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**Re: CTSC Now Providing Assistance with Clinical Trials
[via Broadcast on 04.09.09]**

To Faculty and Staff:

I am delighted to announce an important new hire in support of clinical research at Weill Cornell. Kaarel Laev MBA, MPH, has been appointed Clinical Trials Manager for the Clinical and Translational Science Center (CTSC). Mr. Laev holds a BA from the University of Chicago, an MBA from Duke University, an MPH from Columbia University, and has over 15 years of experience in academic health care. In 5 years at Weill Cornell from 2003 to 2007, Kaarel served the Department of Medicine as Divisional Administrator for Hematology and Medical Oncology and as Administrator for Sponsored Research and Clinical Trials, as well as serving as inaugural Administrative Director for the Institute for Clinical Research (ICR). Previously, over 10 years at Columbia University Medical Center, he held numerous senior administrative positions in the Department of Psychiatry and 4 divisions of the Department of Medicine, as well as serving as Director of Finance for Columbia's Office of Clinical Trials. Kaarel also worked as a health care consultant for Cap Gemini Ernst & Young. Most recently, he served as a senior-level interim administrator for the Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center at Columbia.

Working under the supervision of Julianne Imperato-McGinley MD (Associate Dean for Translational Research and Education and Program Director of the CTSC), and Ralph L. Nachman MD, (Associate Dean for Clinical Research), Mr. Laev will serve as a key educational, financial and operational resource to faculty at Weill Cornell and CTSC partner institutions in initiating and conducting clinical trials from all funding sources, especially government and investigator-initiated studies. He will work closely with RASP's Office of Clinical Trials Administration (OCTA), the IRB, WCMC PO and Finance, NYPH and other administrative entities to facilitate and streamline the conduct of clinical trials within the CTSC and elsewhere in the WCMC family. He will be actively involved in the implementation of the Clinical Trials Management System (Patient Protocol Manager - PPM).

Kaarel Laev is located at the CTSC administrative offices at 407 E. 61st Street, RR-206 and can be reached at 1-8156 (646-962-8156), e-mail KTL2001@med.cornell.edu. We believe this new hire will greatly enhance and facilitate the conduct of clinical research by Weill Cornell faculty.

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