

SAMPLE: 501(C)(3) Articles of Incorporation

The following is one of the main parts of your organizational documents. By incorporating your entity, you are giving the minimal information needed to the state to form the entity, but the IRS doesn't care about your state. **This is extremely important.** You need to draft a complete Articles of Incorporation with specific legal languages, and that's what the IRS accepts. Your state version is only for the state.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

ARTICLE I: Name

1.1 Name

The name of this corporation shall be [Name of the Corporation]. The business of the corporation may be conducted as [Name of the Corporation or other names] or [Name of the Corporation].

ARTICLE II: Duration

2.1 Duration

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III: Purpose

3.1 Purpose

[Name of the Corporation] is a non-profit corporation and shall operate exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.

1. The specific purpose of this corporation is to:
 - a. Provide an effective forum for interaction, problem solving and discussion of clinical research issues among research professionals.
 - b. Provide education, including offering Continuing Education Credits (CEUs) to members who attend and participate in meetings whereby all CEU requirements have been met.
 - c. Provide a readily accessible mechanism for regional educational program development.
 - d. Provide improved access to ACRP resources, including but not limited to educational videos, courses and certification.
 - e. Improve the standards and quality of clinical research through education.

To maximize our impact on current efforts, we may seek to collaborate with other non-profit organizations which fall under the 501(c)(3) section of the internal revenue code and are operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes.

At times, per the discretion of the board of directors, we may provide internships or volunteer opportunities which will provide opportunities for involvement in said activities and program in order to have a greater impact for change.