

ORP Open Forum

Friday, May 1, 2026 | 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM PT
Pacific L-O (Pacific Concourse 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: Lacy Teegerstrom, Membership & VA Coordinator, SWOG Network Operations Center, San Antonio, TX, and Kelly Puchalski, RN, CCRA, Clinical Research Program Manager -Oncology, Philadelphia Research & Education Foundation, Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center, Philadelphia, PA

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). There will be special focus on new financial agreements and related changes. 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, SWOG's Assistant Director of Grants Management, SWOG Network Operations Center; and Chris Gilbert & Anna Hogan, Budget Analysts, SWOG Clinical Trials Partnerships (CTP).

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 and SWOG Statistical and Data Management Center will facilitate, so bring any questions or challenges related to specimen expectations, or specimen collection, processing, or shipping to the SWOG Biobank table! Table Facilitators: Kae Tegtmeier, Business and Project Development Director, and Erin Grundy, Biorepository Protocol Coordinator at the SWOG Biospecimen Bank (located at the Abigail Wexner Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, OH), and Cathy Rankin, Coordinating Statistician, from the SWOG Statistical and Data Management Center.

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, and Maggie Spillers, BSN, RN, SWOG Quality Assurance Assistant Manager

LORP Workbench - Online Regulatory Resources and Educational Materials: Need regulatory resources? Join Laura Gonzales, SWOG Quality Assurance Manager and Cara Laubach, SWOG Training Manager to discuss available online resources and educational materials relevant to quality assurance and regulatory compliance in the conduct of NCTN and NCORP clinical trials.

Decoding Chromosomes: 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 test used to analyze chromosomes and detect mutations.

Clinical Trials Partnership: Have feedback? We want to hear it.

The SWOG Clinical Trials Partnerships invites sites to connect with us about our active and upcoming studies. We'll share what's open, what's launching next, and discuss the challenges and successes you've experienced participating in our trials.

CTSU Open Modernization: Join us to learn more about the upcoming Cancer Trials Support Unit (CTSU) Oncology Patient Enrollment Network (OPEN) modernization effort. You will have the opportunity to talk with CTSU's OPEN expert, get a sneak peek at the updated system, and have your OPEN-related questions answered.

Participants with Limited English Proficiency; IRB considerations for study document translations: This table summarizes available guidance on IRB review of study documents translated into languages other than English (e.g., patient education materials, patient summaries, and general clinical trial information). It covers which IRBs (CIRB and/or local) review which translated document types, the process for developing an institutional consent form model in a non-English language for a network group study, and ethical considerations in obtaining e-consent from participants who speak limited or no English. Facilitators: Dacia Christin (SWOG Latin America Initiative Project Manager), Angela Norman (Administrator, Cancer Prevention and Control Central CIRB), Renee Green (Local Context Administrator, CIRB).

Response Criteria: Tips and Tricks for capturing response assessments compliantly. Discussion will include common sticking points for understanding response criteria, communication tips with outside departments, and lessons learned from audits. Table Facilitator: Nichole Mahaffey, Ph.D., CCRP Assistant Director of PRMS University of California Davis Health, Comprehensive Cancer Center

Juggling Follow-up Schedules Without Losing Your Sanity: Over the past year, the Sutter Cancer Research Consortium has overseen NCI patient follow up visits across 15 sites throughout Northern California. Multiple strategies have been implemented to effectively manage the NCI patients enrolled and followed while consistently maintaining low delinquency rates. Two members of the consortium, Kira Chin and Lori Edwards, RN will provide “tips and tricks” to keep this running smoothly!

All Things Audits: Join the Oishi panelists to discuss strategies for audit preparation, quality control and ways to maintain audit readiness through the day-to-day operations in clinical research.

Notes:

Handouts and supporting resources from the Open Forum session are available on the SWOG website at <https://www.swog.org/spring-2026-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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