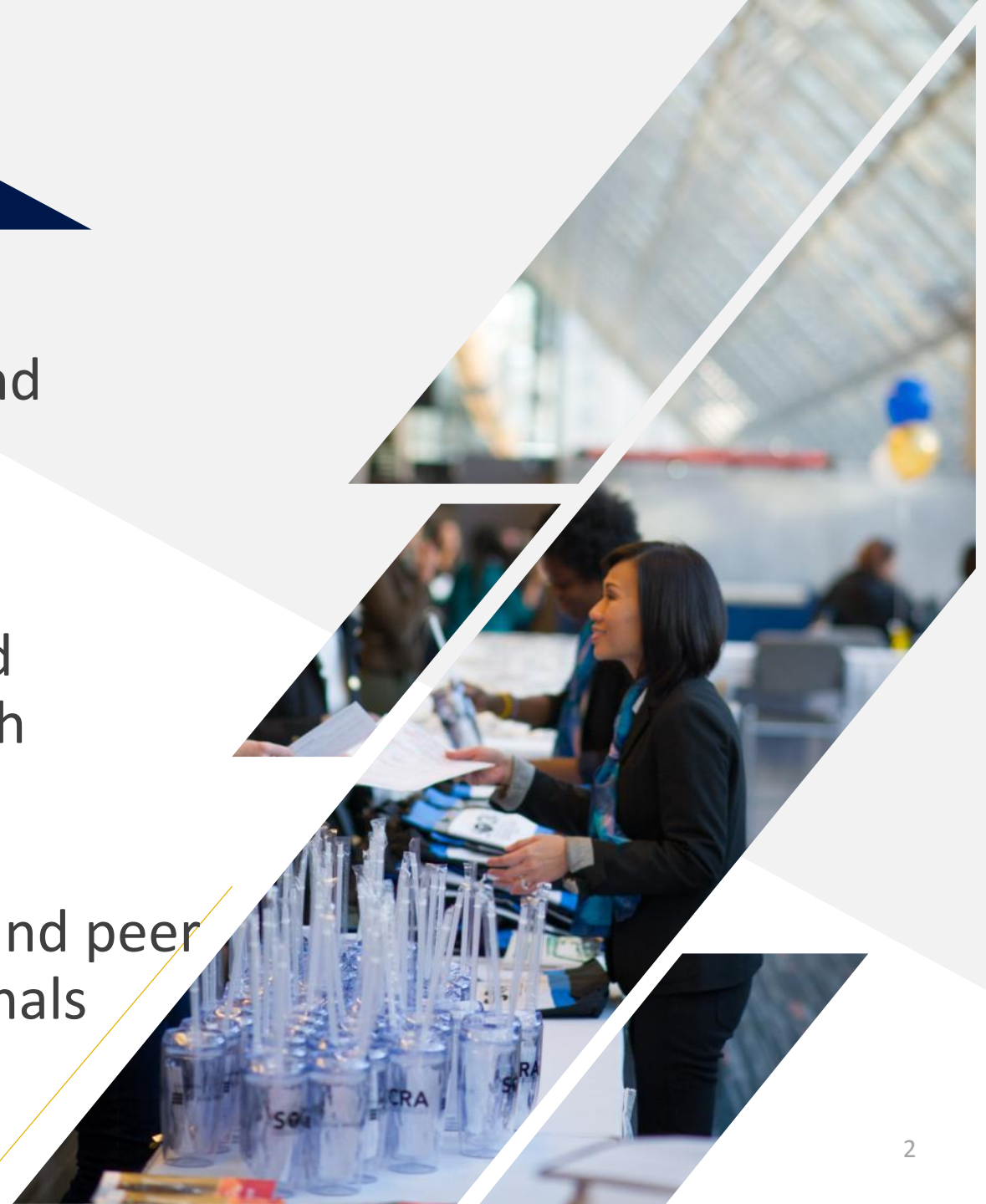# SOCRA®
FOR CLINICAL RESEARCH EXCELLENCE
Society of Clinical Research Associates

Mission

- To establish educational programming and provide continuing education for clinical research professionals

- To establish an internationally recognized certification program for Clinical Research Professionals (CCRP)

- To foster the professional development and peer recognition of clinical research professionals

Mission Interpretation

Mission

- To provide training, continuing education, and an internationally recognized certification program that **promotes quality clinical research to protect the welfare of research participants and improve global health.**

