



**DOWNSTATE**  
HEALTH SCIENCES UNIVERSITY



**1<sup>st</sup> Annual SUNY Downstate: Clinical Trials Symposium**

Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023, PHAB 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Halls A-D

The DHSU Clinical Trials Symposium aims to strengthen and catalyze clinical trials on campus. Hear about new and current research endeavors, foster new collaborations, and strategize on how to improve clinical trial activity at Downstate.

**Symposium Agenda**

- 8:30am Registration and Breakfast
- 9:00am Welcome and Introduction  
*Sharon Sealy, Executive Director, Office of Research Administration*
- 9:05am Opening Remarks  
*Dr. David Christini, SVP for Research*  
*Dr. David Berger, Chief Executive Officer, University Hospital*  
*\*Dr. Jason Lazar, Vice Dean for Education, College of Medicine*
- 9:20am Introduction of Keynote Speaker  
*Yihenew Abetu, Director, Clinical Trials division*
- 9:30am Keynote Address  
Presentation by Keynote Speaker (External)  
*Dr. John Boockvar MD – Neurosurgeon/Downstate Allum*
  - [John Andrew Boockvar, MD | Northwell Health](#)
  - [Lenox Hill \(TV series\) - Wikipedia](#)
- 10:15am Q&A
- 10:30am Session 1: [Clinical Trials & [TriNetX](#)]  
Speaker 1: ORA Team – Research infrastructure  
*Sharon Sealy, Executive Director, ORA*

*Yihenew Abetu, Director, Clinical Trials division*

- NYC H+H/KCH

10:45am

Speaker 2:

*John Esposito, Senior Director, TriNetX*

11:00am

Speaker 3:

*Dr. Tom Wallach, Assistant Professor, Pediatric Gastroenterology*

11:15am

Q&A

11:30am

Lunch Break & Networking

1:00pm

Breakout Sessions

Session 1: [IRB]

*Kevin Nellis, Executive Director, Human Research Protections*

- Applicable Clinical Trials and PRS reporting (CT.gov)
- Using an External IRB
- What's new with the IRB
- Audience Q&A

Session 2: [CTAC, SLS]

*Dr. Steve Levine, Professor & Vice-Chair, Neurology*

- Introduction of CTAC and what is their charge – Dr. Levine
- Strategic Planning on moving CTs forward at Downstate
  - Resources: CRCs, Space, protected time, strategically what do Physicians need?

Session 3: [Diversity in CTs]

*Dr. Marcus Lambert, AVP for Research and Strategy & Operations*

Panel – [recruitment, enrollment]

- *Dr. Marilyn Fraser, Chief Executive Officer, Arthur Ashe*
- *Alishia Goodridge, AVP for Government & Constituent Relations*
- *Dr. Moro Salifu, Professor & Chair, Department of Medicine*

2:00pm

SUNY & RF Mission – Increasing Trials Across the Enterprise

Panel Discussion:

*Kristen Fry, Director Clinical Vision Research Center at SUNY  
College of Optometry*

- *Coordinator training*
- *How other campuses approach CTs?*

*Scott Shurtleff, VP, Sponsored Programs Services*

- CTFG
- Master Contracts

*Yihenew Abetu, Director, Clinical Trials division*

- Streamlined Training of Coordinators

*Steve Levine, MD*

- NeuroNext – federal perspective
  - a. How that federal trial has increased enrollment and collaboration with other campuses and NYC  
H+H/KCH

3:00pm Future Perspectives & Closing Remarks

Summary and Reflections, *Dr. Marcus Lambert, AVP for Research and Strategy & Operations*

Thank You to Attendees, Speakers, and Organizers, *Dr. David Christini*

- Announcement of Future Events or Follow-Up Activities

3:30pm Reception & Informal Networking

\*Invited