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## **Clinical research pharmacy forum**

The pharmacy forum is hosted by the Clinical Research Centre (CRC) at the University of Cape Town (UCT). The aims of the forum are to bring those working in Clinical Research Pharmacy/ Investigational Medicinal Product (IMP) Management together to discuss, share and collaborate on current/new pharmacy practices and requirements, and to form a group of experienced research pharmacists to support and mentor those starting up/new to the position.

Last year, my colleagues and I raised the issue regarding professional indemnity for research pharmacists. Our concern was that we weren't fully covered, and were subject to exclusion on the Hollard policy.

As part of a collaborative effort from members of the pharmacy forum, we submitted details specific to research pharmacy to the insurers to ensure we would be fully covered.

I am delighted to see that the new policy includes a section for 'Clinical Trials management of Investigational Medicine Products, reviewing and assisting with Protocols; Research Pharmacist' as well as the document we compiled to specify our various roles we do on a day-to-day basis.

Many thanks to Gary Black from the PSSA, Jessica Wiggill from PPS and the pharmacy forum for working together to ensure we are looked after and covered.

If pharmacists would like further information or to get involved with the forum, please contact Nicky Kramer at [nicky.kramer@uct.ac.za](mailto:nicky.kramer@uct.ac.za) or 021 650 4196.

Kind regards

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