



EUROPEAN CENTRE FOR  
CLINICAL RESEARCH TRAINING

# JUNIOR CLINICAL RESEARCHER

STAR PROGRAMME

How to start your career in clinical research







## **Benedikt Van Nieuwenhove**

Managing Director

As an experienced professional in clinical research, I know how hard it is to enter this field and how overwhelming it can be to be up-to-date with the latest trends and regulations.

For this reason, we have created the Junior Clinical Researcher STAR Programme that combines the most relevant trainings and internships to help you get ahead in finding a job in clinical research.

With this programme you will be able to evolve quickly and discover the numerous career opportunities that this area has to offer, as well as a very competitive income.

Clinical research is an ever-growing area with many opportunities.

Do you have what it takes to be part of it?

## **MEET OUR CEO**

Obtained a Pharmaceutical Sciences degree in 1991 and finished his PhD in 1997 while working as a quality assurance manager at a laboratory for medical biochemistry & clinical analysis in Ghent.

- Started his career as a CRA
- In 2000 created ECCRT (Managing Director)
- 2008-2011 Vice President Global Operations of the Harrison Clinical Research group.
- 2011-2014 Chief Executive Officer of Harrison Clinical Research
- 2016 Professor at the University of Gent
- 2021 President of BeCRO



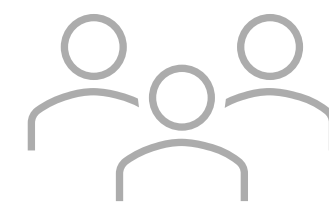
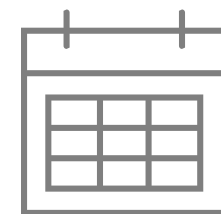
# REASONS TO ATTEND



FLEXIBLE

PERSONALISED

PERFECT CV



The Programme is flexible according to your needs and schedule  
*(for the training sessions and the internships locations and placements)*

Personalised approach for each participant  
*(limited number of registrations and intern in the clinical research field you want to grow and according to your location)*

The Programmes gathers everything you need to match the qualifications for clinical research job positions  
*(knowledge and experience)*



# BECOME A CLINICAL RESEARCH PROFESSIONAL

## STAR PROGRAMME

### ABOUT

This STAR Programme is a must for anyone wanting to start a career in clinical research as it will grant you the knowledge, skills, competencies and expertise required to become a clinical research professional.

This Programme consists of 2 parts:

- 1.Theoretical part
- 2.Practical part

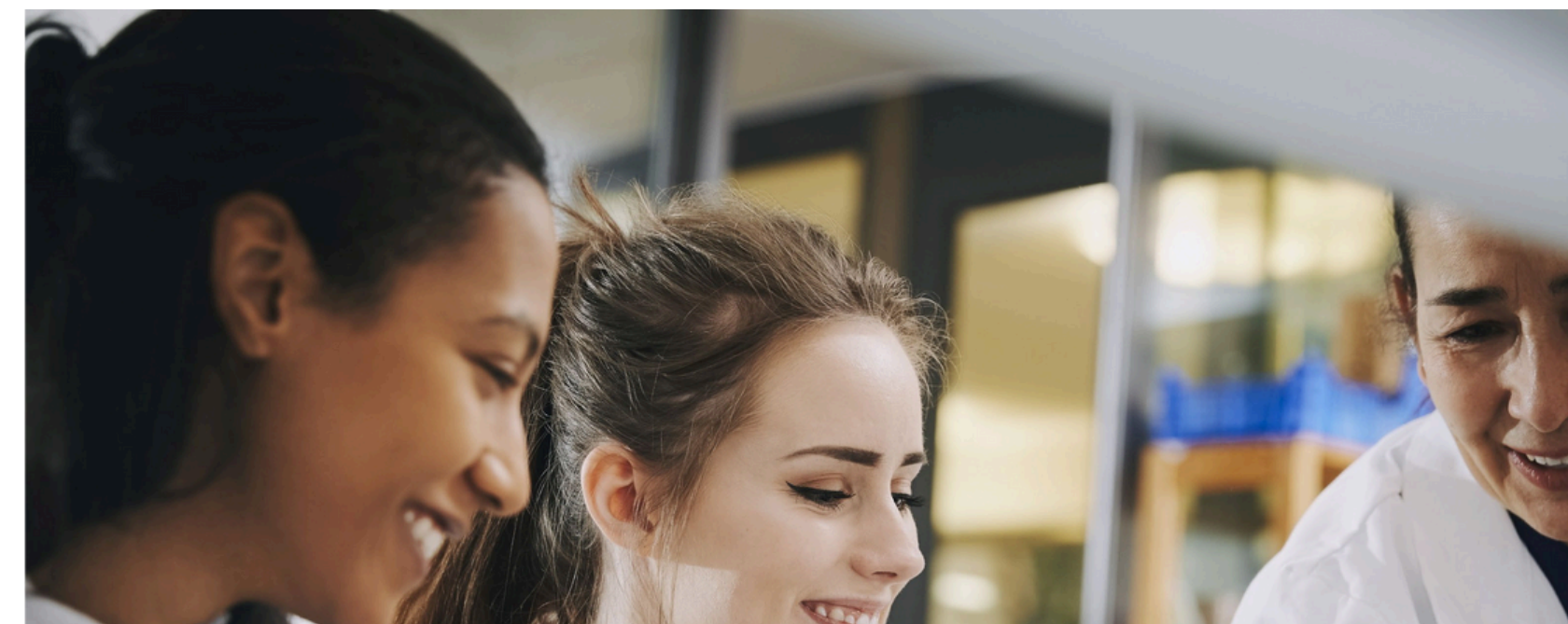
**1.Theoretical part:** Six courses that cover all the rules, guidelines, requirements and knowledge to conduct a clinical study and to become a clinical researcher professional.

