

# ORP Open Forum

Thursday, October 12, 2023 | 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM CT

Round tables discussions are back! 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 12:35-12:55	Session 2 12:55-1:15	Session 3 1:15- 1:35	Session 4 1:35-1:55
Table 1	<b>Feasibility Strategies</b> Anthony Hicks	<b>Feasibility Strategies</b> Anthony Hicks	<b>Feasibility Strategies</b> Anthony Hicks	<b>Feasibility Strategies</b> Anthony Hicks
Table 2	<b>Site Successes in the Post Pandemic Era</b> Amy Koffarnus and Kamara Mertz-Rivera	<b>Site Successes in the Post Pandemic Era</b> Amy Koffarnus and Kamara Mertz-Rivera	<b>Site Successes in the Post Pandemic Era</b> Amy Koffarnus and Kamara Mertz-Rivera	<b>Site Successes in the Post Pandemic Era</b> Amy Koffarnus and Kamara Mertz-Rivera
Table 3	<b>Site Operations: Tips and Tricks for Research Managers</b> Connie Szczepanek and Kira Pavlik	<b>Site Operations: Tips and Tricks for Research Managers</b> Connie Szczepanek and Kira Pavlik	<b>Site Operations: Tips and Tricks for Research Managers</b> Connie Szczepanek and Kira Pavlik	<b>Site Operations: Tips and Tricks for Research Managers</b> Connie Szczepanek and Kira Pavlik
Table 4	<b>Veterans Affairs (VA)</b> Leslie Weissenstein Caitlin Hutchinson Christine Summers	<b>Veterans Affairs (VA)</b> Leslie Weissenstein Caitlin Hutchinson Christine Summers	<b>Veterans Affairs (VA)</b> Leslie Weissenstein Caitlin Hutchinson Christine Summers	<b>Veterans Affairs (VA)</b> Leslie Weissenstein Caitlin Hutchinson Christine Summers
Table 5	<b>Site Reimbursement – NCA</b> Pat Mize, Chris Pustulka and Anna Hogan	<b>Site Reimbursement – NCA</b> Pat Mize, Chris Pustulka and Anna Hogan	<b>Site Reimbursement – NCA</b> Pat Mize, Chris Pustulka and Anna Hogan	<b>Site Reimbursement – NCA</b> Pat Mize, Chris Pustulka and Anna Hogan
Table 6	<b>QA Q&amp;A</b> Laura Gonzales	<b>QA Q&amp;A</b> Laura Gonzales	<b>QA Q&amp;A</b> Laura Gonzales	<b>QA Q&amp;A</b> Laura Gonzales
Table 7	<b>SWOG Specimens</b> Kae Tegtmeier	<b>SWOG Specimens</b> Kae Tegtmeier	<b>SWOG Specimens</b> Kae Tegtmeier	<b>SWOG Specimens</b> Kae Tegtmeier
Table 8	<b>CTSU Updates</b> Martha Hering	<b>CTSU Updates</b> Martha Hering	<b>CTSU Updates</b> Martha Hering	<b>CTSU Updates</b> Martha Hering
Table 9	<b>Serious Adverse Events</b> Maggie Spillers and Dominique McReynolds	<b>Serious Adverse Events</b> Maggie Spillers and Dominique McReynolds	<b>Serious Adverse Events</b> Maggie Spillers and Dominique McReynolds	<b>Serious Adverse Events</b> Maggie Spillers and Dominique McReynolds
Table 10	<b>Informed Consents &amp; Short Forms for Non-English Speaking Patients</b> Dacia Christin Dana Sparks	<b>Informed Consents &amp; Short Forms for Non-English Speaking Patients</b> Dacia Christin Dana Sparks	<b>Informed Consents &amp; Short Forms for Non-English Speaking Patients</b> Dacia Christin Dana Sparks	<b>Informed Consents &amp; Short Forms for Non-English Speaking Patients</b> Dacia Christin Dana Sparks

