



Duke University
Medical Center

Training Course for Investigators of Orphan Products and Rare Diseases

The Food and Drug Administration and the National Institutes of Health, in collaboration with the National Organization for Rare Disorders and Duke University Medical Center, offer a 3-day course in October 2010 in Rockville MD on conducting research on rare diseases and orphan products. The course focuses on FDA's regulatory requirements and the clinical trial issues that are especially relevant to rare disease research.

Who should attend: The course is designed for academic clinician-researchers, medical professionals participating in rare disease clinical trials, and medical professionals from small biotechnology and pharmaceutical companies conducting research on rare diseases.

Basic goals: Investigators conducting research into rare diseases and orphan products face special challenges: small patient populations, limited or no natural disease histories, limited resources, among others. This course is designed to provide a basic understanding of the broad framework of rare disease drug development strategies that would lead to successful pivotal clinical trials.

Faculty: This training course will bring together leaders in clinical and translational rare disease research from academia, industry, NIH and FDA. This training course will be led by experienced rare disease drug development faculty from academia, government, and patient advocacy groups.

Rare Disease Research Investigator Training Course

When: October 18-19-20, 2010
Where: USP Building
12601 Twinbrook Parkway
Rockville, Maryland 20852

On-line registration and more information available at:
http://rarediseases.info.nih.gov/Accelerating_Therapies_for_Rare_Diseases_Workshop/default.aspx