**2.Practical part:** One-year internship to provide you with the experience most employers are looking for in this area.

The internships are customised upon your needs, expectations and location and will grant you a clear overview of the career possibilities.



Over  
**70**  
students enrolled



**100%**  
of our students found a job  
DURING and AFTER



**1**  
Year international internship in  
3 different organisations



THEORETICAL PART

# PROGRAMME AGENDA

eLearning



eLearning



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Classroom



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## **INTRODUCTION TO CLINICAL RESEARCH**

This eLearning course will show you how medicines are developed, the difference between pre-clinical and clinical research, the phases of clinical research and the different study types used, and the way to market a product.

## **BASICS ON REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS IN CLINICAL RESEARCH**

This course is designed to provide a basic understanding of the current regulatory requirements for Clinical Trials for people who have limited or no background in these matters.

## **FOUNDATIONAL ICH-GCP E6 (R2)**

This interactive eLearning is crucial for any professional in clinical research. It will provide you with all elements of the International Council on Harmonization Good Clinical Practice (ICH-GCP) guideline E6 (R2), as required by most of the Regulatory Authorities.

## **ORIENTING YOUR CAREER IN CLINICAL RESEARCH (0.5-day)**

This course will give you guidance on what the possible functions are, including what competencies and experience are required and how to approach applying for such positions.

## **CLINICAL RESEARCH TRAINING FOR JUNIOR CRAs (2-days)**

All typical tasks of a Clinical Research Associate (CRA) will become clear to you, from selecting the investigators until study site close-out, with a great focus on the “monitoring practice” and an introduction on the impact of digitalisation.

## **COMMUNICATION SKILLS (1-day)**

This course will reveal all possible problems related to miscommunication. You will get an insight into what is good communication, how you can better transfer messages, and how to improve your communication behaviour.



# PRACTICAL PART INTERNSHIPS

The internships will take place in **3 different organisations** to help you have a complete overview of the **clinical trial life-cycle**, from the point of view of all stakeholders involved, as well as to help you know which **environment to pursue your career in the future**:



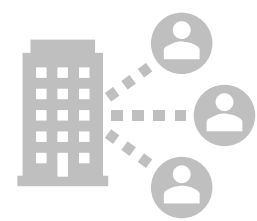
## **HOSPITAL (2 MONTHS)**

Discover how clinical research is conducted in real life, how it affects a patient and what the difference from regular clinical practice is.



