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Information for Mentors - NCT Clinical and Medical Trialist Program

Thank you for your willingness to support the NCT Clinical and Medical Trialist (CMT) Program at NCT Heidelberg as a mentor.

About the Program

The program is designed to equip clinicians and researchers interested in conducting clinical trials with the knowledge and skills needed to plan and conduct clinical trials in oncology. Over the course of 12 months, participants follow a structured educational curriculum while further developing their own study ideas. The curriculum covers key aspects of clinical trial development, including study design, protocol development and implementation to complementary skills such as project management and scientific communication.

By the end of the program, participants are expected to have developed a study concept ready for submission to the NCT Overarching Clinical Translational Trial (OCT^2) Program.

The Role of Mentors

Individual mentoring is an essential component of the NCT CMT Program, providing participants with scientific guidance, practical advice and opportunities for professional development.

Each participant is required to nominate an internal mentor from NCT Heidelberg, who will serve as their primary mentor throughout the program. Participants may additionally nominate an external mentor from another NCT site to provide complementary expertise and perspectives.

Mentoring activities may include:

- Sharing scientific and clinical expertise relevant to the proposed study idea
- Providing feedback on the study idea and supporting its further development
- Advising on practical aspects of study planning, including feasibility and implementation
- Discussing progress, challenges and next steps throughout the program

Mentoring Arrangements

The frequency and format of mentoring meetings can be agreed individually, considering the participant's needs and the stage of study development. Regular exchange between the participant and their internal mentor is strongly encouraged, while involvement of the external mentor can be arranged as required.

NCT Heidelberg will follow up on mentoring activities as part of the program's overall coordination.

By sharing your expertise and experience, you will contribute to the development of the next generation of clinical and medical trialists and help strengthen the NCT clinical trial portfolio.

We greatly appreciate your time and commitment to the NCT CMT Program.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at koordination@nct-heidelberg.de.

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