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August 26th, 2026

CTSA Program Webinar

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Agenda CTSA Program Webinar August 26, 2026

TIME	TOPIC	PRESENTERS
2:00 PM	Welcome	Alex Paquet, Task Area Lead, CCOS
2:01 – 2:10 PM	NCATS/CTSA Updates	Mike Kurilla, MD, PhD- Director, Division of Clinical Innovation, NCATS Erica Rosemond, Ph.D. - Deputy Director, Division of Clinical Innovation, NCATS
2:10 – 2:20 PM	CCOS Updates	Alex Paquet, Task Area Lead, CCOS
2:20 – 2:45 PM	Stat Wrap	Luke Rasmussen, MS - Northwestern University Leah Welty, PhD- Northwestern University
2:45 – 3:00 PM	New Working Group Lightning Talks CTS Launchpad Measuring Success in Translational Science Scaling a Reproducible CTSA/CTR Framework	CTS Launchpad: Stephanie Freel, Duke University & James Holahan, NYU Langone Health, Jessica Fritter, Ohio State University Measuring Success: Sydney Bollinger, MUSC & Jennifer Dahne, MUSC Scaling a Reproducible CTSA/CTR Framework: Mary-Tara Roth, BUMC & Kris Markman, Tufts
3:00 PM	Adjourn	Alex Paquet, Task Area Lead, CCOS

All times Eastern US



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NCATS/CTSA Program Updates

Michael G. Kurilla, MD, PhD

Director, Division of Clinical Innovation
NCATS

August 26, 2026

NCATS Council

- September 18, 2026 – Virtual Meeting
- Videocast: <https://videocast.nih.gov/watch/965a4d69-6044-11f1-82c0-124f0a52e769>
- Highlight:
 - Division of Clinical Innovation – Year in Review (Michael G. Kurilla)

NCATS Advisory Council

The NCATS Advisory Council provides guidance, consults and makes recommendations to the secretary of Health and Human Services, the NIH director and to the NCATS director on center initiatives, policies and programs.



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Operation TrialBlazer

A department-wide HHS effort to accelerate U.S. clinical research and strengthen American leadership in biomedical innovation

WHAT IT AIMS TO DO

1

Faster first-in-human trials

Clarify phase-appropriate IND requirements and streamline the path into Phase 1.

2

Modernize clinical development

Reduce avoidable administrative burden and enable more efficient trial design and execution.

3

Expand U.S. trial access

Increase participation and make the United States a more competitive destination for clinical research.

COMING TO THE FALL CTSA PROGRAM
MEETING

**Karim Mikhail,
B.Pharm, MSc**

Acting Director
FDA Center for Biologics Evaluation and
Research (CBER)

Hear directly from a leader of the FDA reforms at the center of Operation TrialBlazer—and what they could mean for the future of clinical research.

NIH Notices

- Understanding NIH's Unified Funding Strategy: What the Research Community Needs to Know (NIH Videocast – **August 14, 2026** – pending video posting)
<https://videocast.nih.gov/watch/239b35f0-7181-11f1-82c0-124f0a52e769>
- **Request for Information (RFI)** on Proposed Changes to Reporting Outcomes from NIH Peer Review ([NOT-OD-26-088](#)) (Released August 14, 2026)
 - Proposed Changes:
 - The first-level peer review process is proposed to be modified to place an application in one of three overall impact categories:
 - "Most competitive" (based on the top 25% of final overall impact scores),
 - "Competitive" (based on the 26-50% of final overall impact scores), or
 - "Not discussed" (scores >50%, or ND)
 - Comments must be received by **October 13, 2026**
 - Comments should be submitted electronically to the following webpage at: <https://rfi.grants.nih.gov/?s=6a2b1c22c3fcfda46e0badd2>



NIH K Awards: Simplifying the Landscape of NIH Career Development Awards

NIH Extramural News article (released August 13, 2026): <https://grants.nih.gov/news-events/nih-extramural-nexus-news/2026/08/simplifying-the-landscape-of-nih-career-development-awards-including-an-opportunity-to-provide-feedback>

- As part of our efforts to simplify and streamline the [landscape](#) of NIH funding opportunities, we are sharing information about upcoming updates to individual [career development \(K\)](#) award programs. NIH is consolidating individual K award notices of funding opportunity (NOFOs) into a streamlined set of parent NOFOs organized by program type ([NOT-OD-26-098](#)). These updates will make career development awards NOFOs easier to navigate, improve consistency, reduce administrative burden, and align policies across K award programs, **beginning with application due dates on or after October 12, 2027.**

Notice of NIH Updates to Career Development (K) Award Programs (NOT-OD-26-098) (Released August 12, 2026): <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-OD-26-098.html>

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RFI): INPUT ON POTENTIAL NIH FUNDING APPROACHES TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF FUTURE CLINICAL TRIAL INVESTIGATORS

<https://rfi.grants.nih.gov/?s=6a57b31c69fc50193d0eb712>

- Purpose: NIH is issuing this Request for Information (RFI) to seek public input on potential funding models that would allow recipients of mentored K awards to serve as principal investigators (PIs) of clinical trials while receiving support for the clinical trial through a funding mechanism separate from the K award.
- **To ensure consideration, responses must be submitted by: September 30, 2026 11:59:59 PM EST**



NIH Notices

- **Request for Comment:** Draft NIH Biosafety Policy for Research Involving Biohazards ([NOT-OD-26-112](#)) (Released **August 19, 2026**)
 - NIH is requesting public input on a new, comprehensive biosafety policy proposal that, when finalized, will replace the current [NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules](#)
 - NIH seeks public input on its Draft NIH Biosafety Policy for Research Involving Biohazards, which, when finalized, will supersede the NIH Guidelines for Research Involving Recombinant or Synthetic Nucleic Acid Molecules
 - Comments should be submitted electronically to the following webpage: <https://osp.od.nih.gov/comment-form-draft-nih-biosafety-policy-for-research-involving-biohazards/>
 - Responses will be accepted through **October 19, 2026.**