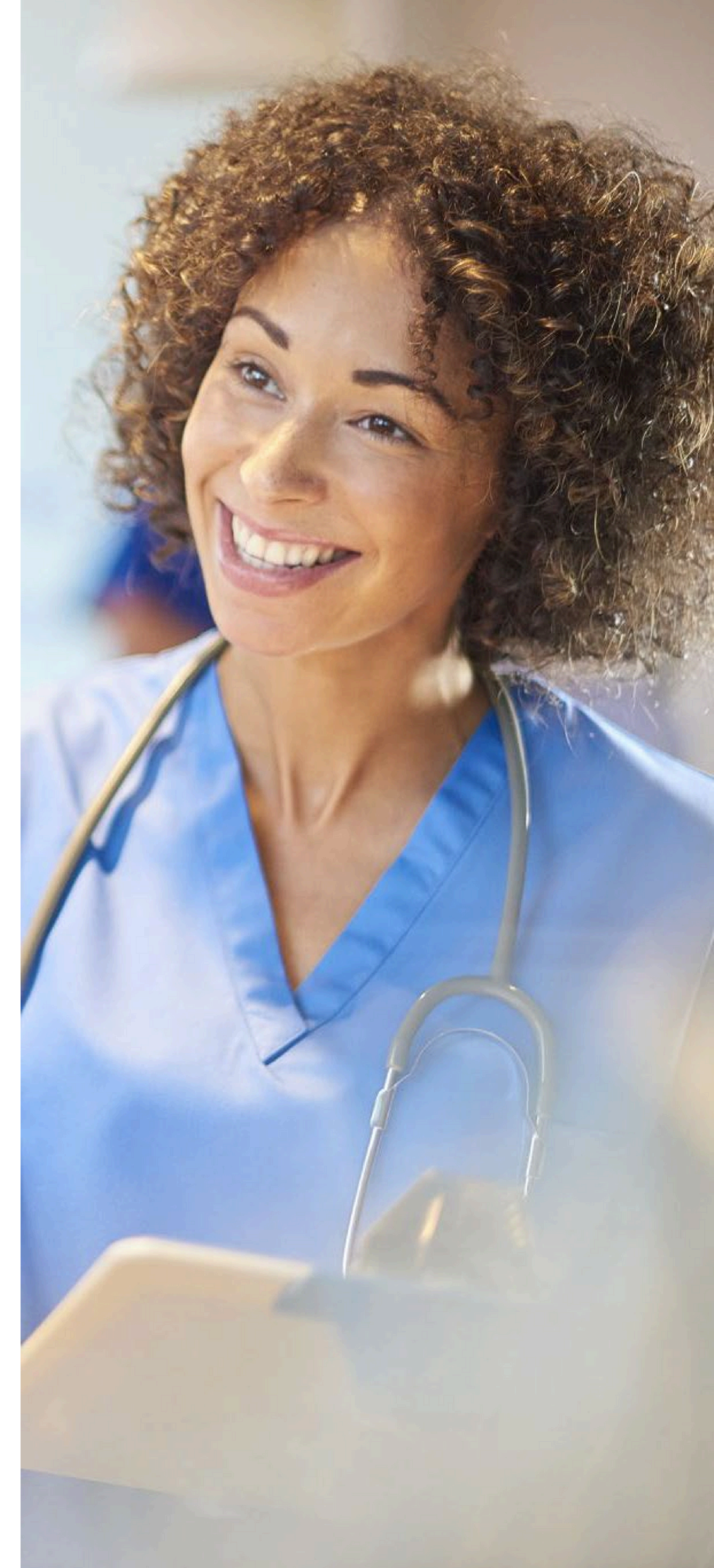
## **PHARMA COMPANY (6 MONTHS)**

Discover how medicines are developed, where clinical research fits in the clinical development and why clinical research is done differently from normal clinical practice.



## **CONTRACT RESEARCH ORGANISATION (4 MONTHS)**

Learn what activities need to be done in order to safeguard patients' rights and well-being and at the same time ensure that the quality of the data obtained in a clinical study is guaranteed.





# TESTIMONIALS



## **Veronique Shiwa**

**Internships at:** UZ Ghent, Bayer, Harmony Clinical Research

Current position: Clinical Research Associate at Harmony

I'm very grateful for applying and participating in the Junior Clinical Researcher STAR programme. After graduating in pharmaceutical sciences, I wanted to pursue a career in clinical research. The programme was the perfect opportunity for me to gain practical experience in this field. The internships in 3 different organisations gave me a better view on the different job functions and possibilities. Thanks to the expertise I gained and close guidance of the motivated trainers, I'm ready to dive into the world of clinical research.



