Job Opportunity – Research Assistant or Research Associate

Title: Research Associate/Assistant/Coordinator (depending on experience)
Position Available: May 2016
Position type: Part-time, hourly; non-exempt
Location: Slocum Center for Orthopedics & Sports Medicine, Eugene, OR

The National Institute on Aging has awarded a R01 grant to the University of Oregon’s Department of Human Physiology. In partnership with the study PI, Hans Dreyer, PhD, PT, the Slocum Foundation coordinates all aspects of patient research activities under a five-year grant titled “Mechanistic Approach to Preventing Atrophy and Restoring Function in Older Adults.”

The clinical trial expands upon the research described in the Journal of Clinical Investigation (http://www.jci.org/articles/view/70160), which reports supplementation with essential amino acids pre- and post-knee replacement surgery helped mitigate muscle atrophy and accelerated the return of functional mobility in older adults.

The Slocum Foundation is actively recruiting for a part-time, 20 hour per week, Research Assistant or Research Associate to join the multidisciplinary study team. The team member will work closely with the Foundation Director, lead study Research Associate, University of Oregon researchers, and the Foundation’s Research Committee to execute study protocols.

Primary position responsibilities:

- Work directly with patients in coordinating study related activities per protocol guidelines
- Manage complicated logistics across study sites
- Advocate for patient well-being and safety above protocol needs or requirements
- Maintain exceptionally detailed records; enter data into case report forms
- Achieve the highest standards of Good Clinical Practice and human subjects protections in executing all research activities
- Accompany patients to study activities at hospitals, labs, and imaging sites
- Comfortable with operating room environments and procedures
- Communicate clearly and effectively with internal and external stakeholders
- Collaborate with clinical staff at the Slocum Center
The ideal candidate will possess the following:

- Minimum of a bachelor’s degree in a related field desired. High school diploma or GED plus at least four years of direct clinical patient care experience with orthopedic population(s) may substitute for degree requirements.
- Work experience in a clinical setting and/or knowledge of medical terminology.
- Detail-oriented with an ability to manage complex projects and adhere to timelines.
- Interest and aptitude for working directly with orthopedic patients in a clinic, laboratory, and hospital setting.
- Flexibility to work in the morning (AM) hours, which is required to execute study activities per protocol.
- Please note, travel is required. A personal vehicle must be available to meet position responsibilities.
- Interest in the mission, vision and work of the Slocum Research & Education Foundation.

To Apply:
Please send a resume/CV and one written work sample or comprehensive cover letter to: erin.owen@slocumfoundation.org. For full consideration, apply no later than May 6, 2016.