



USC-GCRC Nursing Services

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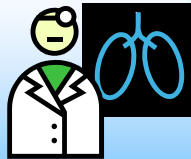
The Nursing Team

- RNs
- Nursing Assistants
- Research Phlebotomists
- Clerk



GCRC Users

- 100+ active protocols
- Oncology (~25%)
- Infectious Diseases ~25%)
- Endocrine (~15%)
- Others: Neurology, GI, Rheumatology, Pulmonary, Renal, Cardiology, Pharmacy, Dentistry, etc.



RN Competencies

- Minimum two years of medical/surgical nursing experience prior to GCRC
- Chemotherapy certification and annual re-certification
- BLS
- ACLS
- POCT (Point of Care Testing annual skills validation)
- Research protocol specific education

Nursing Role in Clinical Research

- Management of clinical and research support activities in order to assure patient safety, address clinical needs, and assure protocol integrity and accurate data collection.

- Support patient recruitment, screening and orientation to the research process
- Develop strategies to operationalize study design for implementation in the clinical setting
- Assess risks to the study subjects and take steps to assure patient safety and comfort during participation

- Prepare for and set up research procedures and sample collection and processing to assure consistency and accuracy
- Management research records and regulatory requirements
- Collaborate with research team members in defining activities and assuming responsibility for study completion

Human Subject Protection

- Supports and maintains the informed consent process, including ongoing assessment of information needed and status of consent
- Supports informed participation by participants from vulnerable populations
- Advocates for adaptations in consent process to meet unique cultural and situational needs



Nursing Practice and Standard

- Follow LAC+USC Medical Center Nursing Department policies and procedures and JCAHO standards
- Follow practice guidelines established by specific research clinical protocols

What we need from you...

- Must have medical coverage by the study team whenever there is a study subject on the GCRC
- If the study subject is receiving a drug for the first time, MD must be available within the Medical Center during the first hour of infusion

Study Team's Responsibilities

- Schedule the study subject as early as possible. All appointments must be pre-scheduled.
- Provide a copy of the signed informed consent to the nurse prior to ANY procedure during the first outpatient visit and each time for an inpatient stay.
- Physician's orders must be signed, dated, and timed.
- Must adhere to Medical Center Medical Record documentation guidelines.

We can help you get started...

- IRB & GCRC Application
- GCRC Reviews (Local Advisory Committee and Operations Committee)
- *Develop MD orders and study flow sheet
- *Provide in-service to GCRC staff
- *Schedule the study subject

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