NIH Notices

- **Implementation Update: NIH Data Management and Sharing Plan Requirements ([NOT-OD-26-100](#)) (Released July 29, 2026)**
 - Update to the research community on **forms changes** when NIH transitions to the updated Data Management and Sharing (DMS) Plan format
 - Beginning in FY 2027, NIH will require all existing awards and applications subject to the NIH DMS Policy to transition and align with the **updated DMS Plan format**. **This requirement applies regardless of when the competing application was submitted.**
 - Recipients will **no longer be required to obtain prior approval to modify an approved DMS Plan** (effective October 1, 2026 use RPPR Section C.5.c to report progress and any changes to the DMSP)
 - Inquiries: GrantsCompliance@od.nih.gov



NIH Notices

- **NIH Is Replacing Letters of Support with Letters of Collaboration to Reduce Administrative Burden ([NOT-OD-26-094](#)) (Released July 27, 2026)**
 - With the **implementation of Forms J in Fiscal Year 2027**, the NIH will no longer allow letters of support but will instead require letters of collaboration to document any collaborative relationships with individuals that are not identified in the application as senior/key personnel or other significant contributors.
 - Letters designed to endorse the application without an intent to collaborate or provide material support will no longer be permitted in NIH grant applications.
 - **When Forms J are implemented, applicants should disregard any NOFO-specific instructions** regarding content pertaining to Letters of Support as those instructions will be superseded by the new guidance. Applications that continue to include letters of support after the implementation date may be **returned without review**.
 - Letters of collaboration should be limited to stating the intent to collaborate or provide material support as described in the application and should not contain endorsements or additional information about or evaluations of the proposed project. An individual letter of collaboration **must not exceed 100 words**.
 - **Inquiries:** Email: grantspolicy@nih.gov



NIH Notices

- **Recent Updates: Supporting a Safe and Respectful Workplace at Institutions that Receive NIH Funding ([NOT-OD-26-097](#)) (Release August 12, 2026)**
 - This is a new NIH-wide policy notice about how recipient institutions must handle harassment, bullying, retaliation, hostile-work-environment allegations, and related professional misconduct involving PIs or other senior/key personnel on NIH-funded awards
 - Leaving the institution no longer allows an unresolved harassment/workplace-misconduct investigation involving NIH senior/key personnel to simply end; the institution must complete it, and NIH can use the outcome in funding and award-transfer decisions.
 - Please direct all inquiries to: Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration
grantspolicy@nih.gov
- **Prior Approval Requirement for Changes to Domestic Subawards ([NOT-OD-26-062](#)) (Released March 25, 2026)**
 - Effective June 1, 2026, all prime recipients are required to obtain NIH prior approval when adding a new domestic subaward to a project post-award, when the arrangement was not originally a part of the peer-reviewed and approved application.
 - ***MORE INFO/GUIDANCE WILL BE RELEASED SHORTLY FROM THE NIH***



Extramural Loan Repayment Program

- Extramural Loan Repayment Program for Facilitating Opportunities in Cutting-edge Science (LRP-FOCUS) ([NOT-OD-26-083](#))
- Extramural Loan Repayment Program for Pediatric Research (LRP-PR) ([NOT-OD-26-082](#))
- Extramural Loan Repayment Program for Clinical Researchers (LRP-CR) ([NOT-OD-26-081](#))
- Extramural LRP applications will be accepted from **September 1 until November 19, 2026**.
- All LRP applications must be submitted electronically using the Application Submission System & Interface for Submission Tracking (ASSIST): <https://public.era.nih.gov/assist/>
- NCATS Inquires: Dr. Dale Burwen dale.burwen@nih.gov



2026 Single IRB Boot Camp: A How to Guide with SMART IRB

- **Who:** Beginner-to-Intermediate IRB/HRPP Staff
- **What:** Expert-led training on what institutions need in place to implement single IRB (sIRB) review
- **Where:** Virtual (Zoom)
- **When:** October 7-8, 2026, 12pm-3pm ET
- **Register today** at www.smartirb.org



2025 Boot Camp and other trainings are available on-demand: <https://smartirb.org/boot-camp/>

Precision Medicine with AI: Integrating Imaging with Multimodal Data (PRIMED-AI)

New NIH Common Fund Program



National Institutes of Health

Office of Strategic Coordination–The Common Fund

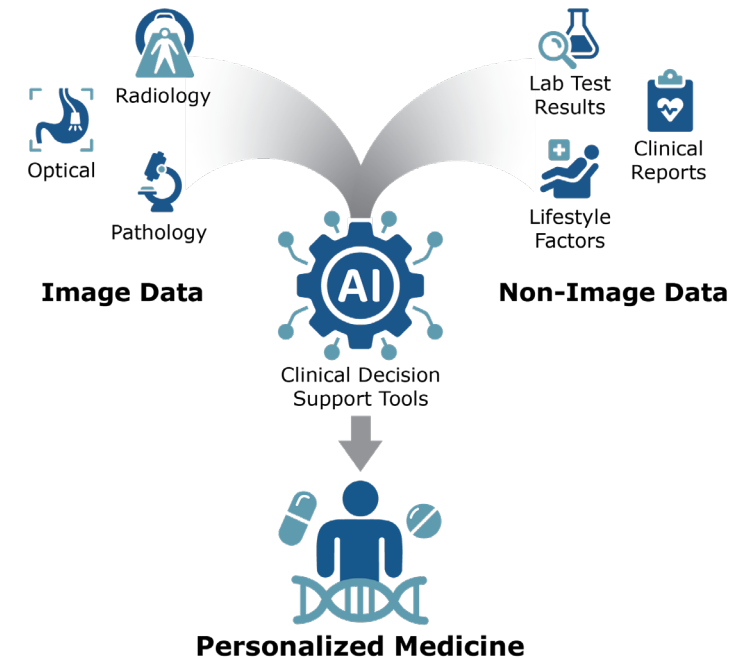
Precision Medicine with AI: Integrating Imaging with Multimodal Data (PRIMED-AI)

