



# ALBERTA

CLINICAL RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

Managed by Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions

## ***What is the Alberta Clinical Research Consortium (ACRC)?***

Started in May, 2011, the ACRC is a provincial initiative that involves academic and community-based researchers and administrators collaborating together to achieve the vision of ‘high quality, integrated and efficient clinical research in Alberta’.

The partner organizations are: Research - Alberta Health Services, Alberta Innovates – Health Solutions, the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Alberta, CHRC – Covenant Health, NACTRC – AHS/University of Alberta, and CCCR – University of Calgary. Together the ACRC reaches the province from corner to corner.

## ***What is the ACRC doing?***

The ACRC is adding clarity and reducing the barriers for conducting clinical health research. In the upcoming months, the ACRC will be starting to implement the developed guidelines, tools and templates as described in the ACRC Inaugural Strategic Plan. This summer, the ACRC will be starting phase two of the initiative including focusing on: 1. participant recruitment and public awareness, and 2. promoting a positive culture for clinical health research in Alberta.

## ***How can I access the ACRC tools and templates being developed and other resources?***

Individuals from the partner organizations can access from the ACRC website under ‘tools and resources’ - the *Glossary and Common Terminology*, which includes common acronyms and Alberta-specific terminology; and the *CITI training*, includes online training on Good Clinical Practice, Responsible Conduct of Research and Biomedical Research, and Transportation of Dangerous Goods. Also available is the *ACRC Roadmap graphic* which outlines the steps required to conduct a study in Alberta.

There are also several tools currently in beta-testing – internal costing template (formerly known as the budget template), and the laboratory manual template with more to come.

## ***How do I find out more information and keep up-to date?***

Every two months, the ACRC releases ‘The Clinical Source’ which provides updates on Health Canada and FDA regulations, new studies open in Alberta, and Alberta researchers in publication.

You can also visit the ACRC website for more information where you can also subscribe for updates on the ACRC. If you have any suggestions, questions or want to get involved, email the ACRC.

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