

ORP Open Forum

Friday, October 9, 2026 | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM CT
Crystal B (Lobby Level, West Tower)

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.

Open Forum Round Tables	Session 1 12:05-12:25	Session 2 12:25-12:45	Session 3 12:45- 1:05	Session 4 1:05-1:25
Table 1	**ORP Sub-Committees** Nikki Stover & ORP Members	**ORP Sub-Committees** Nikki Stover & ORP Members	**ORP Sub-Committees** Nikki Stover & ORP Members	**ORP Sub-Committees** Nikki Stover & ORP Members
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Table 3	**Site Reimbursement - NCA** Pat Mize, Chris Pustulka, Anna Hogan	**Site Reimbursement - NCA** Pat Mize, Chris Pustulka, Anna Hogan	**Site Reimbursement - NCA** Pat Mize, Chris Pustulka, Anna Hogan	**Site Reimbursement - NCA** Pat Mize, Chris Pustulka, Anna Hogan
Table 4	**SWOG Specimens** Kae Tegtmeier, Erin Grundy, Amy Darke	**SWOG Specimens** Kae Tegtmeier, Erin Grundy, Amy Darke	**SWOG Specimens** Kae Tegtmeier, Erin Grundy, Amy Darke	**SWOG Specimens** Kae Tegtmeier, Erin Grundy, Amy Darke
Table 5	**SWOG QA** Laura Gonzales	**SWOG QA** Laura Gonzales	**SWOG QA** Laura Gonzales	**SWOG QA** Laura Gonzales
Table 6	**Decoding Chromosomes** Rose Ermete	**Decoding Chromosomes** Rose Ermete	**Decoding Chromosomes** Rose Ermete	**Decoding Chromosomes** Rose Ermete
Table 7	**SWOG Trial Feedback** Sandy Annis Erin Cebula	**SWOG Trial Feedback** Sandy Annis Erin Cebula	**SWOG Trial Feedback** Sandy Annis Erin Cebula	**SWOG Trial Feedback** Sandy Annis Erin Cebula
Table 8	**SWOG, CTP & Site Success** Evonne Lackey Christine Magner	**SWOG, CTP & Site Success** Evonne Lackey Christine Magner	**SWOG, CTP & Site Success** Evonne Lackey Christine Magner	**SWOG, CTP & Site Success** Evonne Lackey Christine Magner
Table 9	**Plain Language Patient Communication** Andrea Mongler	**Plain Language Patient Communication** Andrea Mongler	**Plain Language Patient Communication** Andrea Mongler	**Plain Language Patient Communication** Andrea Mongler
Table 10	**Clinical Research Billing** Denise Quint	**Clinical Research Billing** Denise Quint	**Clinical Research Billing** Denise Quint	**Clinical Research Billing** Denise Quint
Table 11	**Ask the FDA** Jennifer Adams, Colleen Burke, Christina Wiess	**Ask the FDA** Jennifer Adams, Colleen Burke, Christina Wiess	**Ask the FDA** Jennifer Adams, Colleen Burke, Christina Wiess	**Ask the FDA** Jennifer Adams, Colleen Burke, Christina Wiess
Table 12 (REMOTE)	**Response Criteria** Nichole Mahaffey	**Response Criteria** Nichole Mahaffey	**Response Criteria** Nichole Mahaffey	**Response Criteria** Nichole Mahaffey

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.

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 Amy Darke.

SWOG QA: Let's talk audits! Bring your questions about how to prepare for a SWOG audit. Facilitator: Laura Gonzales, BSN, MA, RN, OCN, QA Manager, SWOG Network Operations Center, San Antonio, TX.

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. Table Facilitator: Rose Ermete.

SWOG Trial Feedback: What feedback would you like SWOG to consider when designing and reviewing protocols? Share your experiences and suggestions related to study feasibility, operational efficiency, participant burden, eligibility criteria, data requirements, and other factors that impact successful trial conduct.

SWOG, CTP, Sites = Success: Do you have questions that hurt your soul, fry your brain, or just make you want to pull out someone else's hair? Tired of the same queries? Want to learn how to manage your expectation report? Curious about the similarities and differences between SWOG and CTP trials? Interested in a mentoring visit? Join SDMC representatives Christine Magner and Evonne Lackey as they assist you in your successful quest for getting answers to your questions as they share information about SWOG's programs and/or tools. Take advantage of the opportunity to share with them what the SDMC might be able to do new, better or different to ease your way. This open forum table is for you and your success!

Plain Language Patient Communication: Meet with Andrea Mongler, MPH, SWOG's Plain Language Communications Expert. Share your feedback on new patient-facing resources, including plain language trial results summaries and participant thank-you letters: What do you like about them, and what could we do better? You'll also have an opportunity to share your ideas for how SWOG can best support your site with patient communication.

Ask the FDA: Join members of the FDA to ask your most critical clinical research questions. Facilitated by Jennifer Adams, BS, MPH, Commander, US Public Health Service, Branch Chief, Bioresearch Monitoring Foreign Investigational Branch, US FDA, and Colleen Burke, RN, MSN, Investigator, US FDA. Joined by Christina Wiess, Sr. Associate Director of Clinical Operations at Yale Cancer Center Clinical Trials Office.

Medically Necessary. Standard of Care. Covered? Not Necessarily: Meet with Denise Quint, CPC, CHC, CHRC, Healthcare Compliance Consultant, to discuss your questions and concerns related to clinical trial billing and learn what your requirements are at a clinical research site.

(Remote Option) 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

Notes:

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