

SWOG Fall 2026 Plenary:
SWOG and the NCI: Advancing the Research Cooperative Groups Do Best (Part I)

FRIDAY, OCT 9 • 2 – 4 pm CT • REGENCY BCD (Ballroom Level, West Tower) & ONLINE

Public-powered research represents a distinct and valuable swath of the oncology research landscape. These are not just the trials cooperative groups do more of – they're the trials we do best. At the fall plenary, we'll explore how we can become even better at what we do best as we move into new NCTN and NCORP grant cycles.

SWOG Updates and Transitions

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Vision for NCORP as We Approach a New Grant Cycle

Brandy Heckman-Stoddard, PhD, MPH
*Director, NCI Community Oncology Research Program
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The Role of Federally Sponsored Clinical Trials in Cancer Research

Joseph M. Unger, PhD
*SWOG Statistics and Data Management Center
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Can Observational Real World Evidence Replace Randomized Clinical Trials?

Steven Piantadosi, MD, PhD
*Director, Data Innovation Lab & Associate Group Chair for Strategic Initiatives and Innovation
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Pragmatic Trials in Oncology: Lessons from TrACER (S1415CD)

Scott Ramsey, MD, PhD
*Director, Hutchinson Institute for Cancer Outcomes Research
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Pragmatic Trials in Oncology: Lessons from Pragmatica-Lung (S2302)

Karen Reckamp, MD
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Statistical Considerations for the Design of Pragmatic Trials

Mary W. Redman, PhD
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Panel Discussion

All Presenters