

Oncology Agenda Schedule

Oncology Site Solutions Summit™

2025 Schedule

Wednesday April 9, 2025



Welcome & Opening

9:00 am –
9:15 am
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Plenary

The Oncology Site Solutions Summit begins now! The SCRS team is thrilled to welcome you to this vibrant gathering of clinical research professionals. Prepare for a memorable event where new ideas, partnerships, and solutions will come to life.



Oncology Site Landscape: Benchmark Your Site Part I

9:15 am –
9:45 am
Plenary

Gain insight into trends and metrics to position oncology sites for success. Current survey data on site finances, staffing, technology and diverse enrollment will be discussed by a panel of industry leaders. Use the information shared during this solution-focused discussion to make an impactful change at your organization. Take the [Oncology Landscape Survey](#) today.



Educate, Empower, Engage: Building Trust for Oncology Clinical Research Success

9:45 am –
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Building trust and awareness is key to making clinical trials a viable care option for patients. This session explores how proactive education and community engagement empower patients to make informed decisions about trial participation. Learn how outreach, workforce development, and early education initiatives can enhance trust, improve trial accessibility, and strengthen patient-provider conversations. Attendees will gain practical strategies to integrate research into care discussions and prepare patients for future trial opportunities.

10:15 am
– 11:00 am
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Networking Break In Exhibit Hall

There's no better way to start your Summit off than light bites and networking with fellow attendees. Explore a variety of innovative solutions, services, and resources from our industry-leading exhibitors.

10:15 am
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Exhibit Hall Open

Make the most of your Summit experience by visiting the Exhibit Hall. Here, you'll find a wide array of exhibitors offering insights and solutions tailored to the needs of sites.

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Breakout Session 1

Dive deeper into specific topics in these focused and interactive discussions.

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Back To Basics: Enhancing Site Operations & Performance

Success starts with mastering the fundamentals, and this session revisits key aspects of site operations to boost your trial efficiency and effectiveness. Discuss patient recruitment, budgeting, and operational strategies to meet the ideal patient profile and build meaningful relationships. Gain insights on translating science into patient care and positioning your site favorably with sponsors and CROs.

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Budget Negotiation 101: Essentials & Strategies

Join us to discuss the core elements of budget negotiation specific to oncology clinical trials, offering a comprehensive guide for research sites looking to strengthen their financial management skills. Understand the intricacies of securing appropriate funding, ensuring fair compensation for site services, and navigating the complexities of trial-specific costs unique to oncology research. Hear real-world examples and case studies from seasoned oncology research professionals sharing successful negotiation strategies and practical tools to streamline budget discussions.

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Distance As A Disparity In Oncology Outcomes

Patients in rural areas face poorer cancer outcomes due to limited access to healthcare and oncology services. This discussion will explore the impact of distance on cancer care, discussing progress made and ongoing efforts to bridge the gap. Join us to learn about innovative solutions aimed at improving cancer care access for underserved populations.

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Quality Assurance & Inspection Readiness For Community Oncology Sites

11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Breakout

Discover the essential components of Quality Assurance (QA) and inspection readiness specifically designed for community oncology research sites. Attendees will learn how to develop and implement effective QA processes that ensure compliance, improve site performance, and prepare for successful inspections. Through expert insights and real-world case studies, you'll discover strategies to overcome common challenges, maintain high standards, and achieve excellence in oncology trial management.



Site Roadmap: Early-Phase Oncology Trials

11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Breakout

As the demand for Phase 1 oncology trials increases, research sites are faced with unique challenges and opportunities in early-phase studies. This breakout will focus on the critical factors that sites must consider when taking on these complex trials. Panelists will highlight valuable resources for sites eager to expand their capabilities in this vital area, including a comprehensive "checklist" for sites preparing to participate in First in Human (FIH) or Phase 1 trials. Learn how to prepare your site for key elements of phase 1 trials including staffing, facilities, infrastructure, and patient access.

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Specialties Roundtables – Biotech

When it comes to your specialty, you have specific questions that need to be answered and unique experiences that need to be shared. In this casually guided roundtable led by experienced site professionals, you'll have the creative space to bring your experiences and discuss operational strategies tailored to your therapeutic area. The discussion will address challenges and share solutions, providing valuable insights for your oncology clinical trial operations.

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
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Spirit Partner Lunch

Refuel with a satisfying meal and use this time to network, reflect on the morning's sessions, and gear up for the afternoon program.

