

BIOPHARMACEUTICS RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Executive Director

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The Biopharmaceutics Research Institute (BRI) is a Contract Research Organization dedicated to conducting bioavailability/bioequivalence and pharmacokinetic studies in accordance with international specifications. A full range of services for the clinical, statistical and report generation aspects of bioavailability/bioequivalence and pharmacokinetic studies are undertaken according to Good Clinical Practice and standard operating procedures.

Studies are conducted in a clinic staffed by experienced investigators with substantial international experience together with a resident medical practitioner, registered pharmacist and QA officer. In addition, the Institute has a pool of well-trained professional nurses who assist in general clinical activities. The on-site Rhodes University Ethical Standards Committee offers rapid review of BRI protocols for ethical approval according to GCP principles and in accordance with the requirements of the Declaration of Helsinki.

Motivated and responsible volunteers are recruited from the 4 000 male and female members of the Rhodes University student body. The clinic is ideally situated on the Rhodes University campus and is within easy walking distance of volunteers residing in University residences or off-campus - over 50% of the student body reside on campus.

The BRI enjoys excellent working relationships with a number of internationally-renowned bioanalytical companies which provide the Institute with the opportunity to out source sample analysis for a vast range of validated assays. Excellent specialist international courier services ensure safe, rapid and efficient transport of biological samples under dry-ice with temperature monitoring to analytical sites around the world.

In addition, the BRI provides services for the analysis and quality control of pharmaceutical and phytochemical products.

The Institute also provides facilities for postgraduate projects leading to MSc and PhD degrees.

CENTRE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Director

Dr G Harrison (PhD)(UCT)

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B Malila

Coordinator: B ED

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Co-ordinator: Community Development

T Moss

Co-ordinator: Early Childhood Development

R Nomwebu

Co-ordinator: Curriculum and Quality Assurance

C Larkin

ECD facilitators

P Jali

N Ralo

T Moss

R Nombewu

CD facilitators

J Muroa

B Msimango

Administrative staff

Z Dili

I Harrison

L Marechal

N Shelle

N Gunguluza

Financial Administrator

N Stokes

General office assistant

B Mpanbani

The core educational service offered by the CSD is underpinned by a philosophy that combines leading theoretical approaches to education development with practices that improve the educational outcomes of the target children (1 -9 year olds). Simultaneously the CSD integrated educational model aims to improve the livelihoods of the learners through targeted community development practices.

The CSD Rhodes University ECD Career path:

Course

Level 4 FET certificate in ECD (EDTP SETA)

Duration, credits, supervision

Two years part-time while working throughout as an ECD practitioner under CSD supervision.