

CTSA Imaging Working Group (IWG) Steering Committee WebEx
Monday, September 21, 2009
3:00 PM CDT
Call Summary

In attendance:

Daniel Sullivan, MD (moderator)
Randy L. Gollub, MD, PhD
Richard D. Hichwa, PhD
Michael V. Knopp, MD, PhD
John J. Kotyk, PhD
Katarzyna J. Macura, MD, PhD

Brian D. Reynolds, PhD
RSNA
Linda Bresolin, PhD
Fiona Miller
Susan Anderson
Mary Cerceo

Steering Committee

- To determine the best structure for the CTSA IWG and to provide input on priorities, agenda items and future planning for the CTSA IWG, including meeting possibilities.
- The steering committee will identify and consolidate the priorities and share these priorities with the larger IWG group.
- Assist in broadening the organization with other participants.
- Share tools, methodologies, and success stories
- Work towards integration of CTSA IWG with the larger infrastructure of NCRR/CTSA sites

Background of CTSA IWG

- Loosely modeled on IRAT network which met by monthly conference call and an annual face-to-face meeting and had a structure of three committees.
- Potential obstacles: most CTSA sites do not have financial support for time or travel; programs associated with CTSA do not have financial support for projects
- Outside of NCRR, group is not aware of another national organization working with CTSA
- Dr. Sullivan requested suggestions for communication within CTSA IWG, e.g. the existing bimonthly calls, a newsletter, face-to-face meetings.

CTSA IWG Issues/Priorities

- Dr. Gollub suggested that the committee work towards collaboration and sharing materials
- Explore possibility of leveraging size and activities of CTSA IWG with NCRR for future funding
- Several institutions have replied to the Cores/Education subgroup survey on charges; preliminary information on responses will be discussed at the CTSA IWG working lunch at ACRIN on September 30.
- Other issues:
 - There is a disconnect in getting imaging into clinical trials; some CTSA's have better relationships with cancer centers than others
 - Important to share best practices and education materials
 - Suggestion for an educational and training component for post docs and others to emphasize utility of imaging as a tool both in preclinical and clinical setting
- Dr. Gollub will explore sharing recently-produced educational pieces on MRI and patient safety
- Recent K awards are focusing on education for junior investigators including lectures on imaging; explore circulating these materials
- Dr. Macura will explore sharing Hopkins educational modules on template, MRI, IRB approval.
- Discuss development of an 'Imaging 101' training module

- Education is needed both for radiologists about best practices and for PIs about utility of imaging
 - Include examples of successful incorporation of imaging into CTSA
 - Articulate challenges
- Dr. Sullivan suggested a site from the University of Rochester CTSA which is an inventory of training materials, <http://www.rochesterctsa.org/ncerp/search/>

Association of Clinical Research Training

- Dr. Sullivan suggested that committee members consider attending the Association of Clinical Research Training and the Society for Clinical Translational Science Joint Annual Meeting to explore content and possible collaborations
- Association of Clinical Research Training and the Society for Clinical and Translational Science Joint Annual Meeting, April 5–7, 2010, Washington, DC, <http://www.acrtraining.org/>
 - May also be a good forum for convening a CTSA IWG meeting

Agenda items for future CTSA IWG calls

- Continue to include brief subgroup reports ,and specific site update(s)
- Suggestions for other call activities included:
 - Identifying shared projects such as producing an educational piece.
 - Use call time to discuss individual subgroup projects in detail.
 - Explore specific questions/topics, e.g. protocol procedure at each site, benchmarking
 - Capture and share documentation of discussion
 - Use call time to focus on tasks before a face-to- face meeting, e.g. articulating tasks for a white paper
 - Use face-to-face meetings to work on specific tangible projects.

Future Meetings:

- Members of the CTSA IWG will meet at ACRIN on September 30 and during the RSNA annual meeting on Tuesday, December 1 from 3:30pm-5:00PM
- Future face-to-face meetings should concentrate on a specific task such as work on white paper or production of an educational piece

Next steps:

- Drs Sullivan and Reynolds to work on matrices for ACRIN meeting
- Cores/Education subgroup to continue work on white paper—how imaging is evolving in CTSAAs, what resources are available
- Continue discussion on face-to-face meeting venues
- Next CTSA IWG call Monday, October 19th at 3:00PM (CT)
- Next CTSA IWG Steering Committee call Monday, November 16th at 3:00PM (CT)