Goal: To catalyze the development and adoption of innovative **AI-based CDS tools that integrate clinical imaging with multimodal non-imaging clinical data** to enable reliable, cost-effective, accessible, and sustainable precision medicine workflows

Themes:

- Imaging and Multimodal Data Integration
- AI Algorithm and Tool Development
- Clinical Implementation
- Trust

Deliverables: Validated CDS tools, best practices, and durable relationships



**5 Funding Opportunities
Open for Applications!**



COMpetency in Menopause & Integrated Therapy (COMMIT) Challenge

- **NIH COMMIT Challenge: Opening Fall 2026** The NIH Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) is launching the **COMpetency in Menopause & Integrated Therapy (COMMIT) Challenge**, national prize competition with a **\$2.5 million prize purse** designed to identify and reward exemplary menopause-related curricula across U.S. health education and professional training programs.
- Opening this fall, the COMMIT Challenge invites health education programs to submit evidence-based, scalable, and competency-aligned curricula across disciplines that improve menopause care. Programs may qualify by demonstrating structured, comprehensive training models that enhance provider knowledge, support team-based care, and advance women's health across the menopausal transition. Eligible submissions may include courses, workshops, seminar, or webinar series, coaching or mentoring models, immersive training experiences, and supervised clinical training programs.
- **Learn more and explore full challenge details:** <https://www.nih.gov/challenges/competency-menopause-integrated-therapy-commit-challenge>



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Seeking New CTSA Program Steering Committee Members!

THE OPPORTUNITY & DIAGNOSTIC



NCATS is seeking

5 UL1/UM1 PIs

to serve for the next 2-3 years (2027 – 2030).



Pass/Fail



PI must be officially named in an active CTSA Program hub Notice of Grant Award (NGA).



Hub award must have at least 3 years remaining during the project period.



PI has not served on the Steering Committee since December 2022.

[Review Expectations & Responsibilities](#)

THE ACTION PROTOCOL



DEADLINE:
Wednesday, October 14th

Self-nominate or suggest a fellow PI by submitting:

- PI Name
- Institution
- Brief Explanation

[Submission Link](#)

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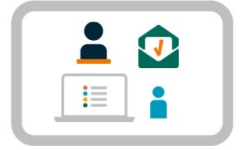
Week of Aug 27, 2026

CCOS Updates

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2026 CTSA Enterprise Committee Election Timeline



Five steps from voting member confirmation through leadership announcement

1

AUG 31 – SEP 25

Confirm Voting Members

Hub Administrators review, update, and finalize EC voting member assignments in the CCOS website.

2

SEP 30 – OCT 16

Submit Nominations

Eligible EC Voting Members submit nominations for open EC Lead Team positions through ElectionBuddy.

3

OCT 23 – NOV 6

Nomination Acceptance

Nominees confirm interest and provide a brief biography and photo for the election ballot.

4

NOV 13 – DEC 4

Vote in the Election

Confirmed EC Voting Members receive an ElectionBuddy ballot, review biographies, and cast votes.

5

DECEMBER

Announce & Onboard

Votes are finalized, and new EC Lead Team members are announced and onboarded.

Have an idea for the next Collaborative Workshop Topic?

Is your hub interested in being a co-sponsor?

Submit your proposal by September 4, 2026



Scan the QR or Click on the Link Below

<https://ccosredcap.urmc.rochester.edu/surveys/?s=793LPADWLWPANNJ4>

CTSA Program hubs interested in co-sponsoring with CCOS and NCATS in spring of 2027 are invited to respond to the solicitation with their hub's suggested topic.

Questions? Contact us at collaborative_workshop@ccos.ctsa.io



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

View the full agenda and registration now for the Fall Meeting: [Agenda - 2026 Fall CTSA Program Annual Meeting](#). [Room block](#) closes August 31

Agenda Highlights

Keynote Address

September 24, 2026 9:45 AM-10:45 AM ET

Liberty

The United States faces growing challenges in moving promising discoveries efficiently into early-stage clinical development. In this plenary, Karim Mikhail will examine barriers that can slow the path to first-in-human trials and emerging FDA approaches designed to make early clinical development faster, more predictable, and more collaborative. The session will explore the FDA's Expedited IND Pilot, including clearer phase-appropriate requirements, iterative scientific engagement with qualified research institutions, and rolling review of IND components. Participants will hear how these approaches could reduce regulatory and operational delays while maintaining rigorous standards for patient safety and strengthen the U.S. clinical research ecosystem. Target audience: CTSA investigators, clinical research leaders, regulatory specialists, research operations professionals, and institutional leaders involved in translating discoveries into clinical studies. Learning objectives: Attendees will understand key barriers in early clinical development and how emerging FDA approaches could accelerate the transition from scientific discovery to first-in-human clinical trials.



Karim Mikhail
Acting Director of CBER
FDA

Fireside Chat

September 25, 2026 9:00 AM-9:45 AM ET

Liberty

Join NCATS Director Dr. Joni Rutter and NIH Director Dr. Jay Bhattacharya for a fireside chat exploring issues and opportunities shaping the future of clinical and translational science. Guided by questions submitted in advance by the CTSA community, the conversation will address topics of greatest interest to attendees, including the CTSA Program, NCATS, NIH priorities, and the broader clinical and translational research enterprise. Submitted questions will be grouped by common themes to help shape an engaging discussion and provide CTSA Program members with an opportunity to hear directly from NIH and NCATS leadership. Target audience: All CTSA Program meeting attendees. Learning objectives: Attendees will gain insight into NIH and NCATS leadership perspectives on current priorities and issues affecting clinical and translational science and develop a greater understanding of how these priorities may inform the CTSA Program and the broader translational research enterprise.



