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