Summary & Survey Results

The 9th Annual UC BRAID Retreat at UCLA’s Luskin Conference Center on October 2-3, 2018 generated exciting ideas and networking opportunities. Participants engaged in cross-discipline roundtables focused on preparing for new recruitment strategies, study designs, and health technology and data. We also heard updates on innovative cross-UC collaborations and shared resources.

In a post-retreat survey, 100% of respondents rated the overall retreat Good or Excellent.

Breakout Session Discussion & Outcomes

Contracting– This session focused on increased collaboration between campus contracting offices, including a pilot project where one campus coordinates negotiation for multisite studies. The BRAID workgroup also solidified plans to share fully-executed contracts between all campuses, and finish a UC-wide compendium of contracting rationales that can be used during negotiations.

Participant Recruitment– The BRAID workgroup has developed guidelines and best practices for multisite recruitment using the electronic health record. In this session they generated plans for publicizing those resources using the BRAID Network, CTSA sites/communications, IRB pages and advisories, research development offices, and search engine optimization.

IRB– Focusing on the UC-wide central IRB, this discussion covered how a single IRB can accommodate differences in regulatory policies between campuses while maintaining compliance. The UC-IRB team will test these approaches in 2019 as the pilot expands to include more studies.

Trial Innovation Network (TIN)– CTSA administrators and researchers examined the benefits and challenges of participating in TIN studies. The group identified opportunities to improve communication and coordination with the TIN based on feedback from investigators. They also explored new ways to promote use of the Network while remaining realistic about its merits.

Technology– The group discussed challenges to adoption and expansion of EHR patient-oriented capabilities. One key barrier identified is awareness and the need for training and support. Some campuses are taking a pragmatic approach to providing information and setting expectations. For example, UCSF’s “Clinical Data Colloquium for Research” provides practical information to researchers on what is available, how to access it and where to get support. Modeled off of UCSF’s successful event, UCSD held a “UC Health Data Day” and UCLA is planning a health data event.
**Roundtable Discussions**

**Coordinating Clinical Trial Activation**-
Ideas included:
- Stronger coordination between administrative units and with study teams
- Increased use of the ACTA master agreement for contracting
- Optimizing workflow for multicenter trials
- Ensuring PIs and study teams know about available resources

**Leveraging Health Data**-
Ideas included:
- Building partnerships with UC Health to help inform technical and governance development (e.g. data quality, data sharing, compliance, privacy)
- Need for local campuses to increase awareness (e.g. pragmatic information and infrastructure on what is available, how to access, required approvals and technology needed)
- Need for local campuses to increase training (e.g. build bridge across the “semantic gap” between clinicians, researchers and informatics infrastructure)

**Increasing Awareness of Participant Recruitment Capabilities**-
Ideas included:
- Using the HR orientation for new investigators to highlight recruitment tools and capabilities
- Increasing outreach to department chairs and administrators to keep them informed of new recruitment tools, including new ways of leveraging existing tools
- Encouraging investigators to consider recruitment needs early and often
- Investing in training programs to help investigators and study teams maximize the utility of recruitment tools such as registries and the electronic health record
- Increasing communication and partnerships across UC and beyond. Both to leverage the data resource and to leverage best practices.
- Helping investigators increase utilization of patient portals as a means of recruitment

**Retreat Materials**

Presentations, photos, agendas, and more are available at:
https://www.ucbraid.org/2018-retreat

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**Save the Date: 2019 Annual Retreat**

UC BRAID’s 10th Anniversary Retreat will be October 14-15, 2019 at UCLA’s Luskin Center.
1. Take calls during commute

2. Keep separate to do lists: - to focus without worrying about forgetting something

3. Swallow the Frog! Tackle the worst first

4. Hold 15 or 30 minute meetings

5. Shift email discussions to meeting or a phone call

6. Cancel unnecessary meetings

7. “Walk ‘n Talk” (during calls or meetings)

8. Schedule the next meeting during the current meeting

9. Schedule tasks via calendar blocks

10. Minimize multitasking to maximize focus