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### PPD Named Clinical Research Company of the Year

**WILMINGTON, N.C.**, (Nov. 2, 2020) – PPD, Inc. (Nasdaq:[PPD](#)), was named the Clinical Research Company of the Year for winning multiple awards at the PharmaTimes Clinical Researcher of the Year competitions.

In addition to PPD winning the highest honor at the [PharmaTimes International Clinical Researcher of the Year 2020](#) virtual awards ceremony, individual PPD clinical researchers won gold and bronze in both the Clinical Research Associate (CRA) and the Aspiring CRA awards, as well as gold and silver awards in the In-House CRA category and silver awards in the Team Leader and Start Up of the Year-Singles categories.

At the [PharmaTimes Clinical Researcher of the Year 2020-The Americas](#) online awards program, PPD won gold in the Experienced CRA and the New CRA categories, along with a silver for Strategic Partnership Team of the Year.

“Our clinical researchers displayed the utmost professionalism and competence in achieving this outstanding recognition from industry peers,” said Amber Lee, senior vice president of clinical operations for PPD. “We congratulate them on their accomplishments and recognize the talent, drive and dedication our clinical researchers bring to our clients and their research programs, which played a significant role in PPD being named the international clinical research company of the year.”

The industry recognition demonstrates the high caliber of PPD’s [clinical research professionals](#) and the importance of PPD’s award-winning training and development programs, such as the company’s Clinical Foundations Program and its CRA Academy. These programs help to prepare and equip research professionals to deliver high-caliber performance, quality and value to PPD customers.

The awards are the culmination of a rigorous series of assessments, including a three-stage competition concluding in presentations before a panel of experienced industry judges. The event was created to provide clinical research professionals an opportunity to benchmark their professional skills against their peers in a program of competency-based exercises developed through cross-industry collaboration.

#### **About PPD**

PPD is a leading global contract research organization providing comprehensive, integrated drug development, laboratory and lifecycle management services. Our customers include pharmaceutical, biotechnology, medical device, academic and government organizations. With offices in 46 countries and more than 25,000 professionals worldwide, PPD applies innovative technologies, therapeutic expertise and a firm commitment to quality to help customers bend the cost and time curve of drug development and optimize value in delivering life-changing therapies to improve health. For more information, visit [www.ppd.com](http://www.ppd.com).

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