

STUDY COORDINATOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE LAST QUARTER OF 2009

1. Sister Heather Maher – Renal Transplant Unit JHB General Hospital

Sr Heather Maher was the study coordinator of a very complex renal transplant trial at the Renal Transplant Unit in Johannesburg General Hospital that ended in Nov 09. I had the privilege of working with her on this trial for 2 years.

- I have never seen filing so precise and up to date. All trial related documents i.e. eCRF, drug accountability logs and temperature logs were always up to date and precise.
- Explanatory notes to files were already written when the monitor got to the site to monitor, explaining the necessary. The site had 5 sub-investigators and she coordinated all of them.
- Heather never had a problem to attend to urgent open queries, in fact, she would go in after hours (20 minutes drive to work with no traffic) to attend to these queries on numerous occasions.
- Heather's attention to detail, loving & positive attitude and passion for her job will exceed any Sponsor's expectations of a coordinator in a clinical trial."
- In my experience as a CRA in clinical trials, I have never met such a hardworking dedicated coordinator. She would go in after hours to attend to queries etc.

Nominated by Lindie Neale at Novartis: 011- 929 2358.

2. Desiree Van Amsterdam – Dr. F. Conradie site at Hellen Joseph Hospital

I nominate Desiree for her excellent work as study coordinator on the AI424 182 study. She is study coordinator a
The motivation for nomination:

- She responds to e-mails and telephone requests within the same day - if not then she was at a meeting or ill
- The study was done in a population of pregnant women - PK's needed to be done immediately after delivery - and despite time of day or night the woman delivered, Desiree was there to be with the mother, do the PK and issue new drugs. The investigator completely depended on Desiree and has verbalised that she would not have been as successful as she was with this study (Phase 1) had it not been for Desiree.
- Desiree's husband passed away suddenly this year and despite having to deal with all the sadness, the young children she has, the wrapping up and closing of her late husband's business, she continued to perform the tasks required by the study
- Her site recruited the most patients (South Africa, Puerto Rico and US were involved) for this study
- All deadlines for database locks, query locks etc were met without once having to remind about data entry etc.

Nominated by Moegsina Gomez at BMS: 0114566555

3. Anja Taverner (Prof Dreosti - Pretoria University & Steve Biko Academic Hospital, ward 51, Dr Savage Road Prinshof, Pretoria)

- I have worked with Anja for 2 years now. She is always pleasant and willing to assist in any task that needs to be completed. She is competent in her field.
- She goes out of her way to assist with recruiting at her site, even though some of the studies are awarded to other co-ordinators. I therefore can also say that she is a team player striving for the excellence of her department.
- During monitoring, I find her work always up to date and as accurate as it can be.
- Anja is a very well balanced person with great family values as well.

Nominated by Hilary Pike at Novartis: 011 9299111

4. Anneri van Zyl: Clinresco Centers (Kempton Park, Jhb)

- Aneri works incredibly hard and is part of the most organised and efficient site I have ever had the pleasure of working with.
- CRFs are completed as visits happen, data corrections are made as they are raised, source document quality is fantastic and if Aneri is unsure of anything she calls to discuss the problem.
- Documents (like new CVs and other MCC submission documents) are submitted as staff are appointed and the whole site runs like a well-oiled machine.
- Aneri deserves some recognition all for the long hours and dedication she puts into running some very successful studies.

Nominated by Nicola Main Cato Research 011 6588407

5. Lindy Henley - Dr's Lloyd, Horak and Tyrrell (Vincent Pallotti, Cape Town)

- Lindy is highly motivated and spends each morning visiting her Dr's wards to check for potential new study patients. Her site has had relatively successful recruitment on a difficult study.
- CRFs are completed as visits happen, data corrections are made as they are raised, source document quality is fantastic and if Lindy is unsure of anything she calls to discuss the problem.
- I know Lindy's ambition is to become a CRA and I think she would be an asset at any company, although it would be a terrible loss for those who are conducting studies at her site.

Nominated by Nicola Main Cato Research 011 6588407

6. Christine Naude TREAD Research Cape Town

- Christine is a friendly kind person, who expresses this to her patients and work colleagues.
- She was thrown in the "deep end" when starting at TREAD and was forced to learn very fast, as this has been a very busy year for TREAD.
- She did not complain and just got stuck-in. she coped tremendously and put in many extra hours.
- Christine is very willing /eager to learn and is not afraid of a challenge.
- As a coordinator one of her biggest attributes is that she is a team player. She gets on with all her colleagues and her good sense of humor is appreciated by all.
- She is passionate about her patient care and treats them with respect and care.

Nominated by Leanne Craye 021 9317825