Steering Committee Meeting

January 26, 2026

2:30-3:30pm ET

Agenda

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:30pm – 2:35pm	Welcome	Michael Kurilla, Grace McComsey
2:35pm – 2:40pm	Steering Committee Member Changes	Karen Wilson
2:40pm – 2:55pm	Working Group Liaisons, Assignments and Topics	Amanda Scott
2:55pm – 3:10pm	Pod Feedback Site Instructions	Amanda Scott
3:10pm – 3:30pm	Membership Models at Hubs	Mimi Kim
3:30pm	Adjourn	Amanda Scott

Follow-Up: SC Member changes

Outgoing Member

Ruth O'Hara
Stanford University
SC Past-Chair

Incoming member

Karen Wilson
University of Rochester

WG Liaison Role

REVIEW written progress reports and identify questions or concerns to raise with the Full SC

LEAD the Q&A sessions during the WG's annual live presentation (after reviewing materials in advance).

PROVIDE direct feedback to WG Chairs addressing progress, stakeholder engagement, implementation & dissemination, etc.
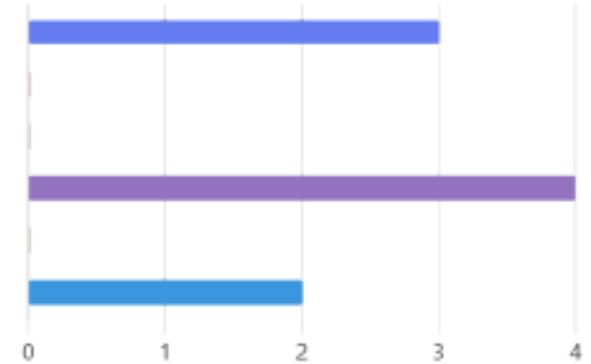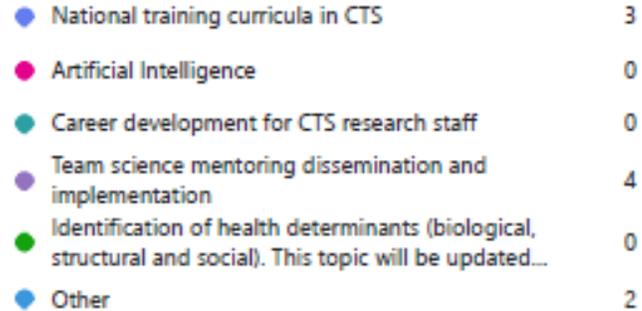
Working Group Liaison Assignments

Working Group	Steering Committee Liaisons
RWD-WFD Across the Translational Spectrum	Eric Vilain, Mimi Kim
Translational Science Competency Based Assessment (TS-CBA)	Andrea Carnegie, Vesna Garovic
TL 1 Visiting Scientists	Mike Holinstat, Julie Lumeng
Advancing Dissemination & Implementation Science	Gerry Moeller, Karen Wilson
Catalyzing Impact on Health and Health Care through Effective Partnerships with Leaning Health Systems	Elmer Bernstam, Dan Ford
Pediatric Clinical Trials	Fasiha Kanwal, Robert Toto
Overcoming Barriers in Women's Health Research	Mark Schleiss, Elizabeth Ofili
Translational Case Studies in Commercialization	Dominic Reeds, Manisha Desai
Principals for AI Translation in Healthcare (PATH)	Ted Wun, Sarah Wiehe
Learning About the Science of Translation	Steven Bernstein, Rey Panettieri
Translational Impacts	Grace McComsey, Marisa Spann
Engaging Individuals with Disability in the Research Process	Karen Wilson, Julie Lumeng

2026 Key Topic Areas of Interest

1. Select any topics that should be removed as key topic areas of interest

Poll results from review of 2025 (Cycle 14 & 15) topics:

Topic	Count
National training curricula in CTS	3
Artificial Intelligence	0
Career development for CTS research staff	0
Team science mentoring dissemination and implementation	4
Identification of health determinants (biological, structural and social). This topic will be updated…	0
Other	2

