

WINTER 2025 SYMPOSIUM

Designing and Implementing Pragmatic Clinical Trials in Oncology

Thursday, January 16, 2025 - 8 - 12 pm MT- Phoenix, Arizona

Target Audience: Members and non-members including our broad audience of physicians, research staff, new investigators, clinical research associates, basic researchers, medical physics, clinical trial nurses, patient advocates and other health care professionals interested in the treatment of cancer.

Program Description

A new type of trial design is coming to NRG. The upcoming Winter 2025 Educational Symposium will highlight the value of pragmatic clinical trials across oncology and include examples of trials in lung, breast, and gynecologic cancers. This symposium is for everyone involved in oncology clinical trials and will help define the role of pragmatic trials and the effect of treatment in routine clinical practice. The speakers will focus their presentations on the design and conduct of pragmatic clinical trials, review the regulatory landscape, and describe the components of a successful pragmatic clinical trial, including how to improve health equity in clinical trials. The session will include didactic lectures from content experts as well as case studies from current NRG trials. The symposium will also incorporate question and answer sessions for audience participation. The speakers represent a multidisciplinary team, including the patient perspective.

Learning Objectives

- Define and clarify the key components of a pragmatic clinical trial
- Explain the role of pragmatic clinical trials in conducting effective clinical research in real-world settings
- Design and implement effective pragmatic clinical trials to enroll more diverse patient populations

Session 1 Introduction to Pragmatic Clinical Trials

Welcome and Introduction - Program Chairs: Ying Liu, MD, MPH & Carol Aghajanian, MD
What is a Pragmatic Clinical Trial? - Kathleen Moore, MD
Why are Pragmatic Clinical Trials Important? NIH Perspective - Meg Mooney, MD, MS
Lung Pragmatic Trial - Karen L. Reckamp, MD
Q/A with Speakers

Session 2 Designing a Pragmatic Clinical Trial

Eligibility Criteria - Practicality and Inclusivity - Carol Aghajanian, MD
Incorporating Pragmatic Elements into Oncology Trial Designs - Mei-Yin Polley, PhD
Leveraging Technology and Real-World Data to Streamline Trials - Neal Meropol, MD
Optimizing the EHR for Pragmatic Clinical Trials - James C. Yao, MD
How to Reach Diverse Populations & Improve Health Equity - Bhavana Pothuri, MD, MS
Q/A with Speakers

Session 3 Implementing a Pragmatic Clinical Trial

NRG-GY036: Case Study for a Pragmatic Trial- Ying Liu, MD, MPH
NRG-BN014: Case Study for a Pragmatic Trial - Jonathan Yang, MD, PhD
Logistics of Data Management & AE Reporting - Elaina Harper, BS & Sara McCartney, MS, RN
Patient Perspective on Pragmatic Clinical Trials - Dorothy Erlanger
Q/A with Speakers
Closing Remarks

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