Vision

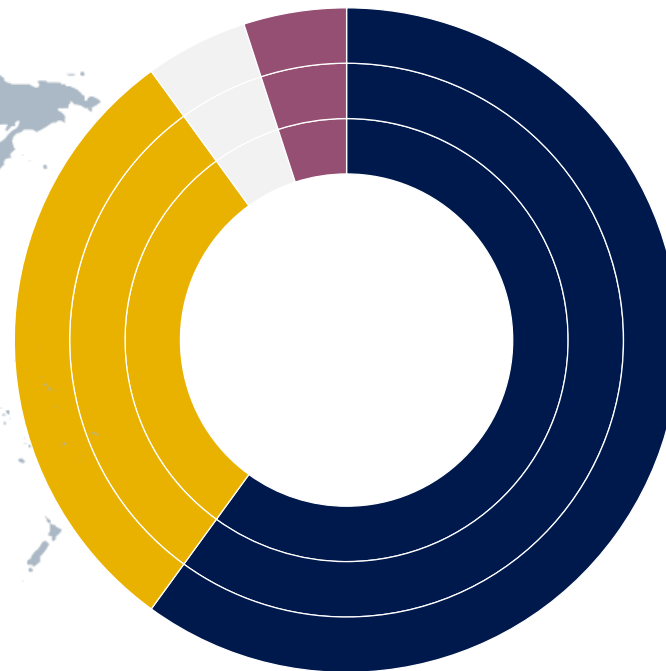- To be the global leader for clinical research professional development

History and Growth of Member-Driven Organization

- **1991** SOCRA Founded

- **1992** First Annual Conference

- **1995** First Clinical Science Course

  First CCRP Certification Examination

- **1996** Chapter Program Began

- **1999** First Human Research Protections Program

  First Clinical Investigator Conference

- **2000** First Clinical Research Monitoring Workshop

  First Certification Preparation & Review Course

- **2002** Awarded ANA/ANCC providership for Nurse CNE

- **2003** First Site Symposium - Coordinators, Associates, Nurses

  First FDA Co-Sponsored Regulations Conference

- **2005** SOP Development and Implementation Workshop

  Salary Survey for Clinical Researchers Published

- **2006** First Device Research Conference

- **2007** Pre-Application Approval by ACCME

- **2008** Offer online Basic GCP and Research Protections at No Cost to SOCRA Members through CITI Program

- **2009** Annual Conference Workshop on Device Research

- **2010** Project / Program Management Conference

  Published Second Salary Survey

- **2011** First Online Training Courses Offered

- **2012** Completed and Published Job and Task Survey of Clinical Research Activities

  Instituted Option for Peer Review of SOCRA Source Journal Articles

- **2013** First Conducting Clinical Trials in Canada Conference

- **2014** First Pediatric Clinical Research Conference

- **2015** First Oncology Clinical Trials Conference

- **2016** Offer Risk Based Monitoring & GCP E6 (R2) for Online Education

- **2017** Computer-Based Testing Launched

- **2018** First Emergency Clinical Research Symposium

- **2019** First Clinical Research Nursing Conference

Membership

16,000+ Members (as of October 1, 2019)

Global Membership Represented in 57 Countries

- Investigational Sites - 60%
- Industry - 30%
- IRB / Ethics Boards - 5%
- Other Areas of Research - 5%

Membership Benefits

- **High Quality Professional Education** - SOCRA membership offers discounted conference, workshop and course registrations. SOCRA education offers CNE and CME, as well as SOCRA CE credit. In addition, SOCRA members enjoy CITI program access and stimulating cost-free chapter events.

- **Member Directory** - More than 15,000 Clinical Research Professionals in your global network. Keep in touch with peers through the Member Directory and find members who specialize in your areas of interest.

- **Chapter Network** - Access to local education and networking opportunities through Chapters. All SOCRA members are automatically included in SOCRA's vast local chapter network for continuing education and numerous networking opportunities.

- **Members Stay Connected** - The SOCRA Source quarterly journal, monthly email newsletters, and periodic email alerts, keep members informed about topics related to clinical research.

- **Leadership Opportunities** - Get involved in a local chapter, speak at a conference, and present a poster during the Annual Conference.

- **CME for Physicians**: SOCRA is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

- **CNE for Nurses**: SOCRA is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

- ***TransCelerate BioPharma**: "This ICH E6 GCP Investigator Site Training meets the minimum criteria for ICH GCP Investigator Site Personnel Training identified by TransCelerate BioPharma as necessary to enable mutual recognition of GCP training among trial.

Membership is only $75.00 annually – when you become certified and maintain your certification, membership is included with your certification

Certified Clinical Research Professional
12,000+ CCRPs (as of October 1, 2019)

Clinical Research Professionals (CRPs) come from a wide variety of backgrounds and specialties, work in various settings and have many different responsibilities, BUT we all work under the same regulatory and ethical framework.

SOCRA's CCRP certification addresses the needs of the industry as a whole, and will follow a Clinical Research Professional (CRP) throughout their career.