2026 (Cycle 16 &17) Topic Recommendations for Consideration

CATEGORY	TOPICS
Translational Science Methods & Best Practices	Reproducibility and rigor of research results; Implementing translational science (Element E); Evaluation and impact of the CTSA Network
Clinical & Health Research Innovation	Clinical Translational Science–Digital Health Intersection; Health data access and sharing; Intervention development for health disparities
Foundational & Basic Science	Basic science on pathogenesis of disease
Workforce Development & Training	Building a career doing industry-sponsored clinical trials; Research pharmacist national training curricula
Community & Public Health Engagement	Educational initiatives on misinformation; Rural health

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Ranking Topics for Cycle 16 & 17

Pod Overview

What is a Pod?
A "Pod" is a subgroup of 5-6 CTSA Program hubs led by a UL1/UM1 SC member (the "Pod Lead"). Pods are the primary mechanism for ensuring the SC remains responsive to the needs of local hubs.
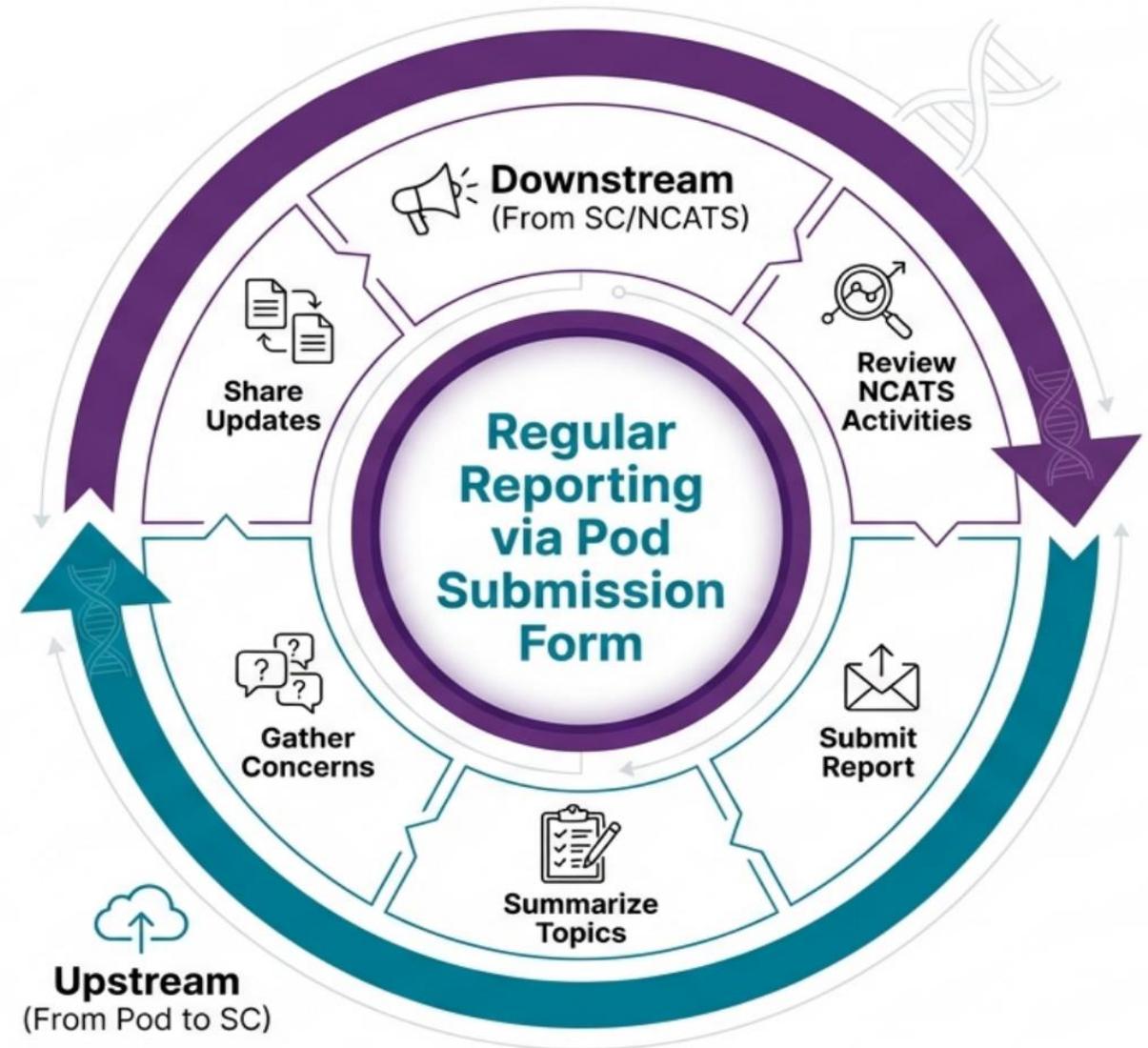
Pod groupings rotate annually to align with SC membership changes.