Jay Bhattacharya
Director
National Institutes of Health



Joni Rutter
Director
NCATS

2026 Fall CTSA Program Annual Meeting Poster Session

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

- Each hub may submit one poster, highlighting a project related to the theme
- Posters must align with one of the Translational Science Benefits Model (TSBM) domains:
 - Clinical
 - Community
 - Economic
 - Policy*
- The focus of this year's poster session is to showcase demonstrable impact in translational science and highlighting the contributions of CTSAs.
- **This is not a juried poster session.**

**Poster Submissions close
August 31 at 11:59pm**
[Link for Poster Submission guidelines](#)

** Hubs submitting to this category must clearly indicate that research was what the CTSA grant supported and NOT any advocacy or legislative influence activities. Per the [NIH Grants Policy statement](#), hubs should pay special attention to reporting/describing activities focused on reporting Policy and Legislative Impacts under the TSBM model or any aspect of a NIH funded CTSA grant. However, no grant funds including personnel costs may be used for activities.*



EC Day Plenary: *Translational Science in a Changing Research Environment: Innovation, Trust and Human Connection*

Wednesday, September 23rd

This interactive plenary will bring together members of multiple CTSA Enterprise Committees to examine opportunities and challenges emerging at the intersection of artificial intelligence, research innovation, community engagement, and trust. Featuring perspectives from industry, academia, and community stakeholders, the session will explore how translational science can continue to innovate while strengthening partnerships, promoting responsible use of data, and maintaining the human connections that drive meaningful research impact.



A Fireside Chat with Dr. Sumbul Desai, VP of Health, Apple



Building Trust in an AI-Enabled Research Environment

	Individual EC Meetings
1-3pm	Integration Across the Lifespan
1-3pm	Workforce Development
3:30-5:30pm	Collaboration & Communication
3:30-5:30pm	BIDS

Working Group Proposal Cycle

New WG Proposal Cycle to open on September 1st

Key Topic Areas of Interest

- Translational science methods & best practices
- Artificial intelligence
- Clinical and health research innovation
- Solution-oriented approaches in health disparities research
- National training curricula in CTS

Visit the [NIH Unified Strategy](#) for additional information.

Fall Submission Timeline



Visit [CCOS Website](#) for more information and [to submit your proposal](#)

Save the Date!

LHS-CTSA Partnerships Working Group

Wednesday, September 2nd, 12pm ET / 9am PT



Fireside Chat

Learning Health Care with the Community

featuring

Patrick Luther, MHS

Wounded Warrior Project, Vanderbilt CTSA (VICTR)

Mr. Luther is a community-engaged research leader, public health innovator, and experienced nonprofit executive.

All are welcome! The Fireside Chat will be during the **first 20 minutes**.
Join us for the Chat or the full meeting.

To receive the videoconference link,
email:
LHS-CTSA.Partnerships@ccos.ctsa.io

Share Your Work with the CTSA Community

Events

News Articles

Impact Stories

Examples:

Meetings, symposia, webinars, trainings, workshops

Event recaps, notable publications, awards, profiles, new resources

Success stories, case studies, or comparative analyses with **clear & measurable outcomes** across TSBM domains

How to Submit:

[CCOS Calendar](#) -> Pitch an Event button

[CCOS News](#) -> Pitch an Article button

[Impact Story submission form](#) (direct link)

For more info:

[CCOS Events Guidance Document](#)

[CCOS News Article Guidance Document](#)

[CCOS Impact Story Guidance Document](#)

All submissions can be promoted in *The Ansible* and/or on CCOS social media platforms (X, LinkedIn, and Bluesky), by checking a box during submission.

CCOS Reminders

Join CTSA Groups on the CCOS Website:

- Step by step instructions [here](#) to join CTSA groups from your CCOS member account.

Need a CCOS Account?

- [Getting Started Page](#) has detailed information or click [here](#) to get started.
- Questions? Please email support@ccos.ctsa.io

CCOS All Communications Email List:

- Click here: <http://eepurl.com/iw9nZA> to join the list and receive CTSA Program communications and updates.
- Add communications@ccos.ctsa.io to your contacts list to prevent important CCOS emails from ending up in your spam folder

