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Industry-Leading Clinical Research Accreditation Now Available Via New Online Portal

New Portal will support professional recognition for NHS clinical trial staff

Maidenhead, United Kingdom, 12 January 2023 – IAOCR has today launched a new online accreditation service marking a significant change in their mission to put patients at the heart of clinical research by reducing risk and improving efficiencies in the development of valuable new treatments. The online portal will maintain IAOCR's industry leading Global standards whilst nurturing the wider adoption of accreditation to ensure sites, organisations and individuals are competent to safely and effectively expedite research and improve new treatment development through a new streamlined accreditation programme.

In the US, the FDA reports a 36% failure rate of clinical trials site inspections over the past five years. Whilst it's difficult to ascertain figures for the UK, it is very clear that there is a real need for the enforcement of clinical research standards globally including core organisations such as the NHS. Reassurance that clinical trials run by IAOCR competence-verified Internationally Qualified Clinical Research Professionals will help to engage underserved communities, provide a high-standard, consistent approach and professional recognition within the NHS.

Accessible via the [IAOCR website](#), this new online assessment platform reinforces IAOCR's passion and dedication to ensure all clinical research personnel are competent, professional and qualified to do their work. Conducting clinical research on patients requires specific competencies above and beyond the requirements of standard clinical roles. Professional recognition of clinical trial staff accompanied with professional competence accreditation and certification, means patients can be confident that they're in safe hands and valuable new treatments make it to market quicker to benefit the wider population.

"As the world leader in clinical research competence verification, we are really excited to announce the launch of our new online accreditation programmes. Simple to use, all learners can self-register and are provided with unique login details to our interactive, secure and robust assessment platform," explains Sarah Everitt, project lead and VP Operations IAOCR. "Our new online assessments are accessible via various devices, anywhere in the Globe at any time, providing the participant with ease of access and reduced turnaround times from registration to certification, whilst maintaining our high-quality standards."

The accessibility of accreditation is paramount to drive up the industry standards and the first online accreditations being offered are Foundations in Clinical Research, ICH GCP, Research Nurse, Site Manager, Clinical Research Investigator, Clinical Site Coordinator, with more following throughout the year. The Foundation levels are essential in demonstrating core competencies for anyone working in clinical research and provide a mandatory benchmark all professionals within the industry should comply with.

"From our launch over a decade ago, we have been working with the clinical research Industry to raise international standards and expedite the advancement of treatments. To do this we need to continue to adapt and ensure our offering is as accessible and robust as possible. The COVID-19 pandemic saw a spotlight shone on the industry like never before alongside a seismic shift in how we work. We have responded to these changes with this online portal and revised accreditation standards to support the accreditation of the whole Industry," explains Jacqueline Johnson North, Co-Founder and CEO of IAOCR.



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IAOCR accreditations are Quality Assured by Government-Regulated organisations and have been adopted by leading clinical research companies and membership bodies. All IAOCR frameworks are developed in collaboration with industry leaders. Accreditations are robust, independent and globally recognisable due to their mapping to the International Standard Classification of Education framework developed by UNESCO. The online platform allows for IAOCR to safeguard the accreditation environment moving from the traditional paper approach to online assessments reducing natural resource usage, providing learners with consistent, quality assessment responses in a quicker timeframe.

To learn more about IAOCR Internationally Qualified Clinical Research Professional accreditation via the online web portal please visit iaocr.com and if you have any questions please contact us on: info@iaocr.com or call us on US Toll Free: +1 (855) 209-2335 or UK/International : +44 1628 784906. For further press information please contact: Jen Husdan on pr@iaocr.co.uk

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About IAOCR

IAOCR is the international accrediting organization for clinical research. We are the only organization in the world to Qualify Clinical Research Professionals to international standards. Through robustly accrediting competence IAOCR reduces risk - to patients, clinical research and professional reputations - whilst improving compliance and bringing valuable new treatments to market quicker.

IAOCR business processes and accreditations have been built specifically for the clinical research industry. They provide a quality standards and visible professional certification marks to organizations committed to globally consistent, high quality clinical trials workforces.

We believe that clinical trial patients anywhere in the world deserve the best protection in terms of rights and wellbeing. Therefore, in addition to providing accreditation, training and consultancy services, IAOCR works with industry leaders and regulators around the globe to develop best practice guidelines. To find out more visit: iaocr.com/resources/