UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI
EXTERNAL JOB VACANCY (PROJECT POSITION)

Applications are invited for the following position

RESEARCH MIDWIVES, PEARLS TRIAL PROJECT, DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY, FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES, ADVERT REF AD/2/67/24 - 25 POSTS

The University of Nairobi is implementing a project to assess the efficacy of a modified Fetal Medicine Foundation risk stratification tool for preeclampsia risk and examine of 75mg vs 150mg aspirin for the prevention of preeclampsia in LMIC settings. The project is seeking to hire twenty-five (25) Research Midwives to work closely with the Study Coordinator, Data Manager and the Study Investigators to ensure that the trial is running according to the protocol, Good Clinical Practice (GCP) and local regulatory requirements.

The position
The Research Midwife is a full-time position to be based in our office in Nairobi.

Duties and Responsibilities

Research

i) Ensure that the trial is conducted in accordance with the protocol and associated standard operating procedures
ii) Assist clinicians and Hub colleagues in setting-up patient pathways
iii) Attend trial-specific training and ensure that training is disseminated in the hospital allowing out of hours adherence to the protocol
iv) Administer drugs and therapy according to the protocol
v) Complete and maintain case report forms in accordance with trial requirements
vi) Ensure that all staff are aware of the correct treatment pathway for patients and time points for data collection
vii) Ensure that data is captured in the source records and reported promptly to the Sponsor
viii) Be responsible for reporting adverse events in a timely manner at local level and escalate as appropriate
ix) Collect information for regular reports on the progress of the trial
x) Assist in site audits and monitoring visits carried out by regulatory authorities or the Sponsor
xi) Coordinate and respond to queries received from the International Coordinating Centre and hub
xii) Assist with obtaining local approval(s) for the programme, including assistance with submission of amendments as necessary
xiii) Assist with maintenance of the Investigator Site File (ISF) and patient Case Report Form (CRF) files, ensuring that documentation is current and accurate
xiv) Assist with maintenance of accountability records, including retaining oversight of intervention supply stock levels at site
xv) Participate in and contribute to Hub general activities e.g. meetings, training etc
xvi) Conduct face to face interviews and surveys for qualitative research (if required)

Clinical

i) Practice at all times within relevant regulatory frameworks (i.e. GCP guidelines), ensuring that each research subject's needs are met
ii) Comply with Kenya policies, procedures, standards and protocols, and collaborate with other health care professionals to ensure these are observed
iii) Ensure that trials are undertaken in accordance with the terms approved by the Ethics Review Committee, PPB, NACOSTI
iv) Develop the role by using evidence-based practice and continuously improve own knowledge
v) Provide ongoing advice and information to subjects
vi) Maintain patient confidentiality at all times
vii) Work autonomously to maximise recruitment into the trials
viii) Engage the Community Health Promoters in identification and follow-ups of clients
ix) Develop and maintain effective working relationships with all involved staff (Investigators, nurses, Data Managers, Study Coordinator, Hub management team, etc)

Education and training

i) Consider the training and educational implications of the protocol and work with the Hub management group to develop appropriate strategies to meet these in order to ensure the safe and accurate implementation of the study by self and others (i.e. development of new standard operating procedures and standards)
ii) Maintain an up to date knowledge of information procedures and to train other health care professionals involved in patient management to work to the requirements of Good Clinical Practice
iii) Demonstrate a continuous process of professional and personal development in order to develop own and others' skills and to be aware of changes in professional practice
iv) Participation in training of trial team members (i.e. medical students, nurses/midwives, Chps)

Job Specifications

i) Kenya Registered Nurse Midwife or Kenya Registered Community Health Nurse.
ii) Valid registration with relevant body
iii) Two (2) years of continuous clinical experience with ANC, Maternity and Rural health experience.
iv) Excellent communication skills in both writing & speaking English and Kiswahili
v) Experience in clinical research will have an added advantage.

Terms of appointment

This is a position whose tenure is one (1) year contract renewable based on performance and by manual consent. The salary is negotiable depending on the level of education and work experience.

Notes

1. Applicants should email their application letters, certified copies of certificates and curriculum vitae (CV) giving details of their qualifications, experience and three (3) referees indicating their telephone contacts and e-mail contacts;
2. Applications and related documents should be forwarded addressed to the Director, Human Resource, University of Nairobi;
3. Applicants should state their current designations, salaries and other benefits attached to those designations;
4. The application letter must bear the reference code indicated in the advertisement;
5. Late applications will not be considered and
6. Applications should be emailed as one file in PDF: recruit-doobsag@uonbi.ac.ke

CLOSING DATE: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024

THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER. ONLY SHORTLISTED APPLICANTS WILL BE CONTACTED