



Investigational Products Center (IPC) Empowering World-Class Clinical Research

Enable A More Efficient Clinical Trial Process

The challenges associated with administering oncology clinical trials can be overwhelming for practices committed to bringing new therapies to market. The increasing complexity of trials and the workload at research sites can strain existing resources. Additionally, differences in staff experience levels and process performance can lead to inefficiencies.

McKesson Specialty Health's Investigational Products Center offers a better way to handle the complexities of clinical trial administration. By providing controlled delivery and management of investigational products (IP) and lab kits, in addition to other key services, IPC brings simplicity and efficiency to the clinical trial process, handling critical time-consuming details while freeing research staff for more high value patient-centric activities.

Highly Skilled Experts Providing Hope and Healing to Cancer Patients

The Investigational Products Center is much more than just a drug distribution facility or pharmacy. The IPC team is a small group of high achieving individuals with deep clinical experience passionately committed to providing hope to patients and the critical role each plays in providing cutting-edge cancer therapies, potentially providing a better outcome and quality of life.

The team currently supports over 180 active trials in The US Oncology Network, taking great pride in their work and never forgetting their mission to provide hope to today's patients while helping to unlock the mysteries of cancer for future generations. This team of dedicated individuals has supported over 64,000 patients on clinical trials that resulted in more than 60 FDA-approved cancer therapies, nearly one-third of all cancer therapies approved to date.

**500+ studies
monitored/audited
annually**

ANNUAL VOLUME:
- **35,000** IP orders
- **14,000** Lab kits
- **11,000** Shipments

Utilizing a streamlined model that drives efficiency, IPC provides a wealth of benefits to research sites by:

- Efficiently distributing investigational products
- Accommodating storage and protocol requirements
- Providing centralized reporting and monitoring for drug accountability
- Enabling practices to greatly reduce inventory and storage space
- Supporting practices with clinical expertise and regulatory guidance, and
- Managing, compiling and distributing lab kits.

Lab Kit Services: Leave The Worry To Us

Managing the distribution of lab kits required for pre-screening and monitoring ongoing trial progress is a very critical service IPC performs for all practices. In addition to saving valuable staff time and helping to ensure an error-proof process, IPC's lab kit services—based on years of best practices—provide many other valuable benefits, such as:

- **Minimizing the amount of stock stored at each site**
Sites can utilize their limited storage space for other items.
- **Tracking expiration of kits**
Monthly reports keep track of upcoming expiration dates so expired kits can be pulled from the shelf and destroyed.
- **Increasing efficiency by shipping kits with the IP to the site when possible**
Combination shipments are not allowed for double blinded IP studies, frozen IP, or when the IP is shipped in a special shipper.
- **Decreasing shipping costs for sponsors**
Sponsors send fewer shipments to the IPC than shipping individually to every site.

Trust The Experts

The Investigational Products Center has a tradition of excellence serving the oncology research community with superior service, clinical expertise and guidance on critical administrative and regulatory issues. Our state-of-the-art facility and innovative technologies, coupled with our caring, knowledgeable staff, empower practices to perform world-class research.