



# 10 Years of UC BRAID: Platform for Integrating Research into Health Care

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# UC BRAID - *The right idea at the right time!*



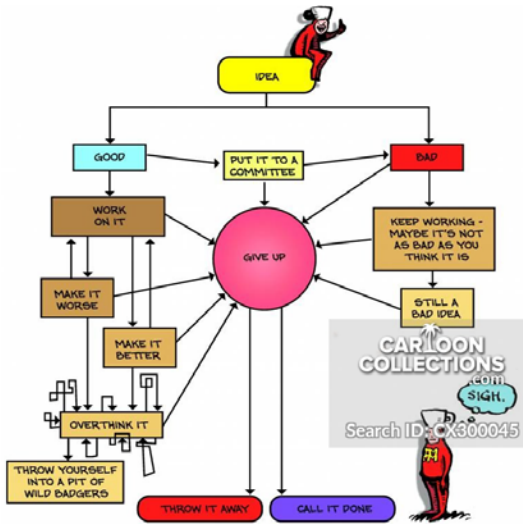
- Network connecting 5 University of California Health campuses
- Reduces barriers
- Leverages resources
- Accelerates research through collaboration

# CTSA PI meeting 2010

- Five Californians and wine at the end of the day
- Aligned interests and common vision
- Similar deliverables to two different customers – NIH and UC
- CTSA initiative provided key platform
- Trust and “Can do – positive attitude”



# UC BRAID- A great concept



- Five CTSAs with common goals and deliverables
- Part of the same university system
- Major NIH grant recipients - \$1.5 Billion in 2018
- Organized way to identify and distribute best practices
- Connectome – bringing content experts together
- Rapid way of leveraging success

# 10 years of work

Improving clinical research infrastructure at institutional and system level – Focus on Methods and Processes

Getting the attention of our research offices

Creating IRB metrics and reliance

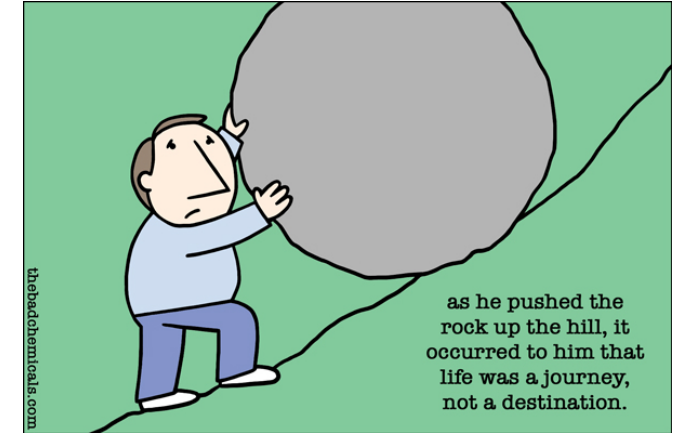
Contracts – improved turnaround time, search tools, toolkit

Patient recruitment tools

Clinical trials acceleration - TrialFinder

Biospecimen repository and access

Data sharing and informatics – UC ReX



# National Visibility

- BRAID a model for institutional collaborations
- UC CAI – ability to quickly respond to complex announcements and leveraging “systemness”
- Industry relations – ability to work across a large system



# Benefits of a Unified Approach

- Creates efficiency of scale
- Brings patients and sponsors to the system
- Brings discoveries to patients quicker
- Bridging academic and health care delivery missions
- The whole is greater than the sum of its parts
- And, of course, being refunded by NCATS



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# Connectome

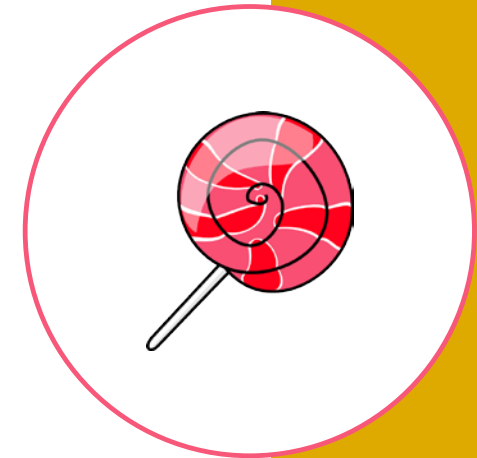
- Forum for stakeholders to exchange experiences
- Connect content experts across UC
- Mechanism to discuss among UC Health research leaders
- Reduces barriers
- Unified UC voice at national level (e.g. UC-CAI)





# BRAID – sweet spots

- CTSAAs - agnostic with regard to area - honest brokers
- Infrastructure capabilities broadly underpinning research
- Skilled faculty and staff well connected across the UC system
- Institutional credibility and gravitas – quality stamp of approval
- Training next generation – many CTSA trainees becoming leaders
- Investment vehicle



# A good institutional investment

- CTSAs – the institutions center; BRAID – UCs center
- Stretching dollars – magnifies investments
- Bridges basic, translational and population science – not beholden to any camp
- Metrics- and outcome-focused
- Rapid implementation of best practices – existing skilled and experienced teams
- Well tested training tool



# Growing demands for “CTSA skills” everywhere

*“Focus on soft skills in technical fields. Reinforce the importance of inter/intra discipline communication.”*

*“There is so much discussion of soft skills but many facets of soft skills are critical in enabling workers to succeed in such a setting - critical thinking, collaboration, communications, writing, teamwork - the list goes on. Include this in the educational space and we are creating a nation of lifelong learners that can handle anything as the world changes.”*

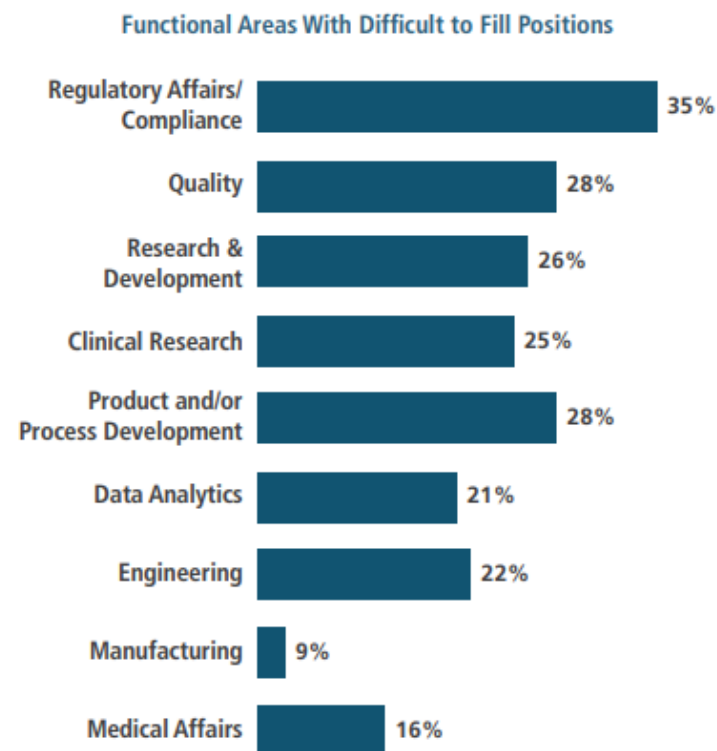


Figure 7 – Source: CSBI Hiring Manager Survey (n=354)

# BRAID – next decade

- Maintaining advances versus new initiatives
- Selectivity – can not be all things to all people
- Selecting the “right things to do” - being where the puck is going to be
- Connecting the pieces of the research puzzle





# Thanks for a great partnership



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