

The Arizona Translational Resource Network (AzTransNet), an initiative of the Arizona Biomedical Research Commission, has partnered with the Collaborative IRB Training Initiative (CITI) to offer a comprehensive suite of courses to enable those engaged in performing and overseeing human subjects clinical research with the training required by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

CITI is a proven training tool for high quality, peer reviewed educational resources for those involved in human subjects research. Over 600 institutions participate in CITI and over 500,000 users have registered for CITI courses. In Arizona, a wide variety of institutions already subscribe to CITI, including St. Joseph's Hospital, TGEN, and the University of Arizona and Arizona State University. Surveys of institutions

and distribute high quality, peer reviewed educational resources designed to raise awareness to the responsible conduct of research for all members of the research team. Today, 15 institutions serve on the CITI editorial board and over 50 institutions participate in CITI's developer group, allowing for expert development and peer review of CITI courses.

#### Why is CITI being offered to the Arizona Research Community?

AzTransNet, through discussions of its IRB Networking and Education Forum, identified training as a key component to high quality research and research review. Shared understanding of IRB and research requirements translates into inter-intuitional standardization and reduction of research process inconsistencies.

AzTransNet is initiating a pilot program with CITI to offer an additional resource to healthcare and

research institutions, as well as independent physician groups and the broader community, to access CITI Program training programs and to leverage the CITI platform to build and extend education programs unique to Arizona research and interests.

To register for CITI courses, please contact Julie Robbins at [robbinsj@battelle.org](mailto:robbinsj@battelle.org).

#### Wide Range of Courses Available

- **Responsible Conduct of Research**, a basic introductory course on the fundamentals of human subjects research
- **Good Clinical Practice**, a more in-depth course on responsible conduct of human subjects research leading to certification
- **Health Information Privacy and Security**, a course that trains users in the complexities of HIPAA
- **Laboratory Animal Welfare**, a course that meets the federal requirements for basic training in the human care and use of animals in research and training
- **Students in Research**, a basic course that can mentor students in the responsible conduct of research

using CITI illustrate compelling benefits including: ease of use, acceptance by users, ability to raise the professionalism of IRBs, and overall satisfaction.

#### What is the CITI Program?

The Collaborative IRB Training Initiative (CITI) was founded in 2000 by Paul Braunschweiger, PhD from the University of Miami and Karen Hansen from the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center at the University of Washington. It has emerged into an international volunteer organization, whose goal is to develop

Web-Based Training in Human Research Subjects Protection is now available to all Arizona Physicians, Researchers, Research Administrators, and Community Members involved in Clinical Research

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