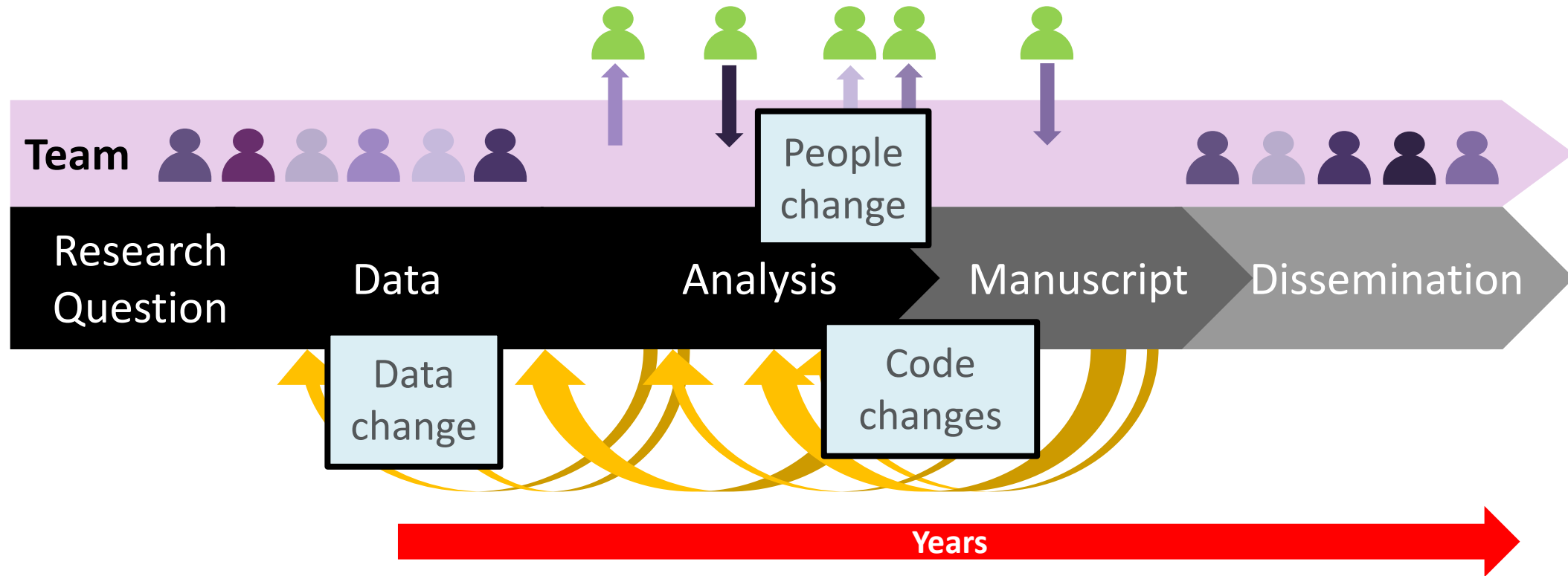


Scan to Receive CTSA-wide
Communications

Managing Change and Variation in Support of Rigorous and Reproducible Research: StatWrap

Leah Welty, PhD and Luke Rasmussen, MS
CTSA Program Webinar
August 26, 2026

The Realities of Research



Conducting rigorous and reproducible research includes **reducing variation** and **managing change** from data collection through manuscript preparation and dissemination.



Assistive and discovery inventory tool to
help manage variation and change

Free & open-source

User-centered

Technology light

The screenshot displays the StatWrap web application interface. On the left, a sidebar shows a file tree for a project named "sw-test1" located at "/Users/Luke/sw-test1". The tree includes files like "Manuscript.docx", "README.md", and a "code" directory containing several Python and R scripts. The main area is titled "TestProject" and shows a "DEPENDENCY GRAPH" for a project at "/Users/ewhitley/Documents/StatWrapProjects/DemoProject". The graph illustrates dependencies between files like "project_common.py" and "geocode_address.py" and various libraries such as "requests", "pandas", "numpy", and "urllib". Below the graph, there are sections for "Code File Type" (python, data, dependency), "Inputs and Outputs", and "Dependencies/Libraries" (json, numpy, os, pandas, project_common.*, requests, urllib). On the right, a "Project Log" table records events such as "Asset Note Deleted", "Project Person Added", and "Asset Attribute Updated".