Pod Leader Role
The primary role of the Pod lead is to act as the voice of the Pod.

Duties
Report ideas, questions, and feedback directly to the SC and NCATS. Facilitate discussions on topics of import to the Pod (Pod Spotlight).

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Pod Submissions

The Mechanism

Pod leads submit a meeting summary report via the online Pod submission portal on the CCOS website. A standard template is provided to ensure consistency across the network.

The Output

Pod feedback- including questions and crowd-sourced topics- is captured in the summary template. These summaries are presented to the Steering Committee monthly and remain viewable in the archive.

Transparency: All summaries are visible to the community.

Accessing the Portal

1. Login to your CCOS account.

2. Navigate to 'CTSA Groups and Meetings'.

3. Select 'Steering Committee'.

4. Click 'Learn More' under Pods.
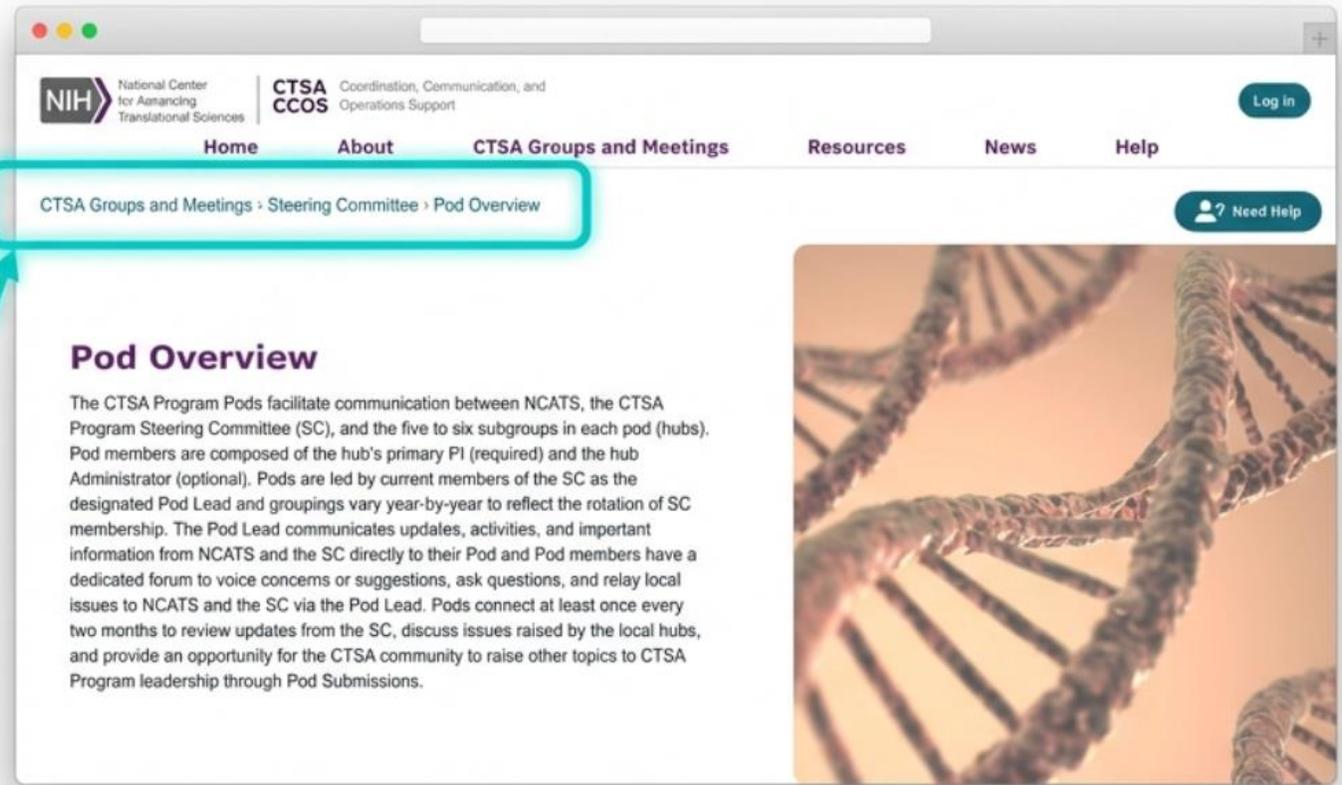
Initiating a Submission

Locate the Teal button on the Pods Overview page to open the reporting interface.
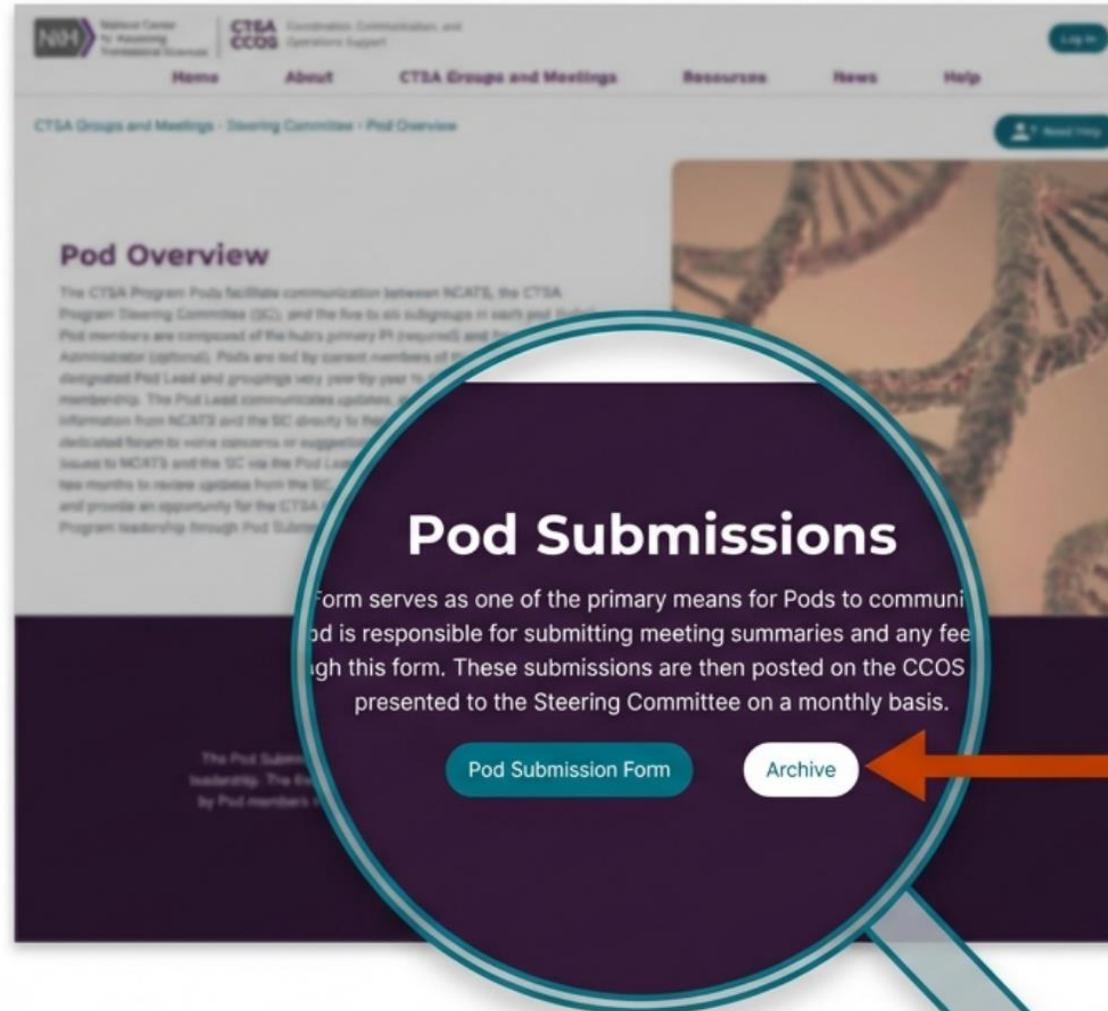
Completing the Submission Form

