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July 13, 2026
2:30-3:30pm ET

Steering Committee Meeting

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Agenda

Time	Topic	Speaker(s)
2:30pm – 2:35pm	Welcome & Announcements Pod Feedback/Spotlight Changes	Michael Kurilla Grace McComsey
2:35pm – 2:45pm	Survey Review: Pediatric Clinical Trials	Amanda Scott (Fasiha Kanwal, Robert Toto)
2:45pm – 2:50pm	Fall Annual Program Meeting Updates	Amanda Scott
2:50pm – 3:10pm	Pod Spotlight: Virginia Commonwealth University	Gerry Moeller
3:10pm – 3:30pm	Pod Spotlight: Einstein-Montefiore Clinical and Translational Science Award Hub	Mimi Kim

Changes to Pod Feedback

Steering Committee members will continue to submit monthly Pod Feedback through the CCOS website, however, NCATS will not have a recurring agenda item to discuss feedback.

Pod Spotlights will be used to stimulate discussion and action items that pod leads can report back to their respective pods.

Pod-lead submissions are requested by the **10th of each month** to facilitate timely communication. NCATS will continue to review pod feedback and provide timely updates as needed to address pod concerns.

The Pod submission form is available through the [CCOS Website](#).

Pediatric Clinical Trials: Resources, Barriers, and Opportunities Across CTSA Hubs Survey Overview

- **Target Audience:** Hub Lead Administrators; will be requesting one submission per hub.
- **Survey Length:** 27 questions; this survey takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.
- **Timeline:** Launch July 21, 2026, Close August 4, 2026.
- **Purpose** to survey hubs and assess the scope of involvement in pediatric clinical trials, infrastructure/support, barriers and needs.
- **Revision History:** NCATS review and approval for Executive Order compliance on June 9, 2026. Review and approval of the final draft of the survey by the WG Survey Primary Lead on April 28, 2026.
- **Primary Leads for the Survey:** Cynthia Gerhardt and Jessica Kahn.

SC Liaisons to WG: Fasiha Kanwal (Robert Toto)

Recommendation: Approve with submitted changes

Dr. Kanwal requested clarification on several questions within the survey. The WG was able to provide responses and implement changes in time for presentation to the SC.

7/13 SC Vote: Pediatric Clinical
Trials Survey



[Link to Ballot](#)



2026 Fall CTSA Program Annual Meeting

September 23-25 (Steering Committee Sept 22) | Marriott Marquis Washington, DC

From Discovery to Impact: Advancing the Translational Pathway

General Information

Full details available on the [2026 Fall Meeting webpage](#)

CTSA Groups and Meetings > Program Meetings and Collaborative Workshops >
2026 Fall CTSA Program Annual Meeting

- [Hotel Reservations at Marriott Marquis](#) Washington DC. Block closes August 31
- Invited Keynote: Karim Mikhail, FDA | Invited Fireside Chat: Jay Bhattacharya, NIH
- Features: EC Plenary, Individual EC & Group Meetings, Plenary Sessions, Poster Presentation, UPI Meeting

Topic Highlights

- AI Use Cases in Real-World Research
- Innovative Trial Designs
- Research Expansion into Rural Areas
- Workforce Development and Research Staff Career Pathways
- Scaling Recruitment Services and Infrastructure

Poster Session

*20 Years of CTSA Impact- Past,
Present and Future*

- Submission Portal Opens: July 13; Closes: August 31
- Posters should showcase the impact of a past, present, or future project using the Translational Science Benefits Model (TSBM)

Hub Attendance & Registration

- Up to 9 attendees per hub
- Hub limit does not include TIN Mtg participants, General Session speakers, Poster Presenters, Steering Committee, or Fall Planning
- Hub Administrators and TIN meeting registration will be managed separately
- Registration Opens no later than July 30



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Pod Spotlight: Virginia Commonwealth University

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VCU CTSA POD Meetings: Strategic Summary

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Funding Delays

- **Impacts of funding delays on hubs:** Ongoing delays have affected several POD hubs, causing issues for their institutions. Concerns over how long this will continue.
- **NOGA Backlogs:** Substantial administrative processing delays are restricting immediate project resource deployment. This specific delay has directly affected POD members.