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Eligibility

The applicant must work under Good Clinical Practice (GCP) guidelines, and with IRB/IEC/REB-approved (or Specifically exempted) protocols. Documented experience must fall within one of the three following categories:

Eligibility Categories

1 — 2 year of full-time experience* as a Clinical Research Professional within the past five years
equal to 3500 part-time hours

2 — 1 year of full-time experience* as a Clinical Research Professional within the past two years
equal to 1750 part-time hours
+ Degree in "Clinical Research" from an Associate, Undergraduate or Graduate Degree Program*

3 — 1 year of full-time experience* as a Clinical Research Professional within the past two years
equal to 1750 part-time hours
+ Undergraduate or Graduate Certificate in "Clinical Research"
+ Associate or Bachelor Degree in a science, health science, pharmacy or related field

Flexibility

Paper and Pencil

- SOCRA hosts over 90 in person exams a year in paper and pencil format
- SOCRA makes it easy to bring the CCRP exam to your location for your personnel

Computer Based Testing

- Offers the convenience of anytime, anywhere CCRP certification exam testing
- Test when you want and where you want at any of over 600 exam locations (internationally)
- Candidates receive instant score results at the conclusion of the exam

Evolving to meet the changing needs of the clinical research professional

Host the Exam or Prep Course

Host the Exam at your Site

- Exam may be scheduled at your site for a minimum of 10 candidates (guaranteed by site)

Host a Certification Prep and GCP Review Course at your Site

- May be scheduled at your site for a minimum of 20 participants (guaranteed by your site)

Recertification

- The CCRP Recertification Program is dedicated to proving recognition and validation of the professional growth of the individual CCRP to the healthcare community

- Certification period is 3 years

- Certificants must have completed 45 hours (45 credits) of CE during their certification period. A minimum of 22 CE must be related to Clinical Research regulations, policy, etc. The remaining CE may relate to your Therapeutic or Professional Area.

SOCRA offers numerous opportunities for no-cost continuing education

Educational Opportunities

Live Workshops and Conferences

- Clinical Science Course
- Site Management
- Clinical Research Monitoring
- Clinical Investigator & Key Staff
- Site Finance and Budgeting
- SOP Development
- Project / Program Management
- Certification Prep & GCP Review
- Clinical Research Nursing
- Annual Conference

- Device Research Regulations
- FDA Clinical Trial Requirements
- Emergency Clinical Research
- Human Research Protections & Legal Issues
- Clinical Trial Management Systems (CTMS)
- Conducting Clinical Research in Canada
- Pediatric Clinical Research
- Oncology Clinical Research
- Clinical Research Nursing

https://www.socra.org/conferences-and-education/training-conferences-workshops-courses/

Online Educational Programs

- IND/IDE Assistance
- cGMP for INDs in Phase I Trials
- Preparation for FDA Inspections
- Risk Based Monitoring
- GCP E6 (R2) Updates
- Bedside Nursing: Want to Write a Research Protocol? What to Consider, Where to Start

- & How to Create a Protocol Draft
- Bedside Nursing: The Journey from Point A to Point B: How to get from Clinical Inquiry to Conducting Nursing Research

https://www.socra.org/conferences-and-education/clinical-research-courses-online/

Education offers CME and CNE

SOCRA is an Accredited Provider of:

Continuing Medical Education (CME) by ACCME

Continuing Nurse Education (CNE) by ANCC

Annual Conference

Las Vegas, NV I September 25-27, 2020

Future Annual Conference Dates:

Denver, COLORADO   September 24-26, 2021

Orlando, FLORIDA   September 16-18, 2022

Montreal, QUEBEC   Sept. 29- Oct. 1, 2023

CANADA

100+ Speakers, 8 Tracks, 14 Preconference Workshops

Annual Conference

Poster Program

- Poster Program is an opportunity to share and learn research and management findings and best practices

- Poster Competition and Special Recognition Award

- Offers $500 Award and Fee Waived Registration

Exhibit Program

- Features new products, services, and career opportunities

Chapters

Local, No Cost CE Opportunities

The purpose of the SOCRA chapter program is to provide a cost free forum under which members can learn, exchange information, grow professionally in clinical research, acquire CE for SOCRA CCRP re-certification, and build strong foundations for successful clinical research outcomes.

- All Volunteer
- No Dues, Recordkeeping, or Fees

Start a chapter near you!

Existing Chapters in New York

Western New York

- Chapter Chair: Ginny Doran
- 716-845-1348
- Virginia.doran@roswellpark.org
- Holds programs 3+x/year on Saturdays

New York State

- Chapter Chair: Kathi Durdon
- 315-464-9290
- durdonk@upstate.edu
- Holds day-long programs 3x/year on Fridays

https://www.socra.org/chapters/about-chapters/

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