

## **ACRC Executive Committee Recommends Training Opportunities and Endorses CITI-Canada**

“Individuals involved in conducting a trial should be qualified by education, training and experience (ICH GCP E6 (2.8))”.

High quality research stems from training and a knowledgeable research team. It is with this principle in mind that we, the ACRC Executive Committee endorse the following.

### **1. Training Recommendations**

Individuals involved in clinical (health) research are encouraged to take the attached [recommended courses](#) to expand their knowledge of best practices, applicable guidelines and legislation. These courses are free to members of the ACRC partner organizations.

### **2. CITI-Canada Training**

CITI-Canada is one of many training programs recommended by the ACRC. With several courses available online, CITI-Canada is a convenient and accessible way to expand knowledge of good clinical practice, Health Canada regulations and more. Certificates are generated upon course completion and can be used as evidence of training for sponsors and during Health Canada inspections. The CITI-Canada GCP course is also recognized by a number of pharmaceutical companies, and in many cases will replace the requirement for sponsor specific GCP training.

Refer to the attached page for a full list of [available courses](#) and [how to access](#). Employees, members and students of Alberta Health Services, Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Alberta, Covenant Health, the University of Alberta and the University of Calgary have access to CITI-Canada courses as part of a paid membership with the Network of Networks (N2).

We encourage you to take advantage of the available training opportunities and continue to actively promote continuing education within your organization. If you have any questions, please email [acrc@albertainnovates.ca](mailto:acrc@albertainnovates.ca).

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## Training Recommendations

	Clinical (Health) Research		Non-Research (Quality Improvement, Evaluation)
		does <u>not</u> involve drug, medical device or natural health product	
<b>Health Information Act</b> – when research involves the collection, use and disclosure of health information	√	√	√ study involves health information
<b>Freedom of Information Protection (FOIP) Act</b> – when research involves the collection, use and disclosure of personal information	√ study involves personal information		
<b>AHS Information &amp; Privacy – Privacy Training</b>	√ study involves access to either health or personal information held by AHS and Covenant Health		
<b>Panel on Research Ethics – TCPS2 Tutorial Course on Research Ethics (CORE)</b>	√	√	
<b>Responsible Conduct for Research (CITI Canada)</b>	√	√	
<b>Good Clinical Practice (CITI Canada)</b>	√	√	
<b>Health Canada Division 5 – Drugs for Clinical Trials Involving Human Subjects (CITI Canada)</b>	√	optional	
<b>ARECCI</b>			√
<b>National Institute of Health (NIH) – Protecting Human Research Participants</b>	√ Required for NIH, NCIC-CTG and cooperative group studies optional for other funders		

- [Freedom of Information Protection \(FOIP\) Act](#) – this [course](#) is available to public bodies (i.e. post- secondary institutions, health care bodies) and covers
  - What personal information is
  - The purpose of FOIP
  - Collection, use and disclosure of personal information under FOIP
  - Protecting personal information
  - How the public may access information
  - Offences and penalties under FOIP
  - Formal and informal complaint and oversight mechanisms.
- [AHS Information & Privacy – Privacy Training](#) – in order to gain access to the AHS network, affiliates of AHS must complete mandatory information privacy and IT security awareness.
- [Panel on Research Ethics – TCPS2 Tutorial Course on Research Ethics \(CORE\)](#) - This self-paced course is a media-rich learning experience that features interactive exercises and multi-disciplinary examples. CORE consists of eight modules ranging from Core Principles to REB Review. It is designed primarily for the use of researchers and REB members – though anyone may take this course and print their own certificate of completion.

- [CITI-Canada](#) provides a number of online courses with integrated Health Canada and TCPS2 guidelines to researchers and staff affiliated with one of the ACRC partner organizations. The current available topics are:
  - Good Clinical Practice (GCP)
  - Health Canada Division 5 – Drugs for Clinical Trials Involving Human Subjects
  - Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)
  - Biomedical Research Ethics
  - Basic Social and Behavioral Research Ethics
  - Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG/IATA)
- [A pRoject Ethics Community Consensus Initiative \(ARECCI\)](#) – has ethics decision support tools and training to assist in integration of appropriate ethics considerations in projects to protect participants, whether the project is evaluation, quality improvement, quality assurance, or research.
- [National Institute of Health \(NIH\) – Protecting Human Research Participants](#) is free online training from the National Institute of Health in the United States on human subjects protection.