Resource Requirements

- **Infrastructure Shift:** POD members have been evaluating ENACT vs. TriNetX due to multi-institutional scaling burdens placed on smaller hubs.
- **N3C Governance and Cost of Participation:** Concerns were discussed over diminished academic oversight. Concerns were also raised over potential increased cost of participation by hubs.



Compliance Risks

- **DOJ Inquiry:** Federal request for detailed information regarding student training awards (T32, F30, F31) and management protocols.
- **Reporting Gaps:** Discussion around role of CTSA hubs in management of ClinicalTrials.gov and RPPR delays stemming from NLM public access confusion.



Future Initiatives

- **Learning Health (LHS):** Transitioning toward a cyclical "Data to Practice" ecosystem to improve care agility.
- **Rural Health (RHT):** Discussion of Dartmouth presentation on RHT and how we could position hubs to coordinate evaluation and digital health delivery for new \$50B federal care frameworks.



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Presented By: Mimi Kim

Pod Spotlight: Einstein-Montefiore Clinical & Translational Science Award Hub

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CTSA Pod Spotlight



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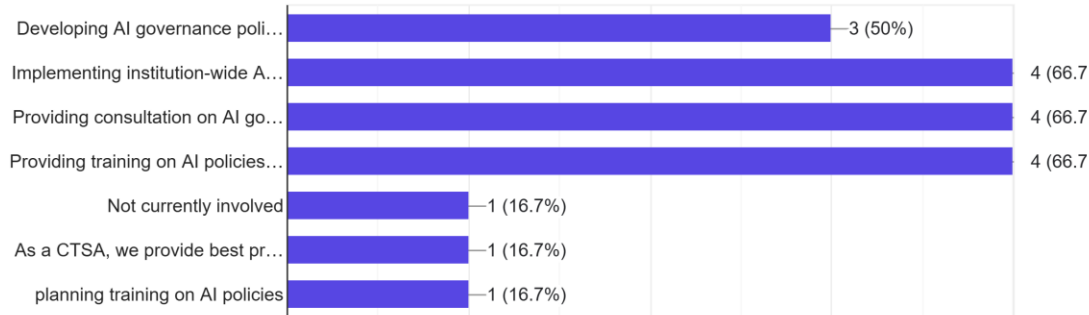


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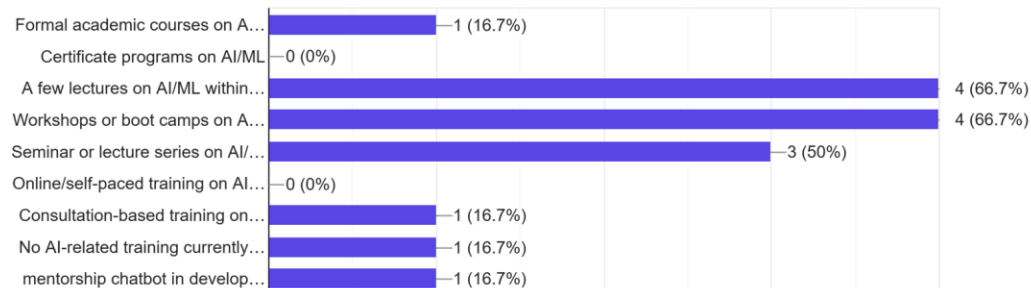
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POD AI Survey

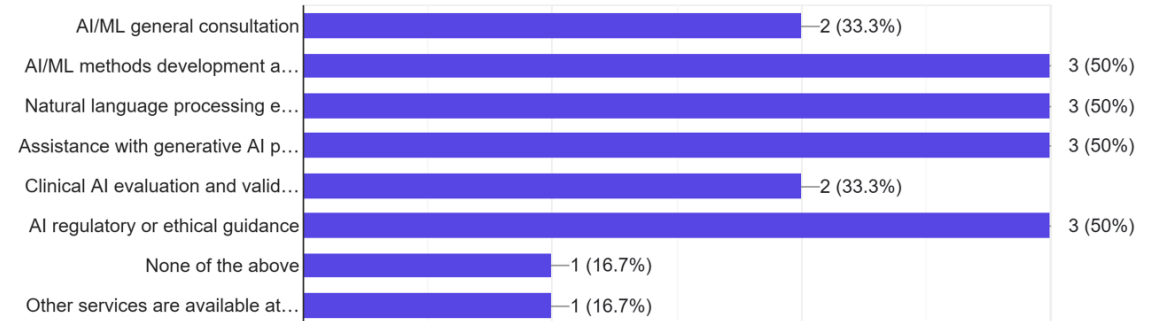
1. Governance and Responsible AI To what extent is your CTSA hub involved in developing, implementing, or disseminating institutional policies,...al activities, or operations? Select all that apply:
6 responses