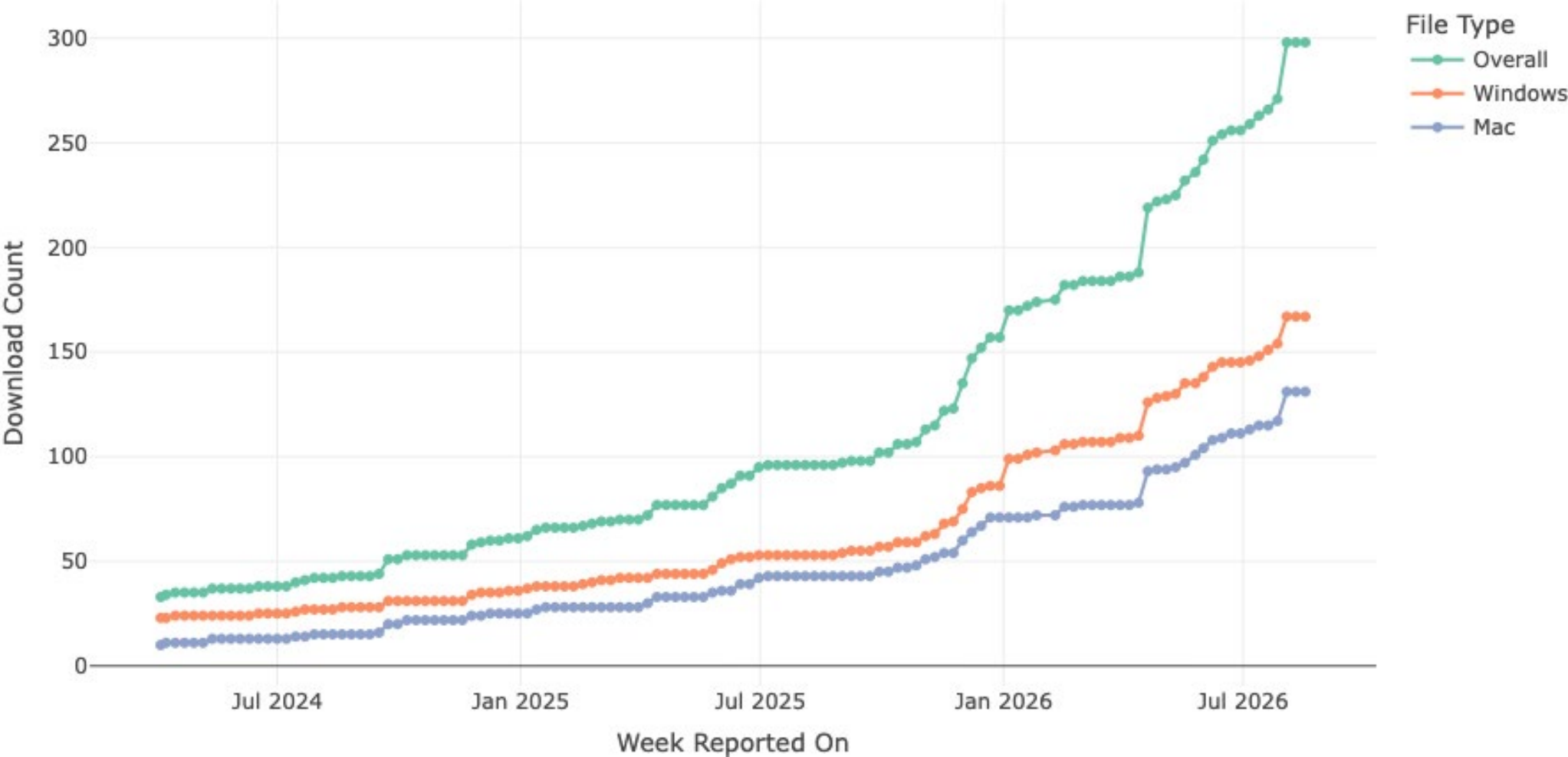
Project Log

Date/Time	Event
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> 2022-07-11 18:49:07	Project Person Added ewhitley added person to project
> 2022-07-11 18:48:14	Project Person Added ewhitley added person to project
> 2022-07-11 18:46:24	Asset Attribute Updated Updated /Users/ewhitley/Documents/StatWrapProjects/DemoProject/geocode 'true'
▼ 2022-07-11 18:46:09	Asset Note Added ewhitley added note to asset /Users/ewhitley/Documents/StatWrapProjects/D

Action: Asset Note Added
User: ewhitley
Note text: Should evaluate using a package to replace our custom code

<https://sites.northwestern.edu/statwrap/>

StatWrap Usage

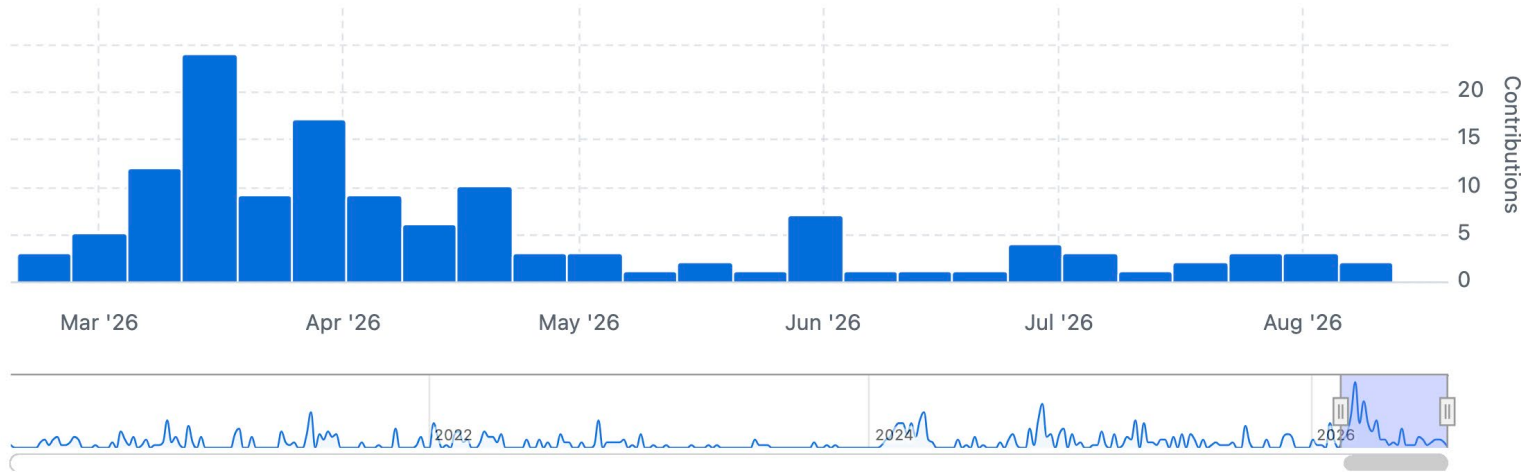


StatWrap: GitHub and Website



Commits over time

Weekly from Feb 21, 2026 to Aug 15, 2026



<https://github.com/StatTag/StatWrap>

<https://sites.northwestern.edu/statwrap/>

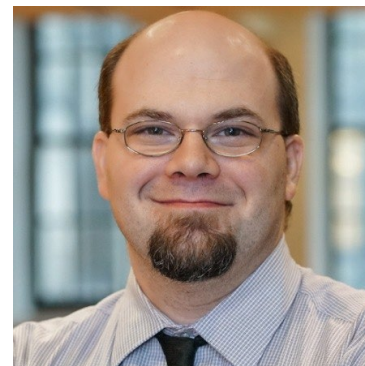
StatWrap: Live Demo



Thank you!



- Leah J. Welty, PhD, Professor
- Luke V. Rasmussen, MS, Senior Research Associate
- Abigail S. Baldrige, PhD, Research Asst Professor
- Eric W. Whitley, Software Developer



- Open Source Research Experience (OSRE)
- 2024 – Adi Akhilesh Singh
- 2025 – Debangi Ghosh
- 2026 – Dibyanshu Pal Kushwaha



StatWrap

CCOS WORKING GROUP

CTS Launchpad

From Classroom to Career

National training criteria for the clinical research workforce pathway

A New Working Group for the Consortium

Co-led by three CTSA hubs, this working group is building the field's first standardized, national on-ramp into clinical research careers — starting in high school and undergraduate education.

- **James P. Holahan, MPH, MS**
NYU Langone Health
- **Stephanie A. Freel, PhD, PMP**
Duke University
- **Jessica Fritter, DHSc, MACPR, ACRP-CP, FACRP**
The Ohio State University



THE CHALLENGE

The Clinical Research Pipeline Begins Too Late

A workforce strain every CTSA hub feels — in activation, enrollment, and data quality



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Clinical research coordinators
available per open position



35–60%

Turnover in patient-facing
clinical research roles



9–10%

Projected annual growth
in demand for CRC roles

No standardized pathway exists before students enter the workforce. Most professionals “fall into” clinical research only after finishing a degree — driving inconsistent foundational knowledge, longer onboarding, and a widening national supply-demand gap that threatens trial timelines across the consortium.

Why This Matters to the CTSA Network

Early exposure is a proven lever for broadening the clinical research workforce



Early Exposure Changes Outcomes

Across health professions, early career exposure reliably improves recruitment, retention, and broadens who enters the workforce.



