



RESEARCH OFFICER (ACADEMIC CLINICAL)

(6 month contract)

**Wellcome Centre for Infectious Diseases Research in Africa
Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine
Faculty of Health Sciences**

The AMBITION-*cm* trial is an open label phase III randomised controlled non-inferiority trial to compare single dose L-AmB treatment to 7-day amphotericin B deoxycholate based treatment for HIV-associated cryptococcal meningitis. The trial, funded by EDCTP and sponsored by the London School of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, is currently recruiting across 7 sites in Africa. The Cape Town site is based at UCT and is currently recruiting at Mitchells Plain Hospital and Khayelitsha Hospital. The trial will recruit until October 2020. The national principal investigator is Professor Graeme Meintjes.

We are seeking a full time research medical officer to work across the two clinical sites in the Cape Town area. The successful candidate will work closely with the current team, which includes a designated research nurse, study coordinator, trial pharmacist, the site PI and sub-investigators. The primary responsibilities will be to recruit patients to the study, assess and manage trial participants in both an inpatient and outpatient setting, perform study procedures, collect clinical data, assist with data entry and management, safety reporting, and play a key role in the administration and functioning of the clinical trial team.

The successful candidate will work within an established clinical trial team, and will have a large workload that must be conducted according to the highest ethical standards with rigorous attention to data integrity and safety considerations. The post will provide an excellent opportunity to learn about all aspects of clinical trial conduct as well as becoming involved in the world renowned research conducted at the Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine (IDM).

This 6 months full-time contract post will be held at the Institute of Infectious Disease and Molecular Medicine (IDM) (<http://www.idm.uct.ac.za>) within the Faculty of Health Sciences of the University of Cape Town (UCT). **The daily activities of this post will be 90% based at clinical research sites (the candidates will have to travel between the two sites) and 10% at the IDM. There is a possibility to extend this contract beyond 6 months if there is operational requirement and a contract extension may involve work on other clinical research studies within the CIDRI-Africa research group.**

Effective start date: 2nd January 2020 or as soon as possible

Requirements:

- MBChB degree
- Registration with the Health Professions Council of South Africa as Independent Medical Practitioner
- Experience in management of HIV associated cryptococcal meningitis (it is acceptable if these patients were managed under supervision as part of general medical rotation or emergency room work)
- Experience in management of HIV-infected patients hospitalized with opportunistic infections
- Experience in performance of lumbar punctures
- Computing skills appropriate for medical research
- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Excellent communication skills
- Ability to work efficiently in a team
- Valid work permit if not South African
- Valid driver's license

Advantageous:

- Experience in the conduct of clinical research
- Knowledge of Good Clinical Practice (GCP)
- Postgraduate degree or diploma in clinical management of HIV infected patients
- A high level of knowledge and experience in HIV management, so that the Medical Officer could assess complex cases with HIV and cryptococcal meningitis co-infection independently and discuss management problems with consultants as appropriate
- Current accredited BLS/ACLS certificate
- Ability to communicate in Afrikaans and/or isiXhosa
- Track record of successfully working in a multidisciplinary clinical team

Responsibilities:

- Recruitment and follow-up of study participants, clinical assessment and management of participants including practical study procedures such as lumbar puncture.
- Oversight of the informed consent process.
- Completion of all relevant study documentation according to study standard operating procedures and GCP.
- Entry of study data onto electronic database.
- Reporting of adverse events to sponsor, ethics committee and regulatory authorities with strict adherence to guidelines.
- Assist with study administration including writing of documents and communication, and development or revision of study standard operating procedures (SOPs) as needed.
- Liaison with data management team and maintenance of effective communication with the other study staff and site staff members including principal investigator, lead investigator and study co-ordinator.
- Effective communication with hospital staff regarding study participants.
- Liaise closely and maintain effective communication with the study monitors and trial sponsors.
- Management, supervision and teaching of clinical research staff as required by the project.
- Transport of samples from clinical site to the laboratory if required
- Attend study and academic meetings and training as required
- Presentation of research findings at meetings at the clinical research sites and IDM.

Formal duties will not exceed 40 hours per week but flexible hours will be required with some work over weekends.

The annual cost of employment is R821 205, no benefits included.

To apply, please e-mail the below documents in a **single pdf file** to Erika Morey at erika.morey@uct.ac.za

- UCT Application Form (download at <http://forms.uct.ac.za/hr201.doc>)
- Cover letter, and
- Curriculum Vitae (CV)

Please ensure the title and reference number are indicated in the subject line.

Informal inquiries to Dr Charlotte Schutz: charlotte.schutz@uct.ac.za

An application which does not comply with the above requirements will be regarded as incomplete. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted and may be required to undergo an assessment.

Telephone: 021 406 6700

Website: www.hr.uct.ac.za

Reference number: E91202

Closing date: 15 December 2019

The starting date is 2nd January 2020 or as soon as possible thereafter

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UCT reserves the right not to appoint.