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City gets one more bio cap

Research facility to provide students & faculty experience with respect to specific ongoing global clinical trials

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Giving a boost to the city's biotech image, pharmaceutical service provider (spanning across the value chain from drug discovery to market) Bilcare Research launched Bilcare Research Academy in Bangalore on Monday.

The academy was inaugurated by Pfizer Inc senior vice president John L LaMattina, who is also president of Pfizer Global Research and Development. Bilcare Research Academy's exclusive tie-up with the Bangalore Diabetes Hospital ensures a true industry-academia interaction organised to help students and faculty gain experience with respect to specific ongoing global clinical trials, interact with IRB members to get first hand information regarding its functioning and interact with investigators understanding their role.

"With the opening of our Bangalore centre we can bridge the quality manpower and knowledge pool gap for the region. Clinical research activity has seen an exponential rise in the last few years. Industry



Bilcare Research CMD Mohan Bhandari and Pfizer senior vice president John L LaMattina at the new facility in the city

sources suggest that by 2010 the total market could touch \$2 billion and the industry would require approximately 20,000 to 50,000 trained personnel. Bilcare intends to bridge this gap and produce around 5,000 world-class clinical research professionals by 2010," Bilcare

Research chairman and managing director Mohan Bhandari said.

In alliance with the Association of Clinical Research Professionals (ACRP), Bilcare Research Academy will offer a Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Trial Management.