Clarity Drives Interest

Clearly mapped pathways let students see a future in clinical research — turning an accidental career into an intentional one.



National Alignment

Grounded in validated workforce models (e.g., the Joint Task Force framework) and aligned with national efforts to standardize CR roles and competencies.



A Shared Asset for Every Hub

One national framework any CTSA institution can adopt or adapt — rather than each hub solving workforce pipeline problems alone.

Goals & Deliverables

What the working group aims to achieve

1

Standardized, competency-based curricular frameworks for HS & undergraduate CR education

PRODUCES Curricular frameworks adapted from established national models

2

Define tiered proficiency levels aligned to developmental & educational stages

PRODUCES Defined learning objectives & proficiency levels by stage

3

Build modular curricula that fit existing programs and flex to state DOE requirements

PRODUCES Instructional modules, lesson plans, and a DOE-aligned implementation guide

4

Equip educators with implementation guides, resources, and competency mapping tools

PRODUCES Pilot & scaling playbook, plus evaluation tools for learner outcomes

5

Expand equitable access to clinical research career pathways for all learners

PRODUCES National dissemination toolkit for consortium-wide adoption

The Impact We Expect Across the Network

Not a single-hub fix — a shared capability every CTSA institution can put to work



Intentional Entry

Shifts career awareness from incidental to intentional, earlier in the pipeline.



Faster Onboarding

Standardized curricula cut ramp-up time for new coordinators at every hub.



Stronger Recruitment

Early exposure widens the talent pool.



Long-Term Capacity

Better supply and lower turnover mean more trial capacity, network-wide.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCAN

Help Us Map the National Landscape

We need every hub's input to build an accurate picture of pathway programs today

We're conducting a national environmental scan of existing high school and undergraduate clinical research pathway programs — what exists, where, and how it's structured.



What we're asking

A short survey on any HS/UG pathway program your institution currently runs — or is planning.



Why it matters

Results directly shape the frameworks and curricula this working group builds for the whole network.



Who should respond

One response per individual pathway program (e.g. HS/UG)



Survey will be distributed to hub administrators soon!

Measuring Success in Translational Science Working Group

Building a shared approach to evaluating Element E & translational science projects

Sydney Bollinger, MS, Medical University of South Carolina

Jennifer Dahne, PhD, Medical University of South Carolina



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Research Institute



CTSA hubs are working toward a common goal, but from different starting points

DIFFERENT PROGRAM MODELS

Element E and pilot programs vary substantially across hubs



DIFFERENT PROJECT STAGES

Projects differ in structure, duration, selection, and implementation



DIFFERENT MEASURES

Success, partial success, barriers, and unintended outcomes are not described consistently



SHARED LANGUAGE FOR SUCCESS

- ✓ Comparable Evaluation
- ✓ Shared Framework
- ✓ Consortium Learning
- ✓ Stronger Decision Making



The consortium currently lacks a **shared evaluation framework**.



Building a common approach allows us to learn together, improve decisions, and communicate impact more clearly.

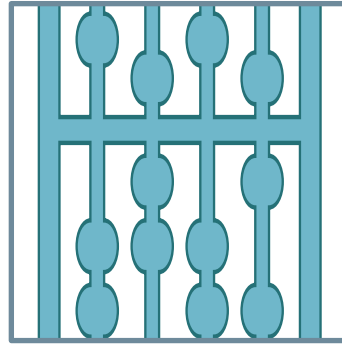
Measuring Success in Translational Science WG: Purpose

This WG will develop a structured framework to catalog and synthesize ongoing and completed Element E and TS Pilot projects across the CTSA consortium, with the goal of creating shared resources that CTSA hubs can use to evaluate both prospective and funded projects. Using this data, the WG will address several key questions:

Key Questions

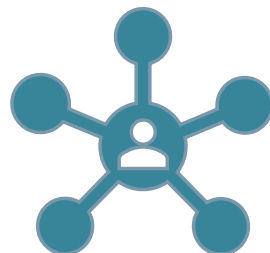
- ❑ How should success be defined for Element E and TS Pilot projects?
- ❑ What distinguishes full success, partial success, and lack of success?
- ❑ Which projects can serve as exemplars, and what features contribute to their success?
- ❑ To what extent are project topics and outcomes aligned with Hub and NCATS priorities?
- ❑ Do clinically focused and process-focused projects lead to different types of outcomes, and if so, how can those outcomes be measured rigorously and consistently?
- ❑ What translational barriers recur across projects, and how do these barriers align with the CCOS Case Studies WG findings?
- ❑ What important areas remain insufficiently addressed through current Element E and TS Pilot funding?

Measuring Success in Translational Science WG: Goals



Develop a generalizable coding system to evaluate Element E and TS Pilot projects.

Identify exemplar Element E and TS Pilot projects and characteristics associated with success.



Disseminate best practices and evaluation tools to strengthen Element E and TS Pilot programs across hubs.

Measuring Success in Translational Science WG: Deliverables

Dissemination of findings on Element E and TS Pilot project characteristics, outcomes, and measures of success.

1. Abstract accepted for national conference presentation
2. Manuscript published in a peer-reviewed journal

Develop shared resource for retrospective coding and evaluation of Element E and TS Pilot projects.

1. Written resource completed and made available to CTSA hubs.
2. WG's coding framework, summary findings, and practical guidance for retrospective project evaluation

Review framework for prospective Element E and TS Pilot projects.

