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To: Clinical Trials Site Investigators and Research Staff

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Re: New Home for the CPQA Clinical Pharmacology Tutorial

The Clinical Pharmacology Quality Assurance and Quality Control Program (CPQA) is pleased to announce that the next version of the Clinical Pharmacology Tutorial is now available. This tutorial, formerly hosted by the ACTG Operations Center, is now located on the Frontier Science and Technology Research Foundation (FSTRF) Portal. FSTRF is the Data Management Center (DMC) for the CPQA program.

There are several ways to access the Clinical Pharmacology Tutorial, including:

- The FSTRF public website (http://www.fstrf.org/cpqa-training)
- The HIV/AIDS Network Coordination website (http://www.hanc.info/Training/Pages/TrainingTopics.aspx)
- The FSTRF Portal (http://www.fstrf.org/portal) under the ACTG, IMPAACT, or CPQA projects (see below for additional information)

If you do not have a FSTRF Portal account, you may access the tutorial at the following link, along with the username and password provided below:

http://www.fstrf.org/cpqa-training

Username: guest
Password: cpqa

If you already have a FSTRF Portal account, you may access the tutorial through the ACTG or IMPAACT projects. A new CPQA project is currently in development, which will also provide access to the tutorial. Existing users that wish to have access to the CPQA project will need to request the CPQA project tab be added to their Portal account. Additional details regarding this process will be provided in the near future.

The tutorial takes approximately one hour to complete. A certificate is issued upon completion, and is valid for two years.

Note: Some networks require that at least one individual at the clinical research site (CRS) complete and retain this certificate in order to conduct trials that involve pharmacology testing. Check with your network(s) to determine if this requirement pertains to your CRS. We encourage all research personnel at clinical trial sites to take advantage of this training opportunity, to earn this certificate, and to use this knowledge to contribute to higher quality pharmacology study conduct.

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