

Clinical Research – The pathway to safe and effective healthcare science

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Clinical research is important in discovering new treatments for various diseases. Through clinical research, researchers can determine what does work in people and what doesn't.

The Clinical Research Unit (CRU) at the University of Pretoria was established over ten years ago and offers ethical clinical research and related services. The CRU enables local and global pharmaceutical companies to contract with Enterprises University of Pretoria (Pty) Ltd (Enterprises UP) to conduct clinical research of which the execution adheres to good clinical practice.

The CRU's recruitment area includes a large tertiary referral hospital, various primary care clinics and eight district hospitals. Facilities comprise of consulting rooms, a 12-bed patient ward, a temperature-controlled pharmacy, freezer (-20°C) and fridges (2-8°C), a fully equipped laboratory and a fully equipped emergency trolley. A team of experienced study coordinators, dispensing physicians and investigators will take care of all aspects of the clinical trials conducted at the CRU. The CRU has experience in, among others, internal medicine (diabetes, rheumatology and hyperlipidaemia), respiratory, cardiovascular, neurology, psychiatry, urology (including prostate cancer), infectious diseases, vaccines, bio-availability and bio-equivalence studies.

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