Pod Submission Form

Pod Leader Name
Select

1. Select your name.

Pod Meeting Date
11/12/2021

2. Input convening date.

Pod Summary Report

Pod summaries are posted to the CCOS website where they are publicly viewable. Meeting summaries are no longer presented in their entirety to the SC. If you have feedback to present to the SC directly, please provide it in the **feedback section** below.

⦿ Yes, I'd like to submit a Pod Summary Report

◯ No, I don't have to submit a Pod Summary Report

Upload your summary report

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Click to upload or drag and drop
PDF (max. 10MB)

3. Drag & Drop PDF/Word Doc.

Critical Update

Direct Feedback: Meeting summaries are no longer presented in full. Specific feedback for the SC must be entered in the dedicated 'Feedback Section" of the form.

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Permissions & Delegation
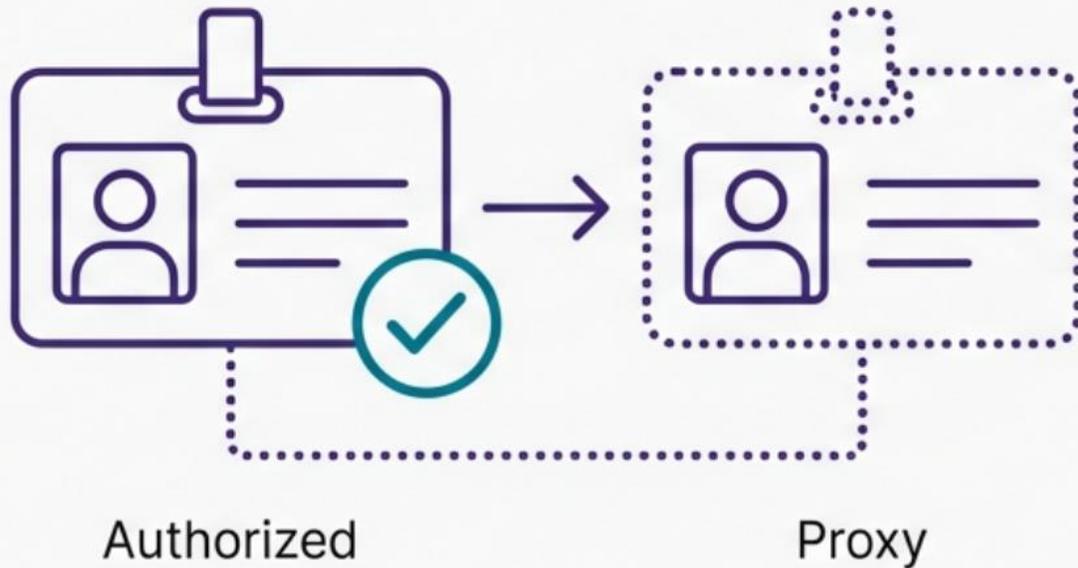
Authorized → Proxy

Who Can Submit?