Thank you to our Oncology Spirit Partners: Advarra, Bayer, Lilly, Thermo Fisher Scientific, Roche, Syneos Health and TD2.



Breakout Session II

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm

Dive deeper into specific topics in these focused and interactive discussions.

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Build & Retain An All-Star Oncology Team

Discover actionable strategies for building and maintaining a high-performing oncology research team. Topics will include effective onboarding, managing attrition, and implementing workforce development programs. We'll share innovative outsourcing options, unique hiring techniques, and approaches to prevent burnout while ensuring diversity and inclusion in recruitment.



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Breakout

Financial Foundations: Budgeting For Sustainability & Profitability

Launching oncology trials as a new site requires a strong grasp of financial management to ensure sustainability and profitability. This discussion offers a comprehensive overview of financial considerations tailored for emerging oncology research sites. Through practical insights and case studies, participants will leave with the tools and knowledge needed to navigate financial challenges and build a foundation for long-term success.



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Breakout

Navigating Quality Assurance For Research Excellence

Explore strategies to evaluate and enhance research quality, addressing common challenges such as limited onsite visits and remote clinical research coordinators (CRCs). We will discuss the importance of building trust through effective onsite visits and relationship management, sharing best practices for navigating the complexities of site management. Learn how to establish robust quality assessment mechanisms, foster strong sponsor-site relationships, and implement best practices for high-quality research outcomes.



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Site-Specific Contracts vs. Standard Templates

Explore the benefits and challenges of using site-specific contracts versus standard sponsor/CRO templates in oncology trials. Industry experts will share real-world experiences, including practical lessons from ACTA and CLEAR, and provide strategies for gaining internal buy-in. Join us to learn how to utilize tailored contracts to streamline processes and build stronger collaboration in clinical research.



Specialties Roundtables – Cell & Gene Therapy

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Networking Break In Exhibit Hall

Take a break and enjoy light refreshments while engaging in conversations with fellow attendees. Use this time to strengthen connections, share knowledge, and explore opportunities for future collaborations.



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Breakout Session III

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Equitable Access: Navigating Patient Reimbursement

There are unique challenges to patient reimbursement in oncology trials. Join this discussion exploring the stigma around participant payments, supporting underinsured patients, and the impact of research protocols tied to Standard of Care costs. Additionally, we'll discuss how national guidelines influence reimbursement practices and innovative solutions to cover participant costs, ensuring all patients can participate fully in trials.



2:45 pm – 3:45 pm
Breakout

Ethics & Conflicts Of Interest In Phase 1 Trials

This session addresses the ethical challenges and conflicts of interest that arise in oncology trials, with a focus on Phase I studies. Key topics include the influence of financial losses on trial integrity, the ethical dilemmas posed by study cancellations, and solutions such as risk-based payment models and early termination policies. Attendees will gain insights into upholding ethical standards while navigating the financial and operational complexities of oncology research.



2:45 pm – 3:45 pm
Breakout

Navigating Invoiceables & Budget Complexities

This session explores the key invoiceables for oncology trial budgets and provides guidance on how to effectively manage and negotiate them. We will address commonly overlooked costs, such as the time

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spent on sponsor emails, expanded team roles, and training expenses. Participants will gain practical insights into billable items and strategies to ensure financial sustainability and successful trial outcomes.



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Seamless Data Flow: EMR To EDC Integration

As clinical research evolves, integrating Electronic Medical Records (EMR) with Electronic Data Capture (EDC) systems has become critical for improving data accuracy and operational efficiency. This forum will explore solutions to streamline data transfer from EMR to EDC platforms, covering strategies, cost considerations, potential savings, and overcoming implementation challenges. Attendees will gain practical insights to optimize data management in oncology research through successful EMR-EDC integration.



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Specialties Roundtables – Radiopharmaceuticals

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4:30 pm

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Advocacy In Action: Integrating Patient Support Into Site Operations

Learn how to seamlessly weave patient advocacy into your clinical research site's operations to enhance recruitment, enrollment, and engagement. This session will provide actionable pathways to overcome common challenges and establish effective support programs that benefit patients and sites alike. Join us to transform good intentions into impactful practices that prioritize patient-centric research.



