

Karen Martin, BSc (Hons), MSc, MRQA

## Principal Associate

Karen graduated from The University of Edinburgh with an honours degree in Medical Microbiology. Following her graduation she completed a short-term research contract with the University of Edinburgh Medical School, resulting in several publications in reputable scientific journals. She then went on to obtain a Masters Degree in Immunology from the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in London. Karen's first position after obtaining her Masters Degree was with Xenova, a small biotechnology company, where she was involved in designing and implementing assays for the detection of potential compounds against multi-drug resistance as part of a pre-clinical oncology research project.

Karen then moved from pre-clinical research into clinical development and accepted a position as a Clinical Data Coordinator for a small Clinical Research Organisation (CRO) where she was involved in the data management of clinical trials across various therapeutic areas. Her next position was with AstraZeneca, where she also worked in data management as a Clinical Data Project Coordinator. This position involved all aspects of data management from database design and testing to provision of clean data.

In 2001, Karen relocated to Sydney, Australia, and began her role as a Quality Assurance auditor for the global CRO, Covance. She conducted a variety of Good Clinical Practice (GCP) audits, including investigator site audits, vendor audits, and biometric audits (i.e., database audits, audits of statistical tables, figures and listings and clinical study report audits) across the Asia-Pacific region including Australia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand, Korea and India. She returned to the UK in December 2005 and recommenced work for Covance as a field-based QA auditor conducting GCP audits in Europe.

In June 2006, Karen took a position as a Clinical QA Auditor with the global CRO, Pharm-Olam International and was promoted to Senior Clinical QA Auditor the following year. During her four years with Pharm-Olam International, Karen conducted numerous GCP audits across the globe.

Karen joined Tower Mains Limited in June 2010 as a Senior Associate with over 8 years' experience in clinical quality assurance. She was promoted to Principal Associate in Feb 2011 and in this position Karen is responsible for assisting with the organization, provision and management of all aspects of clinical Quality Assurance services. She also acts as a regulatory and GCP subject matter expert ensuring dissemination of regulatory information to colleagues, ensuring best practice in audits and acting as specialist client relationship manager providing professional advice on regulatory and GCP matters.