

# Clinical Research Finance Consultation Services for the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM) Alpha Clinics Network

The **UCLA Clinical Research Finance Team** provides support services across the entire clinical research finance continuum, enabling rapid and compliant financial study activation through post-award reconciliation and closeout. Team members have served on advisory boards for the California State Legislature in assessing potential impact of clinical trial coverage legislation, in addition to serving as keynote speakers at national clinical trial conferences. Team members also lead the only nationally recognized certification training in Coverage Analysis.

We collaborate with sites to:

**Accelerate financial study activation**

**Increase clinical research cost recovery**

**Improve clinical research billing compliance**

**Increase visibility, tracking and benchmarking**

## KEY SERVICES PROVIDED

### Medicare Coverage Analysis (MCA)

Nationally recognized as a center of excellence for MCA and billing matrix development, which leverage and cite National and Local Coverage Determinations (NCDs and LCDs), applicable national specialty guidelines, drug compendia and applicable peer reviewed literature. We aim to clearly delineate study costs from patient/insurer costs and provide detailed support to promote successful insurer authorization and reimbursement.

### Certified Procedural Coding

Translate protocol items and services into applicable patient care costs (e.g. CPT/HCPCS codes), mitigating study budget deficits and unanticipated expenses.

### Comprehensive Budget Development and Negotiation

UCLA leverages a proprietary clinical research charge master and research pricing policy to provide study sponsors a comprehensive and itemized study budget that includes a detailed description of patient care and administrative study costs.

### Clinical Research Billing Compliance

Assess clinical research charges and related insurance claims, compare with approved site billing matrices (including MCA, procedural codes, informed consent, contract/award, protocol and research rates) to identify potential discrepancies (systemic or transactional) and provide best practice recommendations for improve efficiency and accuracy.

### Policy & Procedure Needs Assessment

Review site policies, procedures and workflows, as well as hold key stakeholder interviews, to assess current and intended site performance. We provide executive recommendations for efficiencies and enhancements.

To discuss how we can provide services for your CIRM Alpha Clinic Network trials, please contact us at [CoverageAnalysis@mednet.ucla.edu](mailto:CoverageAnalysis@mednet.ucla.edu)