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"Advanced Topics in Good Clinical Practice" Workshop Enables Medical Professionals to Learn Latest Clinical Trial Standards

Syracuse, N.Y.—Medical and health professionals can prepare for the growing medical research industry in New York at “Advanced Topics in Good Clinical Practice” on Tuesday, June 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Professionals will discuss current trends, new U.S. Food and Drug Administration standards and legal issues for clinical trials. The Center for Bioscience Education and Technology is hosting the workshop at Rochester Institute of Technology.

According to a report released by Archstone Consulting, the drug, medical device and research industries yield \$1.2 billion dollars in the Syracuse area. In 2008, New York State was ranked second in the nation for the most clinical trial sites with 5,053 locations, according to a report released by Archstone Consulting. The biopharmaceutical industry has an estimated \$29 billion impact on New York State. With such an increasing presence of research, area medical professionals must be aware of clinical trial regulations and issues in order to effectively develop new products.

“Since most medical products must obtain FDA approval or clearance, complying with current FDA requirements is critical for product marketing approval,” said Lorraine Ellis, president and CEO of Research Dynamics Consulting Group, who will be presenting at the workshop. “During this symposium, we will review new or revised FDA information to provide guidance on the new ‘rules’, all of which will provide an important update on the latest good clinical practice guidance.”

The topics will include how the latest FDA guidance documents and regulations under revision will change research procedures or product development, and how the traditional approach to 510(k) clearance change will potentially affect a company. In addition, the seminar will examine current trends in clinical research, clinical warning letter and FDA compliance procedures, as well as recent case study findings in clinical research misconduct and fraud. Lee Traux-Bellows, president and CEO of Norwich Clinical Research Associates, will also be presenting.

Participants must register online at www.medtech.org.

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