



# UW-GCRC Update

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## 2006 GCRC Protocol Submission Deadlines

Deadlines for submitting protocols are listed below. All submissions should be electronic. See the UW-GCRC website, <http://www.medsch.wisc.edu/uwgcrc/forms.html>.

- Thursday Dec. 29, 2005
- Thursday Feb. 2, 2006
- Thursday March 2, 2006

(email completed forms to [dgale@biostat.wisc.edu](mailto:dgale@biostat.wisc.edu))

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## GCRC Announces Ongoing Support to UW Clinical Research Studies

The UW-General Clinical Research Center (UW-GCRC) in 2006 plans to continue substantial support for current and new clinical research studies. Available resources include experienced research nurses, inpatient and outpatient rooms, and funding for some research tests.



Mary Jane Williams, RN, BSN, MPH—GCRC Clinical Nurse Manager

While its NIH funding was reduced in 2004, and again affected by at least a temporary NIH across-the-board reduction in 2006, the UW-GCRC remains committed to UW clinical research.

Thanks to generous support from the UW Hospital and Clinics, the UW Medical School, and the UW Medical Foundation during a reduced NIH award, the GCRC still



Mary Gillitzer, RN—GCRC Nurse Team Leader

offers (1) nine inpatient beds, eight of which can also be used for outpatient visits, (2) five outpatient beds/chairs in an outpatient suite, (3) a metabolic chamber for specialized nutritional studies, (4) fifteen highly-trained



Linda Carr, RN, BSN—GCRC Nurse Team Leader

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## You Should Know...

- **NIH recently gave the UW-GCRC permission to ask for \$2.5 million in grant support in its competitive renewal due June 1, 2006.** The GCRC currently receives \$1.7 million annually, following a 50% cut in grant funding in 2004. According to UW-GCRC Program Director Marc K. Drezner, MD, the increase would allow the GCRC to better support clinical investigators and to compete more effectively for the Clinical and Translational Science Award in 2007. Although the \$2.5 million depends on the final award, the GCRC does have the opportunity to regain some of its previous funding.
- **The GCRC Advisory Committee on November 21 voted a \$20,000 Clinical Research Feasibility Fund (CREFF) award to Karen E. Hansen, MD, for her study, "Treatment of Vitamin D Insufficiency."** Dr. Hansen is an Assistant Professor of Medicine. The purpose of the CREFF program is to support clinical research by junior faculty members through funding of pilot studies utilizing the General Clinical Research Center. By acquiring sufficient new information, the CREFF recipient's goal is to successfully apply for extramural grant support.
- **The monthly GCRC/CIPP "Lunch and Learn" educational seminars will resume in January 2006.** The first five-month plan is for speakers and panels that cover the IRB, minority recruitment, tips for successful GCRC nursing usage, update on billing issues, and the OCT. See the January *Update* for a full topic list, dates, and times. You'll also receive email announcements from the Clinical Investigator Preparatory Program, which co-sponsors the sessions with the UW-GCRC. Lunch and Learn attendees include research coordinators, managers, and other interested study personnel.

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research nurses, all RN credentialed or higher, (5) biostatistical reviews and consulting, (6) informatics assistance, (7) a bionutritionist, and (8) consultation in developing the GCRC grant proposal.

### What Can You Expect?

Since the GCRC nationwide centers were created to provide clinical research space and nursing services for recipients of federal grants, investigators with grants from NIH institutes (such as NIDDK, NHLBI, NIA, and NCI), as well as grants

from the Department of Defense, Centers for Disease Control, and the Veteran's Administration, may use GCRC rooms and nursing without cost.

GCRC nursing staff have chemotherapy certification from UW Hospital, are certified in Advanced Cardiac Life Support and trained in cardiac arrhythmia recognition. Several nurses are also research certified.

If you plan to apply soon for federal funding, but need pilot data, the GCRC may be able to help. We encourage investigator-initiated



GCRC 5-bay Outpatient Suite

protocols structured to produce seminal data for ultimate funding by NIH. The GCRC also offers up to \$40,000 annually in awards to junior faculty who bring their studies to the GCRC.

For industry-funded research, the GCRC provides space and nursing, for which the company pays all costs, but at a discounted price approved by the hospital and Medical School, and allowed through participation in the Office of Clinical Trials budget and registration process.

### Contact Us Early

If you are planning to submit a K23, R01, K12, or other federal grant, please contact us well in advance and we'll be happy to meet with you about crafting your submission and budget to make use of the UW-GCRC.

For any questions, to meet with us, or to schedule a tour of the GCRC, call UW-GCRC Administrative Director Paulette Sacksteder at 263-3271, or email her at [pasacksteder@wisc.edu](mailto:pasacksteder@wisc.edu). For more information on the GCRC, its personnel, services, and submission procedures, visit our website at <http://www.medsch.wisc.edu/uwgcrc/>.



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**GENERAL CLINICAL RESEARCH CENTER**

The UW-GCRC is an NIH-funded clinical research center within the University of Wisconsin Hospital and Clinics. The GCRC mission is to offer an optimal setting for medical investigators to conduct safe, controlled, state-of-the-art research. The 13-room inpatient and outpatient unit has a core staff of 15 highly-trained research nurses who provide quality, safety, and a caring environment.

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**Check the UW-GCRC website** (pictured at left) for everything you need to know about using the GCRC for your clinical protocol. The website features protocol application templates, deadlines and rules for applying for support, data and safety information, copies of all 2005 GCRC Update newsletters, and contact information. Visit us online or call Paulette Sacksteder to schedule an on-site tour and meeting about your future protocol possibilities.