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Job title:	Senior Research Clinician (36 months' contract)
Division:	Mycology
Type:	Permanent <input type="checkbox"/> Fixed Term <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Temporary <input type="checkbox"/>
Main purpose of the job:	<p>The post-holder will take a leadership role within the COMBAT Candida clinical program of work. This incorporates a year-long prospective cohort study, tracking the acquisition, transmission and emergence of antifungal resistant <i>Candida</i> infection, colonisation and environmental contamination within ICUs at five hospitals in Johannesburg. Infection prevention and control, and antifungal stewardship interventions and audits, alongside point prevalence studies of antimicrobial prescription. The observational study will lead into a phase IIb/III randomized controlled trial of combination antifungal treatment for <i>Candida</i> bloodstream infections at the same five hospital sites, for which the post-holder will take the role of Lead Clinician.</p> <p>The post-holder will be expected to contribute to the development of study protocols, work practice documents and databases, and to effectively train and manage study teams. They will have the opportunity to take part in data analysis and the preparation of peer-reviewed publications arising from the study, to contribute to related sub-studies or projects, and to take on any roles as directed by the principal and chief investigators. Development of independent research plans will be expected and supported within the CombAT Candida program, with potential to register for a PhD at Wits related to mycology, fungal genomics, epidemiology, health economics or an area of particular interest to the candidate.</p>
Location:	Johannesburg Trial Sites x5: Helen Joseph Hospital; Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital; Charlotte Maxeke Academic Hospital; Wits Donald Gordon Medical Centre; Netcare Milpark Hospital
Closing date:	17 December 2024
Submit detailed CV to:	vacancies32@witshealth.co.za
Advert reference number:	Senior Research Clinician_Mycology
In accordance with our Employment Equity goals and plan, preference will be given to suitable applicants from designated groups as defined in the Employment Equity Act 55 of 1998 and subsequent amendments thereto.	

The Mycology Division aims to improve the outcomes of people affected by serious, life- threatening fungal diseases in South Africa and the African region through public health-focused epidemiological, clinical and basic science research and innovation. Our work also stretches to other important infectious diseases.

Key performance areas

- Contribute to the development of study documentation including trial protocols, patient information sheets and consent forms, SOPs/ WPDs, quality assurance and quality control guidelines and training manuals.
- Manage the recruitment of eligible patients according to protocol requirements.
- Participate in regular meetings between the clinical teams at the sites and ensure good communications between sites and the trial management group.

- Maintain close contact with the trial management group and consult them on strategic issues that might have any safety or major financial implications for the project. This will include, but not be limited to, collation of weekly reports of study progress to be shared with the trial management group and funders, and detailed reports for the Data Monitoring Committee and Trial Steering Committee.
- Conduct clinical trial in accordance with GCP regulations and standard operating procedures.
- Proactively resolve protocol queries and missing data with the Trial Management Group.
- Conduct regular site team meetings to identify, discuss and solve study queries.
- Meet with Trial Monitors as and when required.
- Play a supervisory role for the study clinical and nursing teams to ensure that teams adhere to the set standard operating procedures in the conduct of clinical trials and that all staff are fully trained in the SOPs pertaining to their daily work.
- Perform and facilitate performance development and assessments in conjunction with the Site PIs.
- Ensure that all employees are developed to their full potential.
- Conduct staff training i.e., CRF completion training, quality assurance and other study related training.
- To act as a leader, resource and role model.
- Performs any other duties as assigned by the Site PI, Senior Research Clinician and/ or CI.

Required minimum education and training

- MBBCh degree.
- Additional medical specialty training in clinical microbiology or infectious diseases would be advantageous.

Desirable additional education, work experience and personal abilities

- Ability to function and operate strategically with sound clinical and business acumen.
- Confidentiality, tact and discretion must be maintained at all times.
- Displays concern for the safety and well being of patients. Thorough, with good attention to detail.
- Ordered and systematic in approach to tasks, with strict adherence to protocol.
- Exceptional planning and organisational skills are required together with working knowledge of Microsoft Office.
- Able to exercise discretion and independent decision-making.
- Ability to prioritise own work load, take initiative (pro-active) and work to tight deadlines.
- Self-motivated with a high regard for work ethic, values and integrity.
- Certification in good clinical practice (GCP), project management and a background in research including analytical skills will be an advantage.

Required minimum work experience

- Minimum 3-year's work experience after community service, preferably in a clinical research or academic environment.

Should you be interested in applying for this vacancy, please send an email to vacancies32@witshealth.co.za. The subject heading of the email must read **Senior Research Clinician_Mycology**. Please include the following documentation:

- A cover letter (maximum one page) that clearly states which vacancy you are applying for
- A detailed CV
- HPCSA Registration