

Lunch 'n Learn

Research Nurse Competencies: Putting the Pieces Together



The role of the oncology nurse in the coordination of clinical trials is not new; however, how the role is implemented can be varied. In response to a need for standardizing the scope and practice of the clinical trial nurse (CTN), ONS developed a core set of competencies for the novice CTN.

ONS defines the CTN as: “the specialty nursing role requiring a unique framework of knowledge for working with patients involved in clinical research trials. The CTN role has multiple names in diverse practices, including clinical trials coordinator, clinical research nurse, and protocol coordinator.”

The Lunch and Learn sessions will provide an opportunity for research nurses to learn more about the competencies, how they are already achieving them, and how to improve upon their practice. Each month a different competency will be discussed.

Prerequisite reading: Lubejko, B., Good, M., Weiss, P., Schmieder, L., Leos, D., & Daugherty, P. (2011). Oncology clinical trials nursing: Developing competencies for the novice. [*Clinical Journal of Oncology Nursing*, 15\(6\)](#): 637-643.

Competency	Date	Time	Location
Protocol Compliance	January, 11, 2012	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	2-3330
Clinical Trials-related Communication & Documentation	February 14, 2012	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	2-3330
Informed consent Process & Ethic Issues	March 7, 2012	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	2-3330
Management of Clinical Trial patients	April 24, 2012	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	2-3330
Patient Recruitment & Financial Implications	May 23, 2012	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	2-3330
Professional Development	June 19, 2012	12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	2-3330

Directions to room 2-3330: From the Main Lobby of the CRC, go down the left corridor past the Coffee Shop. (Do not take the Central Elevators.) Look for the "1 East Corridor" sign on your left and take that door to the end of the hallway. Then take the "Southeast Elevators" up one flight to the second floor. Conference Room 2-3330 is located in the glass enclosure next to the elevator lobby.