By default, access is restricted to Pod Leads.

Designating a Proxy

If an administrator or alternate designee requires submission access, you must explicitly authorize them.

Action Required: Send names and email addresses of designated proxies to CCOS Operations Support to grant permissions.

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CTSA Hub Membership Model: Pros and Cons

Mimi Kim, Sc.D.

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CTSA UM1 MPI

Background

- Many institutes and centers have a membership structure e.g., Cancer Centers, CTSA hubs, Research Institutes (e.g., Stem Cell, Aging, etc...)

- Only members have access to the organization's resources and cores

- % of CTSA hubs using a membership model is unknown

- Einstein hub considering moving to membership model over next several months

CTSA Hubs Using Membership Structure

Some Pros

- **Community**: Fosters community, cohesiveness of programs, shared vision and mission with CTSA

- **Accountability & tracking**: Easier to monitor who is using resources, track utilization, and measure impact.

- **Prioritization & fairness**: Membership criteria can help allocate limited resources (e.g., high-demand equipment, staff support) more equitably and transparently.

- **Enhanced communication**: Membership lists provide a clear channel for hub announcements, training, funding and other opportunities.

CTRC MicroGrants

Check Your Member Status ☐

CCTSI Membership List

Membership Responsibilities

Submit information for Annual CCTSI NIH Progress Report, as requested

Respond to requests from the Evaluation & Tracking Core

Commit to and support CCTSI goals, including being an advocate and ambassador for the CCTSI within your department, school, or affiliated institution

Participate on review committees, as requested

Collaborate and share expertise

Mentor and/or train others
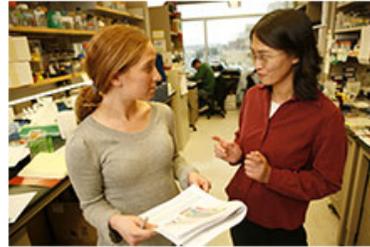
Research Service Professionals

For non-faculty researchers at CU Denver | Anschutz, CU Boulder, CSU, or partner hospitals (including research assistants, research coordinators, PRAs).

Faculty

For faculty at CU Denver | Anschutz, CU Boulder, CSU, or partner hospitals (including instructors and professors at all ranks).

If you wish to update your current account information, please submit a support ticket via ZenDesk.

About CCTSI Membership

Membership is free. It will provide access to Clinical and Translational Research Center resources. You can receive consultative services in biostatistics, epidemiology and research design; translational informatics; regulatory support. Also education, training and career development. You can receive eligibility to apply for Pilot Project and Translational Methods funding eligibility and play a role in shaping the future of clinical and translational research.

CCTSI Membership by Affiliation

Some Cons

- **Barrier to entry**: Administrative process (applications, approvals) and membership responsibilities, if onerous, can deter casual users or early-career researchers.

- **Administrative burden**: Managing memberships, renewals, and benefits can require staff time and infrastructure.

- **Perceived exclusivity**: Excluding those who don't fit membership criteria.

- **Less flexibility**: Harder to accommodate one-time or unusual requests if all access runs through a membership framework

Hybrid Model

- **Membership tiers** (e.g. Full member, Associate Member, Affiliate Member) with different levels of benefits

- **Open access** for seminars, training workshops, or initial consultations to maintain outreach and expand membership

For Discussion

- For CTSA hubs that have experience with a membership model, what have been the advantages? Challenges?

- What are the criteria for membership?

- What are the responsibilities associated with membership (e.g. provide annual research updates, serve on review committees, attend events etc..)

- Hubs vary considerably in size and scope—which features make it harder/easier to implement a membership model?

Next Meeting: February 9, 2026

Scheduled Report Outs:

- WG: RWD-WFD Across the Translational Spectrum

- EC: Integration Across the Lifespan

In the event of a government shutdown that continues until February 9, this meeting will be cancelled.

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