

## PRINCIPLES OF CLINICAL TRIALS

**Instructor:** TBD  
**Length:** 2-3 hours

**Program Description:** Many nurses are employed in settings where clinical trials are carried out or may actually participate in those trials. This short course explains some of the basic processes that are used to conduct clinical trials and how nurses can function efficiently at clinical settings where trials are being conducted.

**Learning Objectives:** At the end of this program, participants will be able to:

- Differentiate clinical trial phases (I, II, III, and IV).
- Categorize patient recruitment processes using CONSORT, a standard approach to reporting clinical trial findings.
- Understand principles of data analyses including intention to treat, p value, confidence interval, relative risk, hazard ratio.
- Describe the nurse's role in dealing with common concerns that patients have about participating in clinical trials.

**Audience:**

Registered nurses who are involved in clinical trials or who care for patients who are involved in such trials.