


MEMORANDUM

TO: Principal Investigators (PIs) and research staff Conducting Clinical Research

FROM: Randolph W. Hall, PhD 

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SUBJECT: Good Clinical Practice (GCP) Refresher Course Now Required

USC has required GCP training for all investigators and staff on studies meeting the NIH definition of clinical trials¹ since 2015. Regulations now mandate that a GCP “refresher course” be completed every three years after completion of the initial training.

At USC, those who completed GCP training more than three years ago must complete the refresher by May 30, 2017 at www.citiprogram.org. **You will receive notification via iSTAR providing instructions and referring you to the GCP refresher course at www.citiprogram.org.**

Those who completed GCP training less than three years ago will be individually notified via iSTAR in advance of their training expiration date.

A GCP course for social-behavioral clinical trials will soon be available in CITI. In the meantime, the GCP requirement may be satisfied for social-behavioral study staff and investigators by completing the social-behavioral GCP course hosted for NIH by the Society of Behavioral Medicine <https://sbm.execinc.com/edibo/Account>. Should you certify through this mechanism, the certificate of training must be emailed to istar@usc.edu.

For more information, contact the OPRS at (213) 821-1154 or visit the OPRS website: <http://oprs.usc.edu/citi>.

¹ A clinical trial is a “*research study in which one or more human subjects are prospectively assigned to one or more interventions (which may include placebo or other control) to evaluate the effects of those interventions on health-related biomedical or behavioral outcomes*”.