

# THE RARE ROUNDUP

The official Newsletter of Rare Disease Research, LLC

"Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out."

-Robert Collier

## WE'RE MOVING!

It has been a long wait for us! Please hang in there; we ARE going to move by the end of February, according to Dr. Phan's recent communications with the construction crew. As is the nature of the construction business, deadlines sometimes are not really deadlines - they are just lines that may go on forever! With inspections occurring at many steps in the process, delays are inevitable! Despite that fact, it's so exciting for us to see our purple and white RDR sign on the building every time we pass it on the freeway. We hope that the Certificate of Occupancy will be ours soon! Hmm, I almost feel like we should have a ribbon-cutting ceremony after all the anticipation! Dr. Phan, are you up for it?



## CLINICAL RESEARCH TRENDS AND INSIGHTS FOR 2021

Watch out for these new or continuing trends in 2021 as 2020 had thrown us a giant curveball and caused many changes in regulatory and operational procedures:

- Increase in number of remote visits and remote monitoring → increase ethical and privacy concerns, e-consent, e-regulatory, etc.
- Increase in number of gene therapy trials
- Increase in more permanent solutions regarding technology and decentralized trials
- Increased need for clinical research professionals with specialized talent to respond to greater complexity of clinical research
- Increased/Renewed focus on patient advocacy and diversity: From sponsors to regulators, we will see a concerted effort to engage the clinical trial workforce and clinical trial participants to provide opportunities and greater access for our underrepresented communities.

Reference: WCG (2020). *Clinical Research Trends & Insights for 2021*. [White paper].

## WELCOMING NEW STAFF

RDR is very excited to welcome pediatric nurse practitioner Lindsay Pare to our team! Lindsay came to us from CHOA where she was a charge nurse for the GI/Endocrine floor since 2015. Lindsay loves working with children and their families. She completed her undergraduate study at Clemson University and earned her Master's through the University of Alabama, Birmingham. We learned during the interview process that Lindsay loves to travel and is also a lover of food (like so many of us!). We can't wait to get Lindsay acquainted with clinical research and be part of the RARE family!



## Rare Laughs

Ever wonder why the International Spelling Alphabet is posted in the lab? Long, long ago, way past lunch hours, RDR staff overheard from the lab room:

**Marcial:** (*spelling the confirmation of a requisition*) to Quest Diagnostics: "W" as in "What", "T" as in "Taco"...

**Eduardo S.:** (*from all the way down the hall*) What was that? (*laughing hysterically*)

**Trang:** (*one-door down from the lab*) Poor Marcial must be super hungry! (*also laughing hysterically*)

Trang almost got a rib fracture from all the laughing. But that's another story...

## Rare Staff Development

Please join us for the weekly Lunch-and-Learn sessions that are coming your way from our own RDR staff. Here is a sneak peek:

- Clinical Research: Regulatory Overview
- How to effectively read a protocol
- What you need to know about lab processing and shipping
- What is ALCOAC? ALCOAC and source documentation

And many more...