

Maternal-infant Child Health and Environment Research Symposium:
“How Local Research can Influence Policy and Practice”

Thursday, February 26th, 2009, 08:00-17:00 hrs

Maple Leaf Room, Lister Conference Centre, University of Alberta

Poster Presentation:

Clinical Research Coordination Services
Women and Children’s Health Research Institute
(WCHRI)

WCHRI is building a growing group of trained Clinical Research Coordinators to assist researchers by providing clinical trial coordination and research coordinator support on a cost-recovery basis. Both granting agency and industry-sponsored clinical trials require support and coordination at each of the Alberta Health Services Capital Health region sites. At present, there are research coordinators located at the University of Alberta Hospital/Stollery site, Royal Alexandra Hospital site, Grey Nuns Community Hospital site and Misericordia Community Hospital site.

This team of research coordinators which includes research nurses, research assistants and a research administrative assistant are current supporting thirty plus research projects in the region. Currently, 85% of the projects we are supporting are grant-funded with the remaining 15% being industry- sponsored. The majority of the projects are clinical research with direct patient contact and the remainder of projects consisting of chart reviews. The projects are being conducted in a variety of clinical areas such as pediatric endocrinology, pediatric gastroenterology, neonatology, pediatric pulmonology, pediatric nephrology and obstetrics. Many of the projects are focused on gathering data to find the causes of disease states, others capture data to help improve and change patient care practices and many of the pharmaceutical sponsored projects are gathering data on the safety and effectiveness of medications used to treat children for which there has been no data collected in a controlled randomized manner previously.