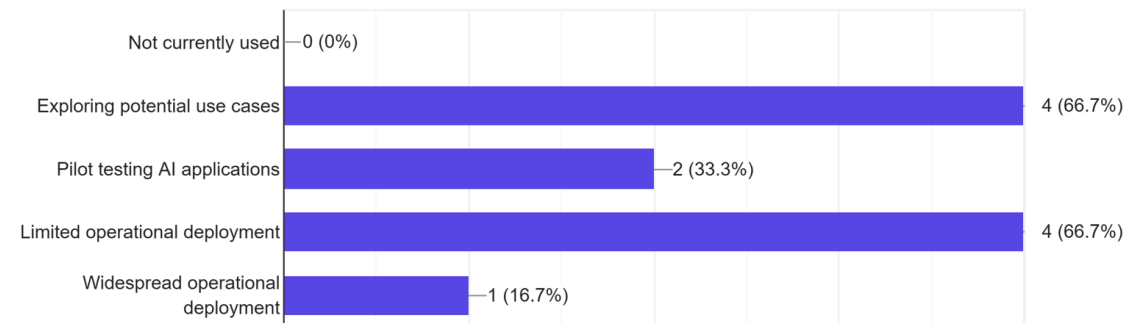
2. AI Education and Workforce Development What education or workforce development activities focused on AI/ML has your CTSA hub offered within the past 2 years? Select all that apply:
6 responses



3. AI Expertise and Research Support Which AI- or machine learning-related research support services are available through your CTSA hub? Select all that apply:
6 responses



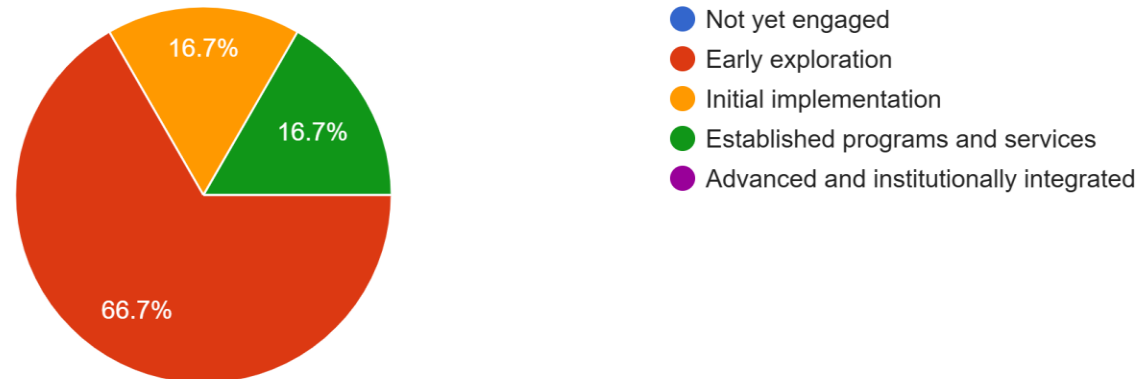
4. AI in Operations and Administration 4A. To what extent is AI currently being used in CTSA hub operations and administrative functions?
6 responses



Key Takeaways

6. Overall, how would you rate your CTSA hub's current level of AI integration across research, education, and operations?

6 responses



- CTSA involvement in AI guidance and policies seems to depend on hub size
- Most hubs offering some AI training and AI/ML support
- All sites using AI in operations
- Other plans for AI uses:
 - Chatbot for mentorship
 - Study participant recruitment
 - Communications with Community
 - Biobanking
 - Developing consents forms; RB application assistance
- **Systematically consider how to use AI in TS and overcome major TR roadblocks**

Next Meeting: July 27, 2026

Agenda

- WG Report Out: Translational Impacts
- Pod Spotlight:
 - Mayo Clinic Center for Clinical and Translational Science



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