



ACPU

Association of Clinical Pharmacology Units

The world has changed a great deal in the past two decades, and early clinical research has changed even more. ACPU is **the** organization representing this changing world of early phase clinical trials; and consists of members from CROs, academic CPUs, consultants, vendors, biopharma companies and ancillary services of all sorts that have a stake in how early clinical trials are conducted.

So how is ACPU changing? What is its “value proposition”? Why should you join the new ACPU now?

- We are building a more complete and **unified chorus of voices in Early Phase Clinical Research** with operational representation of investigators, coordinators, recruiters, CPU operating personnel and management, vendors, and consultants.
- We intend to have a **single forum** where all the participants can be part of **the Phase I community**, a rather unique subset of clinical research operations not well represented in other organizations.
- We celebrate our past successes, and **look toward future opportunities**.
- We maintain our warm, **receptive, personalized approach** to membership, meetings and networking interactions.
- We welcome **new leaders** to develop and contribute their skills, insights, and experience.

Our basic mission remains as it has since 1990: **To provide a forum facilitating cooperation and the exchange of information and ideas among professionals involved in the conduct of early phase clinical research.** Our primary approach is to support those in the field through:

- Networking to discuss our professional roles, best practices, and the ever changing environment in which we operate.
- Promoting standards of practice and guidelines for the conduct of early phase clinical research.
- Educating our membership and those who depend on us.

Over the past 3 years, the **revitalized ACPU** and its Board leadership have put forth some exciting and critical next steps in the **new ACPU**:

- A future vision project and strategic and implementation planning sessions.
- An updated website chock full of information and links, and other promising innovative content.
- A newsletter of current activities and insightful commentaries.
- A ‘Guidance and Recommendations’ paper on operating a CPU published in the *ACRP Monitor*.
- Jointly sponsored presentations at DIA and ACCP annual meetings, with more being planned.
- Best practices shared at Annual Meetings: April 2012 at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, MD, and October 2010 sponsored by 3 CROs in Cincinnati, OH; with plans underway for October 2013 in San Antonio, TX.

The early phase research space is becoming more challenging and more important along the **Critical Path** of the overall drug development paradigm, with new technologies, new tools, greater emphasis on patient, combined, adaptive, and proof of principle study designs, with biomarkers and imaging modalities. It’s vitally important you **have a voice in this chorus**, and **be part of this Phase I community**.

So you ask ‘what’s in it for me?’ (WiiFM). Please join us, and you will see.

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