## **Gert-Jan Dossche**

**Internships at:** UZ Ghent, BeCRO/EUCROF, Janssen

Current position: Business Consultant

Because of the flexible way of working at the ECCRT, I was able to combine the Junior Clinical Researcher STAR programme with my additional studies in Business Economics. In this way, a customised programme was outlined in which the combination of studying and gaining experience in the field of clinical research became perfectly possible. The flexibility of the programme also gave me the possibility to link one of my internships to the topic of my master's dissertation where I got the opportunity to be part of an international project. I would therefore recommend the STAR programme to anyone who wishes to develop themselves both professionally and personally in the vast world of clinical research.



## **Aline Bracke**

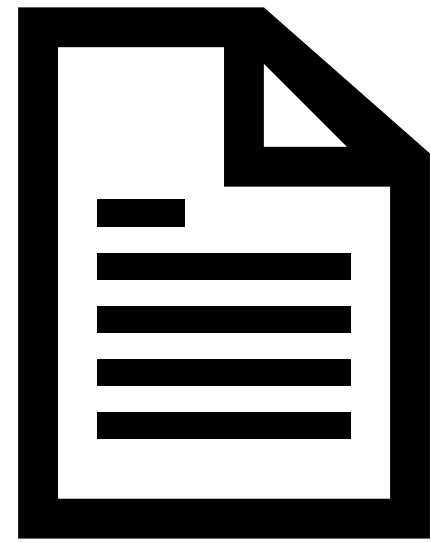
**Internships at:** UZ Ghent, J&J

Current position: Site Manager Trainee at J&J

I would recommend this programme because of the comprehensive learning through a combination of theoretical courses and practical internships, but also because of the hands-on experience by working in a real-world clinical research setting! It enhanced my career orientation by gaining insights into all the different opportunities within the industry. It is an excellent launchpad for your career, providing the knowledge, networks, and practical experience needed to excel in the field!

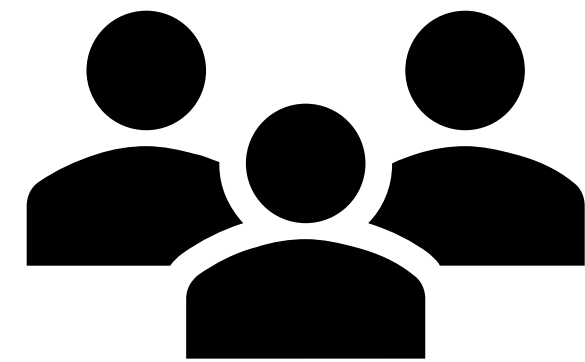


# HOW TO PARTICIPATE? APPLICATION PROCESS



## APPLICATION

Fill out the **application form** & submit  
(*this does not mean you are registered  
for the Programme and will have to pay  
the Programme's fee*).



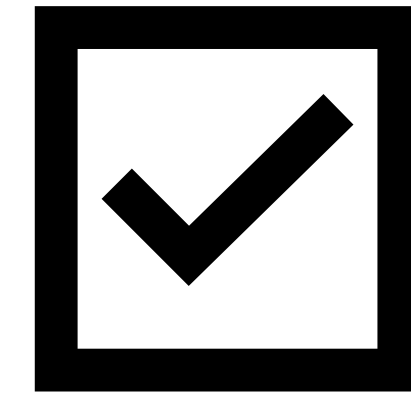
## REVIEW

Your application form  
(*including CV and motivation  
letter*) will be reviewed by  
ECCRT and your Mentor.



## INTAKE CALL

An intake conversation with  
your Mentor will be organised  
shortly after the submission of  
your application.



## REGISTERED

After the intake call, if accepted, you  
can proceed with your registration  
by booking the STAR Programme  
session you want to attend.



