

Clinical Research Office launches CTSI Research Round Table series

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The University at Buffalo Clinical Research Office (CRO) and the Clinical and Translational Science Institute (CTSI) will begin hosting a bimonthly Research Round Table series at the end of March.

Organized by Jennifer Delmerico and Jami Radtke, the CTSI's two clinical research facilitators in the CRO, each round table discussion will focus on a topic germane to the research interests of Buffalo Translational Consortium (BTC) investigators while providing an opportunity for open-ended conversation between the guest speaker and attendees.



The first round table, **i2b2 for Feasibility and Recruitment**, is scheduled for Thursday, March 23 at 3 p.m. in Room 5002 of the CTSC. The guest speaker is Senior Institute for Healthcare Informatics Database Architect Jonathan Blaisure who will be talking about the i2b2 database and dashboard that he helped design.

[Register here for the first Research Round Table on March 23.](#)

"The idea is to present important information in an informal setting," says Delmerico. "We're hoping to start conversations and help people from across the BTC learn new things and make new connections."

The round table discussions revive a popular series administered by the CRO that was discontinued several years ago.

Said Radtke: "The hour-long format will be divided between a brief presentation by an invited guest speaker on the topic at hand, followed by a free-form, question-and-answer discussion period."

Topics under consideration for future round tables include clinical trial recruitment strategies, IRB compliance, Click Basics and ClinicalTrials.gov registration. (Email us below with your requests.)

The i2b2 database provides a powerful new tool to clinical research teams in the BTC for accessing the de-identified electronic health records (EHRs) of some 700,000 UBMD patients. The IHI's Jon Blaisure will provide a demonstration of how to use the i2b2 dashboard for feasibility studies and recruitment at the inaugural CTSI Research Round Table on March 23. Delmerico and

Radtke will be on hand to show researchers how to incorporate i2b2 data into study protocols and IRB submissions, and how to adhere to recruitment policy and best practices.

The remainder of the session will be given over to participants: answering their questions and discussing the issues they want to talk about.

If you can't make it to the first Round Table at the CTRC in March, don't worry. They will be presenting follow-up i2b2 demonstrations in May and July at locations to be determined on both the north and south campuses.

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March 23 Round Table Session: i2b2 for Feasibility and Recruitment, CTRC room 5002, from 3 to 4 p.m.

Questions or suggestions for future round table topics? Email jeradtke@buffalo.edu.

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i2b2 for Feasibility and Recruitment

- Using the i2b2 (Informatics for Integrating Biology and the Bedside) database and dashboard
- Incorporating i2b2 data into your protocol or IRB submission
- Regulatory issues and compliance
- Q&A session

Seating is limited. Register early. Click here for details.