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Your Weekly Update from Clinical Researcher

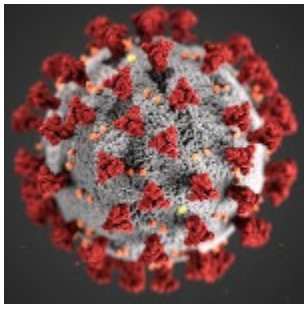
This issue of *CRbeat* shares news and views on rapid study start-ups, research staff and participant diversity, site-centric technology solutions for trials, and more.

Experts Share Lessons Learned in Rapid Study Start-Up

Exciting news about potential COVID-19 vaccines in recent days serves as a reminder of how admirably the clinical trial industry has risen to the challenge of battling a worldwide health crisis. From rolling up collective sleeves and putting in long hours of research, to being open to new ways of conducting trials and harnessing technologies, clinical trial professionals on the front line have shone brightly in 2020. Read More >>

ACRPtv—Spotlight On… The Competitive Advantage of Diversity

In this episode, Otis Johnson, PhD, MPA, vice president and product line executive at ERT, examines how the moral and ethical cases for further diversifying the patient population and clinical trial workforce are crystal clear. However, there are also compelling reasons to do so from a competitive standpoint, he explains. Johnson shares insights on what's working at his organization to help promote workforce diversity and ensure minorities and women are better represented in leadership roles. Read More >>



FDA Commissioner Affirms Transparency for COVID-19 Emergency Use Authorizations

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) drug and biological product centers intend, to the extent appropriate and permitted by law, to publicly post their reviews of the scientific data and information supporting the issuance, revision, or revocation of Emergency Use Authorizations for all drug and biological products, including vaccines, as part of the agency's broader COVID-19 response, FDA Commissioner Stephen Hahn announced this week. Read More >>

COVID-19 Spurs Faster Adoption of Technology and Virtual Approaches to Trials

It's looking more and more like the so-called "COVID catalyst" inspiring faster adoption of technology and virtual components in clinical trials is the real deal. The latest evidence comes from a new analysis by the Tufts Center for the Study of Drug Development showing that 55% of active, ongoing clinical trials have transitioned to remote and virtual execution models since early spring. Read More >>

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- Clinical Research Associate II - Arthrex (Naples, FL)
- Senior Clinical Scientist, Oncology (PA/NJ) - Merck (Rahway, NJ)

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In this special feature from the November issue of *Clinical Researcher*, author Anna Argyris, MA, CCRP, notes that is an ongoing problem for the clinical research enterprise that the ever-growing layers of complexity involved in conducting clinical trials make it harder for sites to work efficiently and collaborate with sponsors and contract research organizations across their studies. To reduce administrative burden, investigative sites are shifting toward more digital, connected ways of working by adopting site-centric technology. These advanced solutions can standardize site operations, streamline information exchange, and improve research staff engagement to accelerate clinical research and deliver critical treatments to patients faster. Read the full article >>

In Other News

- Pfizer to Seek FDA OK for COVID-19 Vaccine Within Days (Source: *NPR*)
- Promising Interim Results Seen in Trial of Moderna's COVID-19 Vaccine (Source: *NIH*)
- Are Cancer Patients Willing to Participate in Trials During COVID-19 Pandemic? (Source: *DocWire News*)
- PhRMA Issues Guidelines for Improving Clinical Trial Diversity (Source: *STAT*)
- Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation Tackling Diversity Problem in Trials (Source: *Endpoints News*)
- Stem Cell Therapy for ALS Fails in Large Clinical Trial (Source: *BioPharma Dive*)
- Experimental Drug Halves Cholesterol Levels in Phase II Trials (Source: *New Atlas*)

Upcoming Events

- ACRP 2021 kicks off in January! Get the full three-part ACRP 2021 program, including Innovation in the Era of COVID, Operational Efficiencies, and Regulatory Trends & Compliance, + 24 contact hours for **just $299 through December 31, 2020**. Learn More >

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