4:30 pm –

5:00 pm

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Patient Voice

Patients are at the heart of clinical research, making it essential to understand their experiences and perspectives. Hear firsthand accounts from clinical trial patients and gain actionable insights on incorporating their feedback into trial design and execution. Learn strategies to enhance patient engagement, improve trial outcomes, and prioritize patient well-being throughout the research journey. Let this session inspire a deeper commitment to putting patients first in every aspect of medical research.

5:00 pm –

Site Appreciation Reception

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Celebrate industry collaboration in true SCRS fashion! Join your fellow Summit attendees to honor site-industry partnerships.

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8:00 am –

Exhibit Hall Open

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The Exhibit Hall doors are open — come explore! Meet with sponsors, CROs, and service providers who are ready to share how they can support your goals.

8:00 am –

Premier Networking Breakfast

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Begin your day by discovering the exceptional offerings of our industry partners during breakfast. Don't miss this prime networking opportunity to fuel your morning and your professional growth.



9:00 am –

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Plenary

Our Voice, Our Community, Your Success!

Let's talk solutions! Site sustainability is a cornerstone of running effective clinical trials. This session will focus on providing valuable resources, tools, and insights to help sites build and maintain sustainable operations. From financial stability to workforce development and operational efficiencies, discover innovative approaches that ensure long-term success and empower your site to thrive.



9:10 am –

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Oncology Site Landscape: Benchmark Your Site Part II

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Keynote Speaker

Plenary information to come!

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Networking Break In Exhibit Hall

Recharge with a fresh cup of coffee and connect with peers during this morning break. Share ideas, discuss key takeaways from sessions, and start building meaningful connections to make the most of your event experience.

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Breakout Session IV

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Activating Community Cancer Centers For Clinical Trials

Integrating research naïve community cancer centers into clinical trials is vital for expanding patient access and trial diversity. Our panel will highlight successful case studies, effective onboarding strategies, and training programs that empower these centers to excel in oncology research. Discover the resources and support systems available to help these sites transition smoothly into clinical research.

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Breakout

Addressing Enrollment Challenges

This session will examine the gap between enrollment targets and actual patient populations in oncology trials. We'll discuss critical issues such as diversity, patient retention challenges, and the importance of accurate feasibility assessments. Gain insights into leveraging reliable data, improving access, and applying innovative strategies from sponsors and CROs to enhance patient recruitment and engagement.

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Breakout

AI In Oncology: From Promise To Practice

As artificial intelligence (AI) continues to advance, clinical trial sites are increasingly presented with AI solutions designed to enhance trial and care platforms. Join us as we examine the current role of AI in oncology trials, emphasizing the practical steps for integrating these technologies into site operations. Learn how to effectively navigate the AI landscape, make informed decisions, and leverage technology to elevate clinical trial performance.

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Cultivate A Research-Ready Culture Through Trust & Engagement

11:30 am Breakout Integrating clinical research into standard oncology care has the potential to significantly increase patient participation in cancer trials. Join us to explore methods for creating a culture where clinical trials are routinely considered viable care options and the importance of educating both patients and physicians about these opportunities. Attendees will leave with actionable strategies to foster a research-friendly environment, empower their teams, and strengthen patient-physician relationships.



Partner For Progress: Driving Trial Efficiency

10:30 am – 11:30 am Breakout Explore how effective collaborations between oncology sites, sponsors, and CROs can lead to significant time and cost savings. Address common challenges among oncology research partners, such as the ongoing need for justifications and common roadblocks to efficiency. Gain practical strategies for making these relationships more productive through transparency and shared goals, leading to better outcomes for all collaborators.



Specialties Roundtables – Pragmatic + RWE

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Bridging Care, Innovation & Patient-Centered Perspectives

Oncology trials hold the dual promise of advancing innovation and serving as a vital care option. Yet barriers to awareness, accessibility, and integration into standard care persist. This session explores how patient-centric strategies—such as leveraging patient-reported outcomes and incorporating patient perspectives into trial design—can enhance recruitment, retention, and overall trial experiences. Discover practical tools to bridge gaps between research and care, collaborate with healthcare providers, and elevate clinical trials as a trusted and accessible option for patients.



12:05 pm
– 12:25

Insight Illumination: Summit Takeaways

Let's revisit the crucial discussion points and action items that have shaped our Summit experience! SCRS will highlight pivotal moments from sessions and conversations,

pm providing you with valuable insights as you return to your work with renewed energy and
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Closing Remarks

Our Summit has come to an end. Come celebrate all we learned, achieved, and accomplished over the past few days.

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