## Round Table Topics

**Feasibility Strategies:** Join us to discuss protocol feasibility at your site. Discussions will include strategies from lessons learned and how to help mitigate the challenges and hurdles we face today. We'll have resources, tips, and tools to improve recruitment such as the Clinical Trial Review Guide found on the CRA Workbench. Bring your questions and share what has been successful at your site. **Table Facilitator: Anthony Hicks, Operations Supervisor, Cancer Research Consortium of West Michigan.**

**Site Successes in the Post-Pandemic Era:** Continue the conversation with the Oishi panelists. Learn what has been successful at their sites and how their solutions may help you. Learn where to put your time and energy to continue to solve post pandemic issues at your site. Feel free to ask questions and add your perspective! **Table Facilitators: Amy Koffarnus, Research Administrator, CROWN Consortium and Kamara Mertz-Rivera, Director of Clinical Research, Upstate Carolina NCORP.**

**Site Operations – Tips and Tricks for Research Managers:** Join the Oishi Panelists which have navigated a variety of changes and challenges while serving in a leadership role. Learn and share best practices and discuss a variety of strategies which have led to site success. Bring your questions! **Table Facilitators: Connie Szczepanek, Director, Cancer Research Consortium of West Michigan and Kira Pavlik, Senior Assistant Director, Clinical Trials Office Yale University.**

**Veterans Affairs (VA):** Oncology research at the VA allows Veterans to participate in cutting edge clinical trials but presents unique challenges. Each VA has their own research policies and procedures that can create barriers to opening and maintaining clinical trials. Whether you are new to the VA or a seasoned research member, come collaborate and brainstorm ways we can find solutions. **Table Facilitators: Leslie Weissenstein, Assistant Programs Manager & VA Program Manager, SWOG Operations Office, San Antonio, TX; Caitlin Hutchinson, Clinical Research Manager, Oncology at the Rocky Mountain Regional VAMC, University of Colorado and Christine Summers, Research Coordinator, Oncology at VA Connecticut.**

**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 where your site's funding should be coming from, please drop by the SWOG Funding table and we will work to get those questions answered. **Table Facilitators: Pat Mize, SWOG Grants and Contracts Manager, SWOG Network Operations Center; and Chris Pustulka & Anna Hogan, Budget Analysts, SWOG Clinical Trials Partnerships (CTP)**

**QA Q&A:** 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 Facilitator: Kae Tegtmeier, Business and Project Development Director, Biopathology Center at The Research Institute at Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus, OH**

**CTSU Updates:** Join us as we share updates for the Oncology Patient Enrollment Network (OPEN) Portal system and ID.me, as well as updates and information related to Aurora, RUMs, the DQP and DTL. If you have questions pertaining to any of our CTSU systems or integrations, please stop by the CTSU table to discuss.  
**Table Facilitator: Martha Hering, Clinical Trials Support Unit (CTSU)**

**Serious Adverse Events (SAEs):** Whether you're new to research or have been around for a while, SAEs can be confusing. Come learn from the SWOG Operations office best practices and reporting tips. **Table Facilitator: Maggie Spillers, Quality Assurance Assistant Manager, SWOG Operations Office, San Antonio, TX and Dominique McReynolds, SAE Coordinator, SWOG Operations Office, San Antonio, TX.**

**Informed Consents & Short Forms for Non-English-Speaking Patients:** We'll focus on translations and consent of non-English speaking patients. We will discuss study document translation (who, when, etc.), use of short forms, creation of institutional policies for consent of non-English speaking patients, and networking opportunities for Spanish-speaking CRAs. There will also be an opportunity to exchange experiences. The facilitator is interested in hearing attendees' thoughts on understandability and cultural appropriateness of informed consent and other study document translations, as well as sharing ideas for how to improve translations for US sites. **Table Facilitators: Dacia Christin, M.A., M.P.H, Project Manager and SWOG Latin America Initiative Liaison, SWOG Data Operations Center/ Cancer Research and Biostatistics, Seattle, WA and Dana Sparks, Director of Operations and Protocols, SWOG Operations Office, San Antonio, TX**

**Notes:**

Handouts and supporting resources from the Open Forum session are available on the SWOG website at <https://www.swog.org/fall-2023-oncology-research-professionals-resources-0> 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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