**KELLY KIRKENDALL-MERRITT**

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Professional Summary

Highly skilled senior biological scientist and lab manager with 32 years of experience in clinical research, assay development, and data collection. Well-organized with good communication and problem-solving skills.

Skills

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| * Laboratory / project management * Protocol development and validation * Budget management | * Data management * Published researcher * Safety and compliance |

Employment History

Senior Biological Scientist and Lab Manager, 01/1988 to Current

University of Florida, College of Veterinary Medicine – Gainesville, FL.

* Laboratory management, oversight of source document completion for clinical studies, uploading of forms into electronic data management systems.
* Manage grants by reviewing protocols, formulation, and negotiation of budgets with internal and external sponsors. Initiating IACUC and regulatory submissions in compliance with GCP standards.
* Participated in the development of a non-terminal, translational animal model for osteoarthritis
* Determine concentrations of cartilage, bone, and inflammatory biomarkers with enzyme-linked immunosorbent assays (ELISA)
* Train residents and technicians from collaborating labs in research techniques and interpretation
* Analyze and manage all data collected during pre-clinical trials.

Education

Bachelor of Science: Food Science and Human Nutrition

University of Florida - Gainesville, FL

Licenses/ Certifications

**Introduction to Principle and Practice of Clinical Research**: NIH , May 2021

**Good Clinical Practice Course**: CITI Program, June 2021

**Clinical Research Coordinator ( CRC ) Foundations**: CITI Program, June 2021

**IRB-01 Mandatory Training**: CITI Program, June 2021

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  concentrations of acetylsalicylic acid after intravenous, rectal and intragastric administration to horses. Can J Vet Res 2003 Oct;67(4):297-303.
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