## Clinical Trials Scholars Program

#### A New Learning Opportunity from the Office of the VPR



Office of the Vice President for Research

## Clinical Trial Scholars Program

#### Mission

To provide clinicians interested in clinical trials with the necessary tools to find and develop relationships with potential industry sponsors.



## Goals

Provide career development opportunities for potential clinical trialists

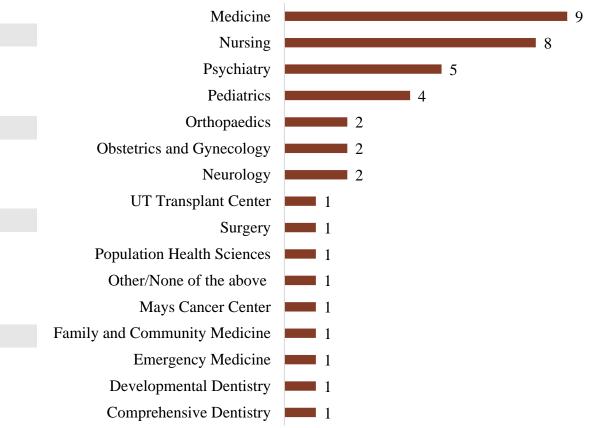
Increase institutional participation in multicenter clinical trials by capitalizing on clinical trials opportunities

Contribute to the financial sustainability of the clinical research enterprise at UT Health San Antonio through acquisition of more clinical trials

Advance public health and medicine to help our communities stay healthy

Clinical Trial Involvement	Number of Respondents
Yes	14
No	3
Number of clinical trials involved in	
1-3	2
4-5	4
More than 5	8
Position	
Clinical faculty	27
Non-clinical faculty	13
Non-clinical staff	1
Funding Type*	
Industry sponsored	11
Federal funding	11
Private grants	8
Not funded or sponsored	4
Clinical Trial Roles Held*	
Principal Investigator	11
Sub-investigator	13
Research coordinator or nurse	3
Other	1

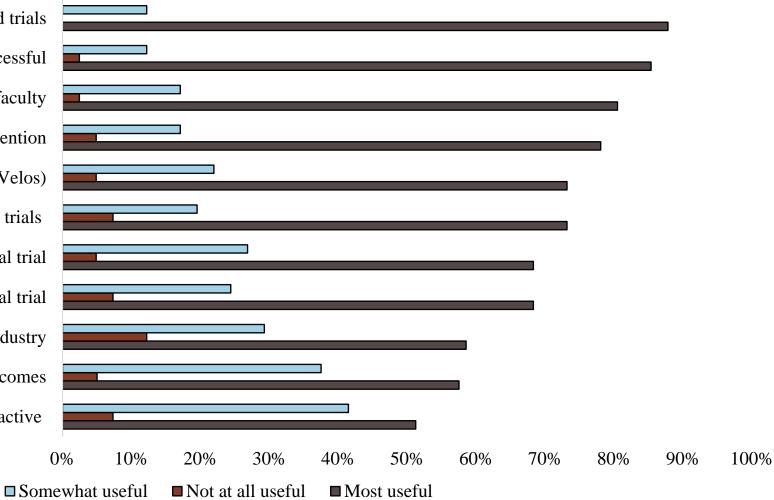
**Respondent department** 



Needs Questionnaire- Respondent Characteristics

#### **Proposed Topics**

Investigator initiated trials How to make your trial successful Partnerships between clinical and biomedical faculty Participant Recruitment and Retention Use of a clinical trial management system (eVelos) Ethical and regulatory issues for clinical trials What to do after you've identified a potential trial How to find a clinical trial Sponsored trials in industry Primary research authorships/secondary outcomes How to make your clinical trial site more attractive



## Finalized topics

Industry-sponsored clinical trials: What's in it for me?	How to find a trial	I found a trial, what now? Part 1: Feasibility questionnaires & resources	I found a trial, what now? Part 2: Budgeting, agreements, and approvals
Ethics and regulatory issues	Making your trial successful: Working with study staff	Trial participant recruitment	<b>End session:</b> Speed networking

#### **Qualitative responses**

Other topics of interest	Barriers to participation	Support for participation
Innovative/experimental research design	Clinical obligations	Flexible options for attendance
Collaboration with other faculty	Time constraints	Departmental support
FDA procedures		

# What we learned



Per questionnaire responses, in-person and remote options desired

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Lunch hours (12:30-1:30 PM) are best

Infrastructure such as a data coordinating center desired



Planning committee feed back led to the addition of topics such as the core labs, why clinical trials matter for departments and hiring research staff



#### CLINICAL TRIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

CTSP is designed to provide clinicians interested in conducting clinical trials with information and tools to help them find opportunities to participate in sponsored clinical trials, develop relationships with sponsors and clinical research organizations, and conduct clinical trials.



Use your phone to scan the QR code to stay up-to-date on all things CTSP!

#### Coming fall 2022!

We will also be virtually presenting a poster about the CTSP at the IIMS Research Day, May 4, 2022, from 8:30 AM until 3 PM.

Scan the code on the flyer or click the link in the chat to let us know you're interested in the program!



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## What is a sponsored clinical trial?



## Drug and device manufacturers organize clinical trials to demonstrate safety and efficacy to the FDA

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- Data is collected from multiple clinical sites
- Nationwide or multinational
- Companies seek reliable investigators

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#### Phases of clinical trials



Initial safety & dose studies 20-80 participants



Broader safety studies & initial efficacy studies Hundreds of participants Confirm safety & broader efficacy studies Thousands of participants



Post-approval studies Consumer

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# Why would I want to participate in a sponsored clinical trial?



### Experience with clinical trials

Conducting a trial

- Professionally written protocol
- Data collection
- Drug or device storage
- Adverse event reporting
- Monitors to help guide you
- Learn from other sites

Logistics

- Investigator responsibilities
- Budgets
- Approval processes
- Staffing
- Communication
- Time & effort commitment
- Resources

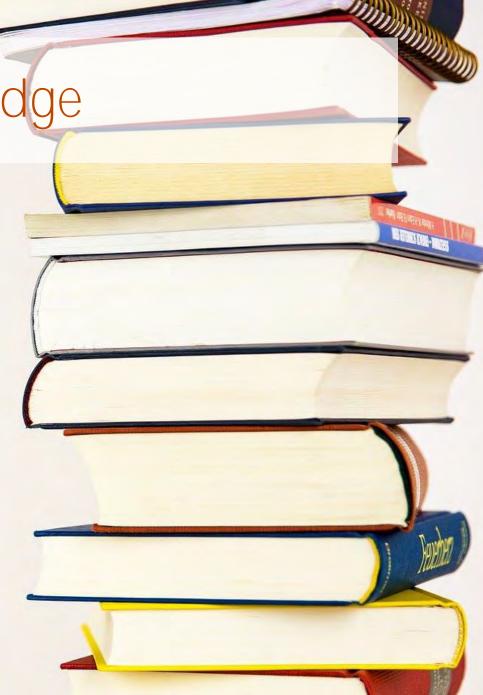


## Provide cutting-edge treatments to your patients

Access to treatments that may be beneficial but are not yet available to practitioners

#### Contribute to medical knowledge

- Trials are how new treatments are developed
- Enrollment of different patient populations for diversity





### Why would my department want me to participate in a sponsored trial?

#### Income for research personnel

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- Startup funding
- Per-patient payments

## On-the-job training for investigators and staff

- Faculty and staff career development
- Development of processes to make future research successful
- Potential for future publications



