



ORP Open Forum

Friday, September 19, 2025 | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CT
Crystal B (Lobby Level)

Please join us in-person to discuss topics in a small group setting. Rotate between four 20-minute sessions of your choice to learn more about conducting SWOG trials, mitigating challenges, and implementing strategies with your facilitator and tablemates. This meeting is open to everyone and provides an opportunity to hear updates and ask questions. Please join us!

Table Schedule: please attend one table topic per session.

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Round Table Topics

ORP Sub-Committees: Oncology Research Professionals (ORP) is a vast network of CRCs, research nurses, pharmacists, and data and regulatory coordinators. As such, it's important to have representation from the smallest community site to the largest NCORP consortium. It takes a village to ensure all patients have access to the best cancer research! Meet with ORP's membership committee members to see how you can get involved in ORP committees.

Veterans Affairs (VA): Research at the VA is dynamic but presents numerous unique challenges. There are heightened protections for VA study participants and often other logistical barriers to getting trials open and successfully enrolling. High variability in policy, priorities and staffing across VA sites also contributes to complexity. That said, we are always stronger and more effective when we work together. Come share site-level concerns with the hope that together, we can find positive working solutions and identify common barriers to tackle together. Table Facilitators: Leslie Weissenstein, Assistant Programs Manager & VA Program Manager, SWOG Network Operations Center, San Antonio, TX, and Lacy Teegerstrom, Membership Specialist, SWOG Network Operation Center.

Site Reimbursement/National Coverage Analyses (NCA): Members of the SWOG Funding team will be present to provide information on a variety of topics including financial agreements, payment reports, funding memos, and National Coverage Analyses (NCAs). If you have questions pertaining to how a study is funded and/or how enrolling sites are funded, please drop by the SWOG Reimbursement/NCA table and we will work to get those questions answered. Table Facilitators: Pat Mize & Denise Sherman, Grants and Contracts, SWOG Network Operations Center; and Chris Gilbert & Anna Hogan, Budget Analysts, SWOG Clinical Trials Partnerships (CTP).

SWOG QA: It's a new audit world out there! Sites and auditors now face new operational challenges. Learn common audit findings, how to prepare for remote audits and understand the "why" behind new processes and requirements. Bring your questions and ask the expert. Table Facilitator: Laura Gonzales, BSN, MA, RN, OCN, QA Manager, SWOG Operations Office, San Antonio, TX.

SWOG Specimens: Learn about best practices for submitting specimens to the SWOG Biobank, including common specimen submission issues and how to prevent them. Members from the SWOG Biobank will facilitate so bring any questions or challenges related to collecting, processing, or shipping specimens to the SWOG Biobank table! Table Facilitators: Kae Tegtmeier, Business and Project Development Director, and Erin Grundy, Biorepository Protocol Coordinator at Biopathology Center at The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, OH.

Serious Adverse Events (SAEs): Whether you're new to research or have been around for a while, SAEs can be confusing. Come learn from SWOG about best practices and reporting tips. Table Facilitator: Dominique McReynolds, BSN, RN, SAE Coordinator, SWOG Network Operations Center, San Antonio, TX.

LORP Workbench - Online Training and Educational Resources: Need resources? Join Cara Laubach, SWOG Training Manager to discuss available online training and educational resources relevant to the conduct of NCTN and NCORP clinical trials.

Plain Language Patient Communication: Share your feedback on SWOG's patient-friendly trial summaries: What do you like about them, and what could we do better? You'll also get a sneak peek at a few tools and resources SWOG is developing to help site staff apply plain language best practices so patients understand complicated information about clinical trials. And you can share your ideas for how SWOG can best support your site with patient communication. Table Facilitators: Andrea Mongler, MPH, SWOG Plain Language Medical Writer and Frank DeSanto, MFA, SWOG Communications and Public Relations Manager.

Decoding Cytogenetics CRFs: A guide to interpreting cytogenetic reports. Samples of Cytogenetic reports will be available to review and interpret. The karyotype ISCN description and nuc ish will be discussed, along with how to identify mutations and complete cytogenetic forms in RAVE. Handouts will be available to refer to when reviewing cytogenetic reports, with a brief discussion of the various tests used to analyze chromosomes and detect mutations.

Frontline Community Engagement: Join the panelists from the Oishi Symposium to discuss the importance of frontline engagement with our communities. Learn about strategies to encourage strong and robust enrollment to clinical trials.

Notes:

Handouts and supporting resources from the Open Forum session are available on the SWOG website at <https://www.swog.org/fall-2025-oncology-research-professionals-resources> or by scanning the QR code below.



I certify that I attended _____ hours of this meeting. The topics of the meeting contribute to the education and professional advancement in clinical research.

Signature_____ Date_____

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