



SITE PROFILE

RESEARCHING TODAY... FOR A BETTER TOMORROW...



CUTTING EDGE
**CLINICAL
RESEARCH
SITE**

ABOUT OUR COMPANY

Considered the gold standard of clinical research sites, Arizona Research Center (AZRC), founded in 1997, has participated in over 1,000 clinical trials. Arizona Research Center is committed to quality in the wide-ranging clinical indications in which it participates. The experience of our full-time medical staff together with locally affiliated physicians affords us the expertise in many therapeutic areas, with an emphasis in pain management, orthopedics, surgical models, internal medicine, podiatry, neurology, women's health, dermatology, healthy volunteer, and others.

AZRC has received international recognition for the volume and quality of the work conducted at the site. Our Investigators' expertise and knowledge are consistently sought by members of the pharmaceutical industry to assist in protocol development. AZRC's model is unique within the industry and works much differently than the typical self-contained study site. All clinicians and study staff are individually trained for each study and hold multiple industry-standard certifications (e.g., CCRC, CITI, IATA, GCP).

The experienced and dedicated staff at AZRC is one of the greatest assets to the success of the organization. AZRC is committed to successful clinical trial conduct rooted in quality data, timely delivery of enrollment goals, and compliance with governing regulations, industry standards and international guidelines. Everything AZRC does is in the pursuit of medical innovation with our partners for the benefit of our community.

As a consistently high-enrolling site, we produce clean and reliable data. In recent years FDA inspections have resulted in no findings. We encourage sponsor audits as we find that close collaboration with the sponsor makes for a cleaner trial and allows us to continue to improve our internal processes.

RESEARCH STAFF

LOUISE TABER, MD

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR



Dr. Louise Taber is Board-Certified in Internal Medicine. She graduated from the University of Arizona College of Medicine. Her internship was at Moses H. Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, North Carolina & her residency at Maricopa Medical Center in Phoenix, Arizona. She has a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Nutrition (Highest Distinction) & a Master's degree in Human Development, both from the University of Maine, Orono, ME. She is a Certified PI & a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a Fellow of the Academy of Physicians in Clinical Research. She maintains her certification as a Registered Dietitian. Previously, she served as Principal Investigator and Medical Director at Pivotal Research Centers (subsequently known as Premier Research Group). She speaks French and Spanish. She joined Arizona Research Center as Medical Director in 2011.

MIRELA PONDUCHI, MD

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR



Dr. Mirela Ponduchi is an Internal Medicine physician with 15 years of experience as a Hospitalist. She graduated from Grigore T. Popa University in Romania and completed her residency at Mercy Hospital in Chicago. Fluent in multiple languages, she effectively connects with diverse patients. Since 2013, Dr. Ponduchi has been involved in Clinical Research as both a Principal and Sub-Investigator, focusing on improving patient outcomes. She is also a dedicated educator, mentoring medical students. Outside of work, Dr. Ponduchi enjoys family time, drawing, and painting. Her empathetic approach and dedication make her a respected member of the healthcare community.

CESAR RODARTE, DO

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR



Dr. Cesar Rodarte is a dedicated family practitioner with extensive experience in clinical practice and medical education. A graduate of the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), he completed his medical studies in Des Moines, Iowa. Bilingual in English and Spanish, Dr. Rodarte effectively serves a diverse patient population. For over 40 years, he has led a multi-specialty medical practice, showcasing his commitment to community health. As an educator, he has mentored many medical students, fostering future healthcare professionals. Dr. Rodarte also contributed to medical research as a Principal Investigator for over five years. Dr. Rodarte's career is marked by excellence in patient care, education, and research, making him a respected figure in the medical community.

RESEARCH STAFF

REGULATORY DEPARTMENT

Arizona Research Center's regulatory specialists process the study start-up paperwork and work diligently to maintain all regulatory documents throughout the study.

RECRUITMENT SPECIALISTS

Principal Investigators and Study Coordinators are aided by recruitment specialists, including bilingual personnel, in study enrollment and recruitment.

Our employees work diligently to pursue all avenues of patient recruitment alongside the coordinators and help our site to frequently exceed enrollment goals.

CLINICAL RESEARCH COORDINATORS (CRCs)

Arizona Research Center's CRCs work under the direction of the PI in the overall day-to-day management of clinical trials. Our site has three teams, Surgical, Outpatient, and Inpatient, which all work concert to conduct these trials. Our Research Coordinators are certified through ACRP/SCRS and each team is supervised by a dedicated and experienced manager.

FACILITY DETAILS

ARIZONA RESEARCH CENTER SHARES FACILITIES WITH VALLEY SURGICAL CENTER AND AN ESTABLISHED PODIATRY PRACTICE.