1. Review rubric and scoring criteria developed for use in funding decisions
2. Evidence of review, pilot testing, or adoption of the rubric by CTSA hubs

Measuring Success in Translational Science WG: Sub-Group Task Teams



1. Development of Coding System Sub-Group:

- › Develop a framework for evaluating Element E and TS Pilot projects

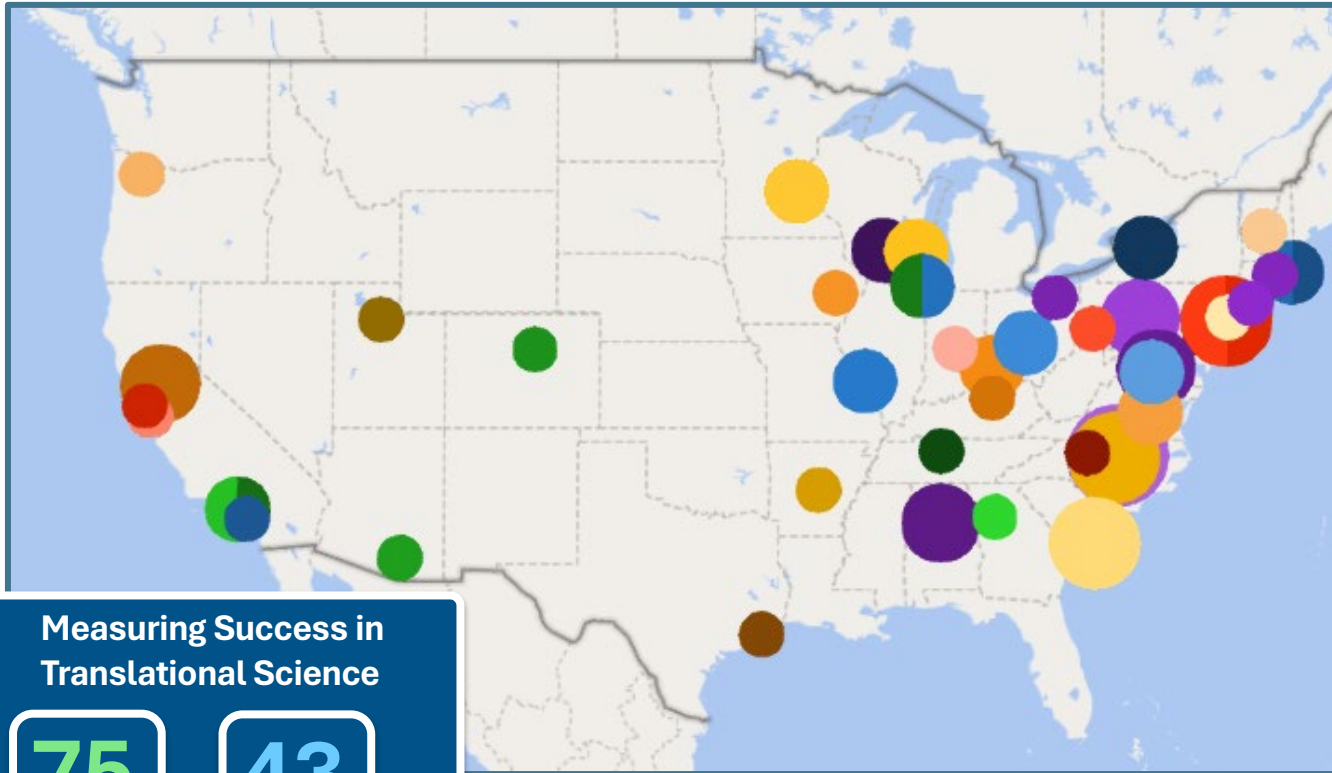
2. Case Study Collection Sub-Group: Solicitation of TS Pilots & Element E projects to use as case studies.

- › *WG leadership has had initial meeting with CCOS survey team for CTSA-wide solicitation*
- › *Plan to start with working group member hubs & programs*

3. Landscape Review Sub-Group: Review existing projects and resources to identify trends and gaps

- › *Plan to start with projects and resources from member CTSA hubs and programs*

Measuring Success in Translational Science Team



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Translational Science

75

Members

43

Hubs represented



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Measuring Success in Translational Science WG: Get Involved



Measuring Success in Translational Science

This Working Group will develop a shared framework for measuring success in translational science by analyzing CTSA Element E and Pilot projects, identifying effective evaluation approaches, and creating practical resources to support consistent assessment and improvement across the Consortium.

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This group meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at 3:00 PM Eastern. Next meeting is **September 15th, 2026.**

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Building and Scaling a Collaborative Continuing Education Training Program for Clinical Research Professionals

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Why this working group?



Challenge

- Enabling true collaboration that leverages local skills and expertise and avoids duplication of effort
- Translating competencies into practical, relevant topics
- Delivering continuing education for CRPs beyond onboarding
- Creating professional development opportunities for CRPs as trainers



Goals

- Establish a scalable, reproducible framework for CRP training using a collaborative network model across hubs.
- Develop a one or more pilots that establishes partnerships to develop their own RPN Workshop Network(s).
- Collect input & feedback from Pilot Networks on their experience with development & implementation of the RPN Workshops Model.

What will we do?



Deliverables

- Guidance documents, toolkits, resource hub
- Support & mentoring for new network(s)
- Program-level and workshop level metrics and assessment tools and evaluations
- RPN Workshops Summit virtual gathering



Impact

- Enhanced interinstitutional collaboration expands reach and reduces duplication
- Peer-led, competency-based, role-specific continuing education enhances CRP skills and networks
- Collaborative network model improves speed, efficiency, & quality of training while preserving local autonomy

RESEARCH PROFESSIONALS NETWORK

Evidence of value



"I think it is SO incredibly valuable to collaborate with our fellow institutions / colleagues - that way we are able to combine our individual experiences, perspectives, backgrounds, challenges, and solutions to collectively grow, learn, and better serve our participants, teams, and the science we're conducting. SOO important and valuable!"

"Attending RPN workshops has helped me compare my current practices to others ... and adopt their ideas when possible/appropriate. I feel RPN workshops have increased my knowledge and confidence and I value having this as a resource for continuous education."



Next CTSA Program Webinar

October 28th, 2026

We hope to see you
at the 2026 Fall
Program Meeting in
Washington DC from
Sep 23rd – Sep 25th

This meeting will replace the
September CTSA Program Webinar



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