview of clinical trial activities from site activation through closeout. Learners will explore startup processes, patient recruitment and retention strategies, intellectual property management, and quality monitoring, along with key operational considerations such as budgeting and resource planning, technology selection and documentation management.

What are our customers saying?

Over 90% of learners agree this course was a worthwhile investment. Learners agree that Foundations for Research Naïve Sites increased confidence in conducting clinical trials and believe it encourages repeat participation in clinical trials.

Four comprehensive learning modules

Clinical trial background
Introduces the drug development process, common clinical trial designs, and the roles of key stakeholders in clinical research. Learners gain an understanding of the ethical principles that protect research participants and explore how bias and control strategies help ensure the integrity and credibility of clinical trials.

Good clinical practices
Provides a practical introduction to ICH Good Clinical Practice (GCP) guidelines, investigator responsibilities, informed consent, essential documents, ALCOA+ principles, investigational product management, and safety reporting requirements. Emphasis is placed on maintaining quality, regulatory compliance, and participant safety throughout the study.

Trial activities
Covers the clinical trial lifecycle from site startup through study closeout. Topics include site activation, informed consent, essential documentation, data management, quality monitoring, patient recruitment and retention, ongoing study management, and closeout activities.

Tools for success
Builds the operational and leadership skills needed to support successful clinical research. Learners explore investigator roles and responsibilities, financial management, team dynamics, stakeholder engagement, change management, and regulatory and ethical considerations that contribute to efficient study execution.

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