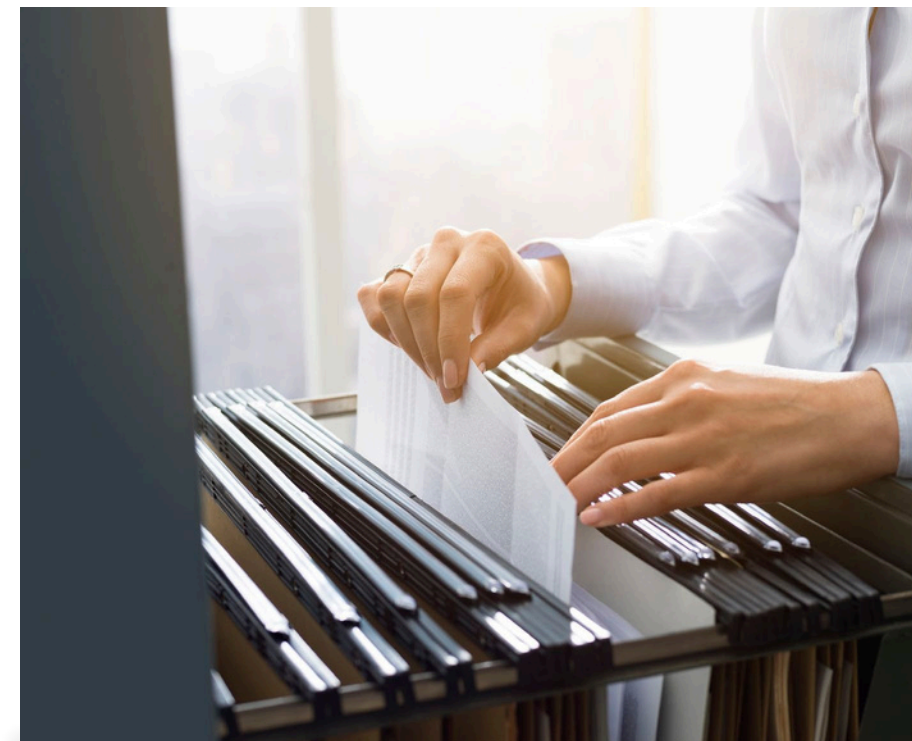


# WHAT JOBS CAN I FIND AFTER THE PROGRAMME?



## STUDY MANAGEMENT

- Clinical Research Associate (CRA)
- Clinical Trial Assistant (CTA)
- Real World Evidence Associate



