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New AAHC Toolkit Available to Optimize Clinical Research Administration *Groundbreaking Product is a Must for Clinical Trials Management*

WASHINGTON, July 21 - The Association of Academic Health Centers (AAHC) today launched a new [Clinical Trials Administration Toolkit](#) designed to assist academic health center leaders, research administrators, and chief compliance officers in establishing, strengthening, and improving the administrative infrastructure for the research enterprise, particularly to manage and support compliance functions for clinical trials.

"The toolkit is an innovative, yet practical, step-by-step guide to analyze and improve clinical trials administration," said AAHC President Dr. Steven A. Wartman, adding, "At a time when the research enterprise is being transformed, the leadership must align policies, people, and processes to manage the administrative and financial risks of clinical research and ensure compliance."

The toolkit is divided into 10 easy-to-follow steps that lead the user from self-assessment of current administrative processes and operations to examination of integral organizational structures for optimal institutional practices and policies. Academic health center leaders as well as the multiple stakeholders engaged in clinical trial activities—from research to billing—can identify critical information, tackle major hot spots, and strengthen institutional policies to achieve a high-performing clinical research enterprise.

"This valuable toolkit will help all users assess and leverage resources to maximize and align organizational strengths and manage effective operations for this critically important research area," according to Dr. Wartman.

The toolkit is the culmination of groundbreaking work of the AAHC's Forum on Regulation, the executive leadership group comprising chief compliance officers of academic health centers nationwide, which is dedicated to fostering the development of appropriate regulatory compliance frameworks for universities and the nation.

The toolkit can be purchased by non-members for \$8500. AAHC members receive one toolkit at no cost; additional toolkits are available at a member discount. See www.aahcdc.org.

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