

## Rita Overton

Hi! I am Rita Overton, a registered nurse with Physician Research Collaboration, LLC, where I work as a clinical research coordinator and staff trainer/mentor.

I spent my first 10 years as a nurse in a variety of hospital-based positions as a staff nurse, pre-op teacher, Rheumatology Nurse, and Cardiovascular Specialties RN. I also worked as a system engineer for a medical software company, and provided home health and hospice care.

I have worked in research for 30 years, and have found it exciting and demanding. It is so rewarding to watch the development of cutting edge treatments with the help of our patient volunteers, and then witness the approval and marketing of these treatments for patients everywhere. This is possible because of visionary leadership along with capable and devoted staff. It is a joy to work with such an accomplished team.

Outside of research I enjoy piano, reading, traveling, and a good hike in the mountains...or anywhere in nature. I lead a women's Bible Study and volunteer with various charitable organizations. My husband and I have two daughters and a son-in-law, all involved in medicine. We also 'temporarily' have our daughter's Puli, a Hungarian herding dog that we keep in a short, puppy cut. This is the breed you see in dog shows with dreadlocks to the floor, like a big mop. We have discovered that many walkers in our neighborhood are 'temporarily' caring for their child's dog.