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Andrea Cruz, PhD Joins Pittsburgh-Based Contract Research Organization, Clinical Research Strategies, LLC as Clinical and Regulatory Affairs Project Lead

Pittsburgh, PA – June 9, 2025. Clinical Research Strategies, LLC ("CRS"), a Pittsburgh area-based, US-owned and operated clinical contract research organization (CRO) and executive management consultancy for the life sciences industry is pleased to announce the addition of **Andrea Cruz, PhD**, as Clinical and Regulatory Affairs Project Lead. Dr. Cruz earned her Doctor of Philosophy in Cellular and Molecular Pathology from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Photo by Jen Worley

Born and raised in Los Angeles, she has since lived in different parts of the United States as she pursued graduate training at both the University of Michigan and the University of Pittsburgh. While at the University of Pittsburgh, she contributed to the identification and validation of new therapeutic targets in adult and pediatric high-grade gliomas, and in breast cancer, ovarian cancer, and pancreatic cancer. Outside of work, she enjoys exploring the city's vibrant food scene, adventuring outdoors, hosting board game nights, and spending time with friends and family.

Alethea Wieland, President and Founder remarks, "We are excited for Andrea to transition from academia to industry, and she had a great head start working with CRS previously as an intern, including performing a gap analysis on ICH GCP E6R2 to R3 – a project that can seem intimidating to most. She collaborated with teammates and demonstrated nothing is too big or too small to tackle."

David Link, MBA, CRS CEO and Chief Quality and Regulatory Officer adds, "Dr. Cruz brings poise to her new role as Project Lead at CRS and her background in cellular and molecular pathology dovetails nicely with our high-impact precision medicine clients."

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