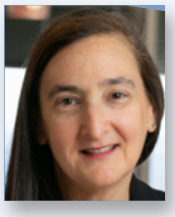
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Vision for NCORP as We Approach a New Grant Cycle

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The Role of Federally Sponsored Clinical Trials in Cancer Research

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Can Observational Real World Evidence Replace Randomized Clinical Trials?

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Pragmatic Trials in Oncology: Lessons from TrACER (S1415CD)

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Pragmatic Trials in Oncology: Lessons from Pragmatica-Lung (S2302)

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Statistical Considerations for the Design of Pragmatic Trials

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Panel Discussion

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