



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

AMANET WORKSHOP ON BASICS OF GOOD CLINICAL PRACTICE FOR AFRICAN RESEARCHERS

BACKGROUND AND JUSTIFICATION

Good Clinical Practice (GCP) is an international ethical and scientific quality standard for designing, conducting, recording and reporting trials that involve the participation of human subjects. Compliance with this standard provides public assurance that the rights, safety and well-being of trial subjects are protected; consistent with the principles that have their origin in the Declaration of Helsinki, and that the clinical trial data are credible.

In the recent past, a number of senior African researchers have undergone courses related to GCP. Unfortunately, the relatively new and junior researchers have not had this opportunity, as sponsorship is invariably very competitive. Ironically these are the personnel who are routinely on the ground during the conduct of a trial, and require to be empowered with GCP knowledge. This workshop is an effort to strengthen further the human capacity of African research institutions, by offering training to staff directly working on malaria related studies.

The objective of this workshop is to provide African middle level malaria researchers and physicians an opportunity to learn the basics of GCP. The workshop will expose the participants to the current ICH/GCP requirements and their application in the African setting. They will learn investigator responsibilities to the sponsor, to the Institutional Review Boards, and to the research subject. Principles of data management, preservation and storage will be taught. Basics of quality control/assurance will be introduced, and how to write and keep standard operating procedures (SOP's). Participants will further learn in an interactive manner, the basic principles and evolution of ethics in human subject's research.

VENUE
Tanzania.

WHO CAN APPLY

Middle or senior level physicians and researchers directly involved in the conduct of malaria related studies or trials from African institutions.

TIMING

The workshop is intended to take five full days, and tentatively scheduled for 19-23 April 2004.

HOW TO APPLY

Interested persons should submit a complete application, which must include the following:

1. Curriculum vitae;
2. Summary of the research and role in current research (not more than 10 lines);
3. A write up to show how this workshop would benefit you and your institution (not more than 10 lines);
4. Names and addresses of two referees (including their telephone numbers and email contacts), who you have requested to provide letters of recommendation, to be sent directly to the address below.

SPONSORSHIP

Selected applicants will be awarded an AMANET sponsorship which covers economy class airfares, tuition, and full board.

Applications must be received by Friday 26 March, 2004.

All applications must be directed to: The Managing Trustee, AMANET, Tanzania Commission for science and technology building, Ali Hassan Mwinyi Road, P O Box 33207, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Tel: + 255-22-2700018, Fax: + 255-22-2700380.

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