## STUDY PREPARATION

- Study Start-up Specialist
- Clinical Regulatory affairs Associate



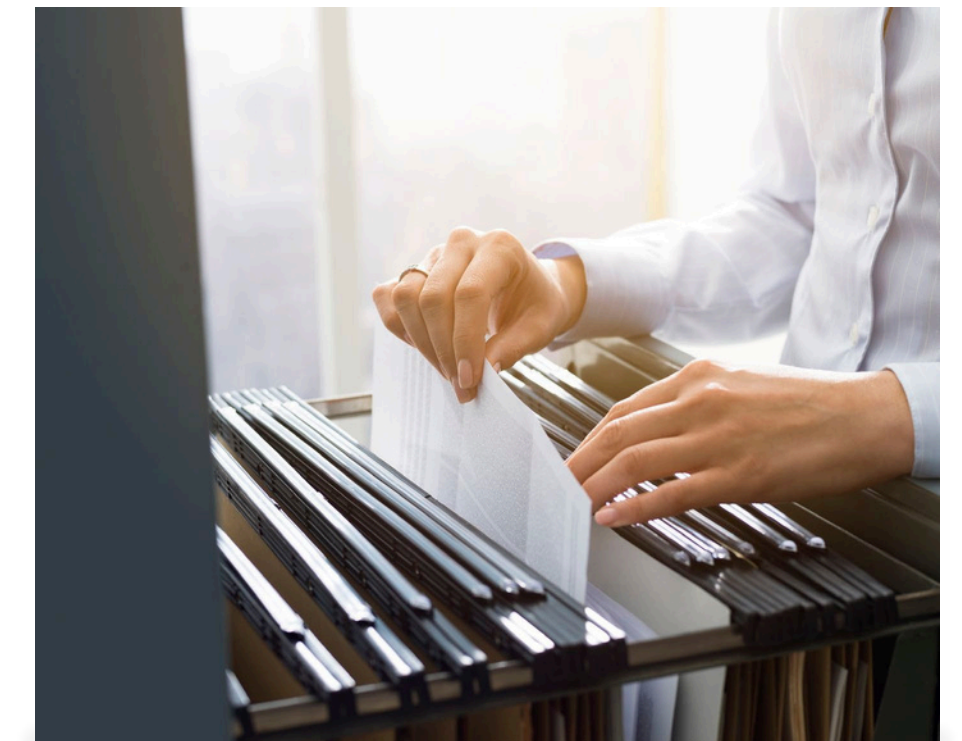
## AT HOSPITAL SITE

- Study Coordinator



## SAFETY & PHARMACOVIGILANCE

- Drug Safety Officer
- Pharmacovigilance Associate



## DATA MANAGEMENT

- Data Manager

This will be covered during the STAR Programme





# OUR TRAINERS

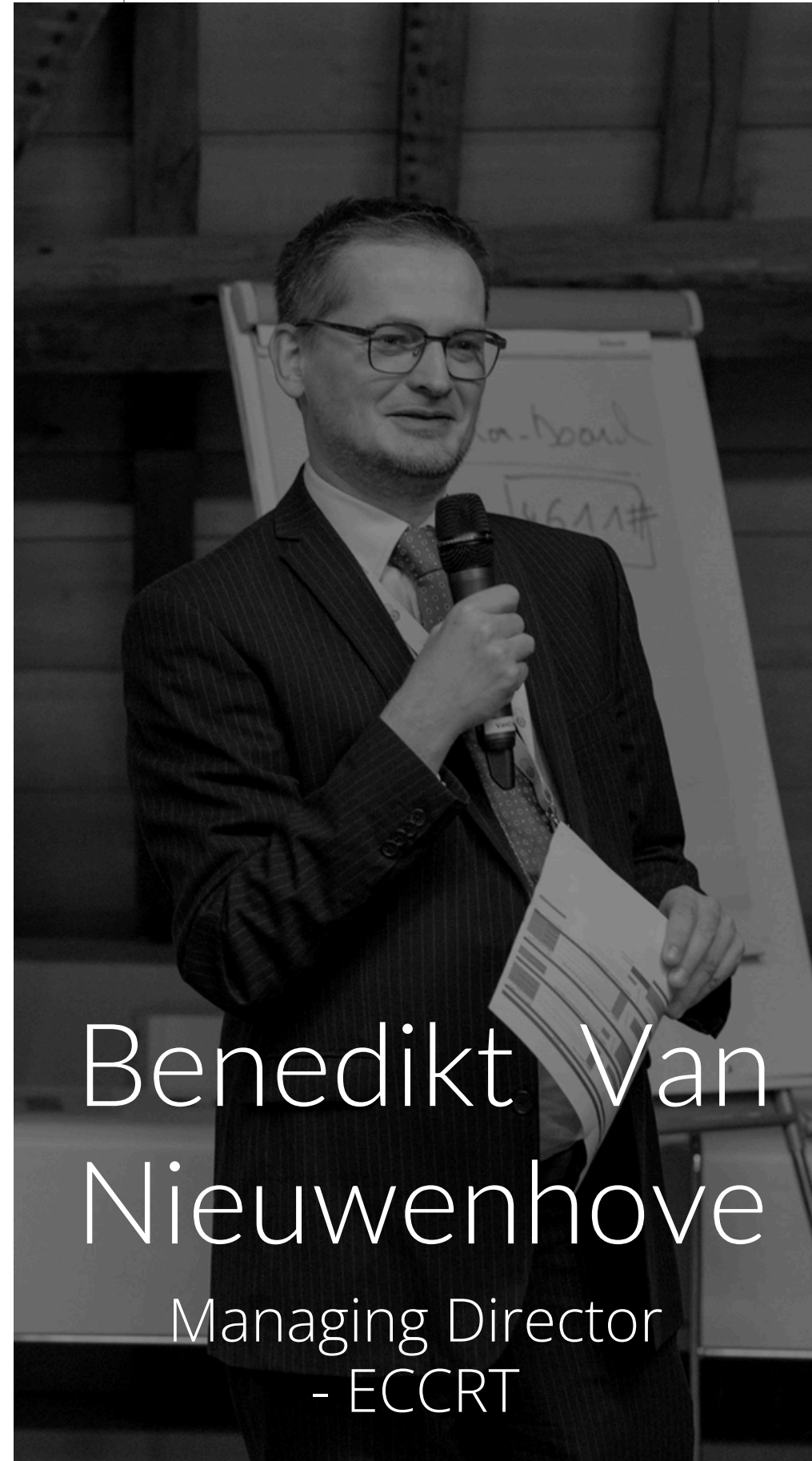


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# ABOUT ECCRT

*Key player in clinical research training*

The European Centre for Clinical Research Training (ECCRT) will help you excel in your competencies and knowledge to start and advance your career in clinical research and other related fields.

- ▶ OPEN COURSES
- ▶ STAR PROGRAMMES
- ▶ CAREER COACHING

*AND MANY OTHER SERVICES...*



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