Frequently Asked Questions

What is Circuit Clinical?

Circuit Clinical is a Buffalo-based company bringing the benefits of human drug studies within reach for busy, community based physicians and their patients. The company seeks to shoulder the heavy operational and regulatory burdens that prevent research-minded physicians from becoming involved in clinical research studies.

How does Circuit Clinical work?

Circuit Clinical leverages relationships with pharmaceutical companies to access a wide range of studies. The company's team of research professionals analyze your EMR to match studies specifically with your patient base.

When you choose to participate in one of the hand-picked, relevant studies at your fingertips, **Circuit Clinical** facilitates your application, training and site-selection paperwork. **Circuit Clinical** makes clinical research manageable, by providing a team of research professionals dedicated to your practice. The company handles regulatory, equipment, patient recruitment, and study visits. Your **Circuit Clinical** team ultimately guides you and your patients through the entire clinical research process.

Why should I conduct research with Circuit Clinical?

Without having to facilitate every detail, research-minded physicians can focus on the good stuff:

- Offer your patients **opportunities to take ownership of their health**
- **Brand-prestige** by becoming known as a research center
- And of course, a **revenue stream with no direct costs**

Is it legal/HIPAA compliant for Circuit Clinical to access my EMR?

Yes. Once the Network Agreement and HIPAA Agreement are signed, Circuit Clinical is legally allowed to search and review your EMR to qualify your patients for potential studies. Your patient information is secure, and will not be used or shared with any other source. Circuit Clinical in obligated by the HIPAA Agreement to protect the contents of your EMR pursuant to the terms of the agreement, and the applicable law.

Why would my patients want to participate?

Patients not only get cutting-edge medical care as part of the studies they opt-in to, but most importantly they can participate in studies with physicians that they know and trust: their own doctors.

Often, patients are compensated for their time and participation in a study. All patient compensation provided by the sponsor of the clinical study is paid directly to the patient from **Circuit Clinical**.

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Does my staff care for the patients at any time?

No. You will not need to dedicate any of your clinical staff to research that you conduct with **Circuit Clinical**. **Circuit Clinical's** team of Research Coordinators and Research Assistants schedule visits and see your patients for examinations throughout the course of the trial.

What are my responsibilities as Principal Investigator (PI)?

You are responsible for the conduct of the study at your site. **Circuit Clinical** helps manage, facilitate and coordinate these responsibilities. You will be financially compensated for your clinical and administrative time to participate, plus any additional costs, at fair market value.

Training:

You will be required to complete online training courses for Good Clinical Practice and Human Subject Protection prior to participating in clinical research. The courses take 3-5 hours in total to complete, and consist of 14 modules that you can leave and come back to as many times as you wish.

Depending on the study, you may need to attend an Investigator Meeting, or a gathering of all the PIs participating in a study. Investigator Meetings can be held at a common destination, but are often online. **Circuit Clinical** pays for any travel or expenses that are required.

Paperwork:

Various confidentiality and regulatory paperwork sign-offs are needed before and after your practice is selected as a trial site. **Circuit Clinical** will facilitate the submission of all needed forms, and you can approve and sign via electronic signature – **Circuit Clinical** will set up a DocuSign account for you.

Patient Oversight:

You will see your participating patients at a starting visit and ending visit for each trial. Throughout the course of the trial, and depending on each trial, you will need to review and sign-off on tests, labs, specialized care and visits. Should adverse effects be suspected in any of your patients, you will be required to report the details of the event and provide necessary medical care.

Work Space:

As a clinical researcher, space at your practice should be available for you and your **Circuit Clinical** team to see patients participating in studies. Work space should also be available, for pharmaceutical company representatives to periodically visit and review study data. Lastly, storage space will be needed to accommodate the study drugs and binders of paperwork related to each study.

Meetings:
Throughout the study application process and once a study is in process at your site, you will have scheduled visits from a pharmaceutical company representative. All visits and meetings are coordinated and facilitated by your **Circuit Clinical** research team.

Meeting	Timing	Purpose	Principal Investigator Time needed	Your Circuit Clinical Team will:
Pre-Site Visit	Before a study is awarded to your site	Interview to verify that your practice is a good match for the study	< 1 hour	-Prepare you for anticipated questions -Meet with the representative
Site-Initiation Visit	Once your site has been awarded a study, but before the first patient is seen	-Review training, documents and equipment -Give the 'go-ahead' for the study to begin	< 1 hour	-Purchase equipment -Meet with the representative
Monitoring Visits and FDA Inspection Visits	Throughout a study that is in progress	Review data and filing for the study	< 15 minutes for monitor visits < 2 hours for FDA visits	-Prepare documents for review -Meet with the representative

How much time is needed, and how many visits is each trial?

The duration of each study, and schedule of patient visits and procedures varies per trial. These requirements will be reviewed with you for each trial you are interested in. A typical trial can take anywhere from six months to five years to complete, and involve anywhere from 1 to 10 patient visits. You will be financially compensated for your clinical and administrative time, plus any additional costs, at fair market value.

Who is our point of contact?

You will have a **Circuit Clinical** research team of professionals assigned to your practice. This team will include Research Coordinators, Research Assistants, Regulatory Specialists, and a Relationship Specialist.

If you would like to start conducting research in your office with the help of **Circuit Clinical**, please contact:

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