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What is the day in the life like at your job? What are typical job responsibilities for someone in this role?

I work the typical 8-4 schedule. Each day looks a little different, but it typically consists of meetings with my team, educational sessions with doctors, and sorting through data.

What do you love about your job?

I love advocating for patients and getting to connect with scientists/doctors who are changing the field of clinical research.

What is challenging about your role?

There are moments when it can be very fast paced. In this role, you have a lot of people asking a lot from you, but personally, seeing patients get the care they need motivates me!

What are the benefits of working in this field?

I truly enjoy getting to know about new clinical trials! SCRI has about 1,000 trials across our network, and some of these are truly transforming care. I also connect with so many professionals in other fields which helps in navigating career goals.

What experiences did you have that prepared you for this role?

I had an internship my senior year that really prepared me for a professional environment that was centered around cancer research.

What do you see happening in the future for these types of careers?

I think this field is growing and as new research facilities expand, more opportunities will open up - not just for jobs but for patients as well!

What advice do you have for a student considering a career in your profession?

Don't be afraid to step into something new! A lot of clinical research is relatively new, so you might step into a role that is also fairly new.