Navigating Clinical Trials

Key Insights for Providers in Oncology

MAY 14, 2025 • VIRTUAL COURSE

This course covers best practices in clinical research, enhances protocol management skills, and explores opportunities for providers to advance oncology research as clinical investigators.

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Overview

Clinical research is essential to the advancement of medicine and is especially relevant in the oncology setting. Clinical care of patients on a clinical trial requires advanced regulatory knowledge to ensure optimal protocol adherence and medical management.

This course will review best practices of clinical research for licensed providers and others who wish to deepen their understanding of the responsibilities of the clinical trial investigator and strengthen partnerships with the research team.

Faculty will cover a range of topics, including:

- **scientific communication;**
- **ethical considerations and subject protection;**
- **the lifecycle of translational and clinical research;**
- **recent advancements and FDA approvals;**
- **diversity in clinical trials with a focus on vulnerable populations;**
- **fostering community partnerships and referrals; and**
- **the importance of collaborative, team-based care.**

Attendees will receive access to an online syllabus after the course concludes, which will include select recorded videos of the faculty presentations.

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Target Audience

This course is designed for physician assistants, nurse practitioners, physicians, students, registered nurses, clinical pharmacy specialists, and other allied health professionals.

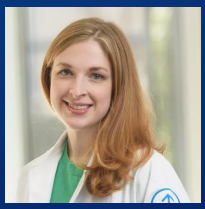
Discounted registration is available for specific groups, including complimentary registration for health professional students and registrants who reside in low and lower-middle income countries. Visit the course website for additional information.

Objectives

The goal of this educational activity is to:

- Engage participants in a comprehensive learning experience using interdisciplinary didactic sessions highlighting team-based clinical research operations.
- Explore the advances in novel therapies and FDA-approved agents developed at our NCI-designated cancer center.
- Discuss the importance of diversity within clinical trials and opportunities to address representation in clinical research.
- Highlight common challenges faced by clinical trial participants and strategies to improve the patient experience while mitigating barriers to enrollment and successful clinical trial operations.
- Employ skills to advance practice as a clinical trial investigator and protocol expert.

Symposium Planners



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INVITED KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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Schedule

Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 8:00 AM—5:00 PM
All times indicated in the schedule follow Eastern Time (New York).

Time	Session/Faculty
7:55 AM	ATTENDEE ZOOM SIGN ON

Opening Remarks and Keynote Address

MODERATOR: Erica Sgroe, AGACNP-BC

8:00 AM	**Welcome and Introduction** Erica Sgroe, AGACNP-BC Paul Sabbatini, MD
8:05 AM	**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

The Power of Clear Science Communication: Connecting Patients and Providers
Jessica Steier, DrPH, PMP

8:35 AM	**Q&A and Discussion**

An Introduction to Clinical Research: Historical Perspective and Contemporary Standards

MODERATOR: Erica Sgroe, AGACNP-BC

8:45 AM	**A History of Clinical Research: How We Got to Where We're Today** Roy Cambria, BS, CCRP, CIP
9:15 AM	**The Institutional Review Board: Protecting Participants and Upholding Research Standards** Susan F. Slovin, MD, PhD
9:40 AM	**Q&A and Discussion**
9:50 AM	BREAK

From Laboratory to Clinic: Transforming Science into Therapeutic Solutions

MODERATOR: Katrina Columna, MSN, RN, FNP-BC

10:05 AM	**Making an IMPACT: Translating Data into Actionable Targets for Oncology Research** Gabrielle Arauz, MSN, AGNP-BC, OCN®
10:30 AM	**From Bench to Trial: Creating Concepts for Early Stage Research** Ezra Rosen, MD, PhD
10:55 AM	**Data, Design, and Decisions: The Biostatistics Behind Clinical Trials** Samantha Brown, MS Stephanie Lobaugh, MS
11:25 AM	**Pioneering Cellular Therapies at MSK** June Song, MPAS, PA-C
11:45 AM	**Q&A and Discussion**
12:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK

Expanding Access: Overcoming Recruitment Barriers and Ensuring Ethical Inclusion in Clinical Trials

MODERATOR: Rachel Conybeare, MSN, ANP-BC, AOCNP®

12:30 PM	**Diversity in Clinical Trials: Addressing Gaps and Shaping Future Recruitment Strategies** Linda Ahn, MSN, ANP-BC, AOCNP® Desiree Bascombe, MSN, FNP-BC
12:55 PM	**Ethical and Safety Considerations for Vulnerable Populations** Kelly Haviland, PhD, FNP-BC, TGNB-C
1:20 PM	**Community-Based Clinical Trials for Addressing Immigrant Health and Cancer Disparities** Jessica Llamozas, MSN, RN, CPH
1:40 PM	**Patient Referral and Trial Navigation: How to Use Protocols and ClinicalTrials.gov Effectively** Madeline Merrill, MSN, AGNP-BC
2:00 PM	**Q&A and Discussion**
2:15 PM	BREAK

Beyond the Protocol: Navigating Patient-Centered Challenges

MODERATOR: Kristen Stasi, MSN, RN, OCN®

2:30 PM **Easing the Burden: Tackling Financial Toxicity for Clinical Trial Patients**
Roisin O'Cearbhaill, MD

2:55 PM **Regional Care Network Strategies for Effective Clinical Trial Implementation**
Lauren Wood, MSN, RN, AGCNS-BC, OCN®

3:15 PM **The Human Side of Clinical Trials: Ensuring a Positive Patient Experience**
Rachel Conybeare, MSN, ANP-BC, AOCNP®

3:30 PM **Ensuring Safety and Efficacy: Key Considerations in Pediatric Clinical Trials**
Miriam Pudel, MSN, RN, CPNP, CPON®

3:55 PM **Q&A and Discussion**

We're All in This Together: A Panel Discussion with the Multidisciplinary Care Team

MODERATOR: Theresa Elko, DMSc, PA-C

4:10 PM **DISCUSSANTS**

Natalie Brumwell, PharmD, BCOP (Clinical Pharmacist)
Diana Frias, BA (Clinical Research Supervisor)
James Harding, MD (Principal Investigator)
Katherine Nagel, MS, FNP-BC (Clinical Trials APP)
Linh Tran, BSN, RN, OCN® (Clinical Trials Nurse)

4:40 PM **Q&A and Discussion**

4:55 PM **Closing Remarks**
Theresa Elko, DMSc, PA-C

5:00 PM ADJOURNMENT

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- Lifelong Learning & Self-Assessment MOC points for the American Board of Pediatrics (**ABP**) Maintenance of Certification program.

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Registration Fees	
Physicians (MDs, PhDs, and DOs)	$199
Advanced Practice Providers	$149
Nurses and Other Healthcare Providers	$99
Residents and Fellow*	$25
Industry Professionals**	$435
MSK Employees	Complimentary

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