ARIZONA RESEARCH CENTER'S 24,000 SQUARE-FOOT FACILITY INCLUDES:



- 12 EXAMINATION ROOMS
- 14 INPATIENT ROOMS
- OFFICE-BASED PROCEDURE ROOM
- 5 MONITOR ROOMS WITH HIGH-SPEED INTERNET CONNECTIONS & TELEPHONES
- CLIA-CERTIFIED LABORATORY
- CONFERENCE ROOM
- GYNECOLOGICAL ROOM
- DOUBLE-LOCKED DRUG ROOM: AMBIENT & REFRIGERATED
- BREAK ROOM, RECEPTION AREA
- SECURE STORAGE FOR CRFS & SOURCE DOCUMENTS
- BACK-UP GENERATOR

EQUIPMENT:



- -70°C FREEZER
- -20°C FREEZER
- REFRIGERATED & AMBIENT CENTRIFUGE
- INCUBATORS (LAB TESTING)
- ECG MACHINES
- VITALS MACHINES
- DRY ICE FOR SHIPPING
- CRASH CARTS LOCATED IN EACH UNIT
- RADIOLOGY: ULTRASOUND & X-RAY
- INFUSION PUMPS
- TELEMETRY
- OFF-SITE CAPABILITIES:
 - BIOPSY, NERVE CONDUCTION, EYE EXAMS
 - ADVANCED IMAGING: MRI, CT, DXA, VENOGRAPHY, C-ARM

ARIZONA RESEARCH CENTER IS CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ON THE I-17 CORRIDOR IN NORTH CENTRAL PHOENIX, WITH EASY ACCESS FROM SKY HARBOR INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO SEVERAL WELL-KNOWN HOTELS. CENTRALLY LOCATED IN THE PHOENIX METROPOLITAN AREA, PATIENTS FROM ALL OVER THE VALLEY HAVE EASY ACCESS TO OUR FACILITIES, WHICH ADDS TO OUR PATIENT SATISFACTION AND CONVENIENCE.

CLINICAL TRIAL EXPERIENCE

**ARIZONA RESEARCH CENTER HAS EXPERIENCE CONDUCTING PHASE I – PHASE IV
CLINICAL TRIALS IN THE THERAPEUTIC AREAS LISTED BELOW:**

Cardiovascular:

Cardiovascular Disease
Cardiac Risk Factor Reduction
Hypertension
Dyslipidemia, mixed
Hypercholesterolemia
Hypertriglyceridemia
Hyperlipidemia

Dermatology:

Acne
Atopic Dermatitis
Plaque Psoriasis
Psoriasis
Rosacea
Prurigo Nodularis

Gastrointestinal:

Chronic Constipation
Dyspepsia
Irritable bowel disease
Gastric ulcer
Opioid Induced Constipation

Orthopedic:

Acute Pain
Adhesive Capsulitis
Tendinopathy
Chronic Low Back Pain
Chronic Pain
Osteoarthritis
Knee
Shoulder
Hip
Back
Epicondylitis

Respiratory:

Asthma
COPD

Endocrine:

Diabetes Mellitus, Type I & II
Obesity

Neurological:

Alzheimer's disease
Migraine headaches
Mild Cognitive Impairment
ALS
Multiple Sclerosis
Parkinson's disease
Post-Herpetic Neuralgia
Carpal Tunnel Syndrome
DPN
Neuropathic Pain
Fibromyalgia

Mental Health:

Anxiety
Depression
Major Depressive Disorder

Surgical Studies:**Post-op Pain:**

Abdominoplasty
Bunionectomy
Breast Augmentation
Dental extractions
Hernia Repair
Hysterectomy
DVT Prevention
Ankle Fusion
Post-op Nausea and Vomiting
Total Hip Arthroplasty
Total Knee Arthroplasty
Total Shoulder Arthroplasty

Podiatry:

Morton's Neuroma
Non-Healing Foot Ulcers
Plantar Fasciitis

Rheumatology:

Rheumatoid Arthritis
Lupus
Gout

Men's Health:

Erectile Dysfunction
Low Testosterone
Prostatic hypertrophy, benign

Women's Health:

Osteoporosis
Contraception
Endometriosis
Hot Flashes
Urinary Incontinence
Interstitial Cystitis
Menopausal syndrome
Overactive bladder
Sexual Disorders
Urinary Tract Infection

Other:

Smoking Cessation
Vaccines
Anemia
Allergies, seasonal
Fatty Liver
NASH

Phase 1, Healthy Normal

VALLEY SURGICAL CENTER

Arizona Research Center is proud to partner with Valley Surgical Center. This state-licensed Ambulatory Surgical Center is located on the first floor of our facility adjacent to Arizona Research Center's inpatient unit, allowing for optimal transition and continuity of care of patients from surgery to research.

With the ability to provide quality imaging, diagnostic and surgical services in an intimate outpatient surgical setting, Valley Surgical Center is poised to become a leader in positive patient outcomes and outpatient services. The dedicated board-certified surgeons, health care providers and support staff are focused on individualized patient care, making every patient feel like they are in the very best hands.



CAPABILITIES:

- 2 CLASS "C" OPERATING ROOMS
- 5 PACU BAYS
- DIAGNOSTIC TREATMENT ROOM
- PREOPERATIVE ROOM
- STATE-LICENSED C-ARM
- STERILIZATION

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