BioCareer Pathway for **Clinical Research Associate**

**Recent Graduates**
- Undergraduate degree
  - Graduate degree
  - Association accreditation

**Job Functions**
(You may be responsible for more than one)
- Monitors human responses to medical treatment, prepares reports, ensures accuracy and completeness of data collection and that information is verifiable.
- Responsible for safety and adherence to study protocols, reports any adverse events and any deviations from the protocols, SOPs, GLP or applicable regulatory guidelines.
- Main line of communication between the sponsor and the investigator.

**Entry-level**
- Clinical Research Assistant, Clinical Data Collector, Clinical Coordinator

**2-5 Years**
- Clinical Research Associate (CRA)

**5-7 Years**
- Senior Clinical Research Associate (CRA)
  - (monitor several clinical trials at once; become an expert in a therapeutic area; supervise and train others)

**7 Years+**
- Clinical Research Manager/Independent CRA

**Career Change**
- Nursing, Research Associate; Research Technician

Actual job titles may vary slightly between organizations. The BioCareer Pathways are meant as a guide for potential career paths. They have been developed through secondary research.

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