



# Building a Clinical Trial Budget



## Get Cost Estimates

Many clinical trial budgets require vendor services. Consider what services your trial needs and reach out early to service providers to obtain cost estimates!

Depending on your clinical trial protocol, services you may need to access include:

- The AHS Research Pharmacy  
(pharmacy.research@ahs.ca)
- Alberta Precision Health Laboratories  
(research@albertaprecisionlabs.ca)
- MOJO Diagnostic Imaging  
(mccaig.ucalgary.ca/research/mojo)
- The Heritage Medical Research Clinic  
(cumming.ucalgary.ca/research/hmrc)

## Know Where to Get Help

The Finance team of the Calgary Centre for Clinical Research can help with clinical trial budgeting.

Reach out to [finanigl@ucalgary.ca](mailto:finanigl@ucalgary.ca) to ask which items typically form part of a clinical trial budget and if overhead charges apply.

## Know What to Include

In order to know what to include in the budget, you will need to develop a Schedule of Events. The Schedule of Events is like a checklist for what will happen while a study participant is on trial. It lists clinical trial visits study participants must attend and what is required at each visit. Having the Schedule of Events and the cost estimates from the required vendor services allows you to calculate the per-patient cost of your trial.

## Use the OnCore CTMS

The OnCore Clinical Trial Management System (CTMS) is a great tool to help with planning and conducting your trial. The OnCore Charge Master includes pricing for over 400 protocol and subject-related items to create an accurate clinical trial budget.

## 'N' Is Key

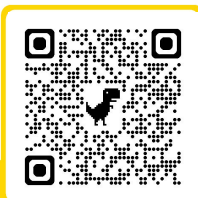
The number of participants (N) required to answer your trial question, is the biggest determining factor for your budget size. Consult with a biostatistician in your department or institute to determine the trial sample size.

Consider that not all participants may complete the trial, so you need to budget for attrition.

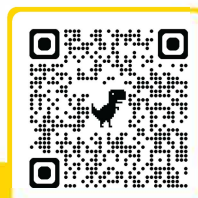
## Final Review

The Grant Development Team knows the grant competition requirements and can do a final budget review to ensure your clinical trial budget complies fully.

Visit the Calgary Centre for Clinical Research and the Grant Development Office websites for tools and resources.



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