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2025 Clinical Research Conference

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June 23–27, 2025	Camp BIOmed, Whitworth College, Spokane
July 7 – August 15, 2025	Camp BIOmed, Seattle Pacific University, Seattle
September 25, 2025	Gala, Seattle
October, 2025 (likely)	CyberBIO Conference, Seattle & Virtual
October 6, 2025 (tentative)	Trusting the Science
March 2–5, 2026	IRB, IBC & IACUC Conferences, Seattle Children's Research Institute & Virtual Call for 2026 Conference Session Proposals

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Dear Participants,

Today, more than ever, biomedical research stands at a pivotal crossroads, challenged by a complex interplay of scientific, ethical, and political pressures. Here in the Pacific Northwest, these challenges are particularly acute, with federal funding cuts threatening the very foundation of the research enterprise. The recent budget reductions to key health agencies jeopardize critical work across the entire biomedical spectrum—from basic discovery through clinical application.

This moment calls for bold leadership and unwavering advocacy. As clinical research professionals, our responsibilities have never been more expansive—or more essential. We are not only scientists and clinicians; we are educators, ethicists, and ambassadors for science and medicine. Our ability to uphold public trust and drive ethical progress is foundational to the future of biomedical innovation.

In response, the Northwest Association for Biomedical Research (NWABR) continues to rise to the occasion. NWABR remains steadfast in its mission to support the research community, foster meaningful public engagement, and elevate ethical standards across all aspects of biomedical science.

One of our most important initiatives, the **bioTRUST Action Network**, is empowering individuals—from researchers to community members—to take action. Through bioTRUST, we encourage our stakeholders to contact policymakers, share their perspectives, and actively advocate for sustained, ethical biomedical research. This initiative reflects NWABR’s deep commitment to ensuring that science remains both a public good and a public responsibility.

Together, through NWABR and bioTRUST, we are building a resilient, ethical, and inclusive research environment—one where public trust and scientific progress go hand in hand.

I invite you to join us in this mission at our annual NWABR Gala this September—a celebration of science, ethics, and community. It’s an opportunity to connect, reflect, and recommit to the work ahead. Your presence supports not only NWABR’s vital programs, but the future of biomedical research itself.

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8:15 am	<p>Keynote: Quality by Design – Impact from Clinical Trials to Evidence in Practice Meghan Wagner, PharmD, MBA</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Describe the foundational principles of Quality by Design (QbD) and its role in clinical research planning 2. Explain the downstream impacts of QbD 3. Identify sources for relevant, rigorous, evidence-based information 4. This keynote will explore how the principles of Quality by Design (QbD) can be applied across the entire clinical trial lifecycle to proactively reduce errors, enhance protocol integrity, and improve participant safety. Attendees will gain insight into how intentional planning, cross-functional collaboration, and continuous learning contribute to operational efficiency and regulatory compliance. Real-world examples will illustrate how integrating QbD principles into trial design and execution leads to higher-quality outcomes, greater data reliability, and reduced burden on both sites and participants. This session addresses quality management, regulatory oversight, and the ethical conduct of clinical research."
9:15 am	<i>Break</i>	
9:30 am	<p>Right Tool, Right Job: Responsible AI Integration in Clinical Trials Adam Rhine, MSc Computational Linguistics</p>	<p>In clinical research, effective AI integration demands more than adopting the latest technologies - it necessitates carefully selecting the right tools for each workflow and applying them responsibly within a shifting landscape of complex regulatory and technical requirements. This session will introduce a "toolbox" approach to AI in clinical trials, emphasizing the need for a curated, flexible set of AI solutions aligned to specific research tasks. We will explore how to integrate AI tools in ways that not only enhance efficiency and data integration, but also uphold the highest standards of data protection, compliance, and ethical responsibility. Attendees will learn how to build a versatile AI toolbox, navigate the challenges of adoption among diverse research partners, and ensure that every AI application serves the broader mission of safe, effective clinical research.</p>
10:30 am	<i>Break</i>	
10:45 am	<p>Evaluating Tools for AI Steven Bedrick, PhD</p>	<p>As AI tools become increasingly integrated into clinical research, professionals must understand how to critically evaluate their use for compliance, ethics, and scientific rigor. This session will explore how AI is currently being used in clinical trial design, data analysis, and participant recruitment, and will provide a framework for assessing tool validity, bias, and regulatory alignment. Attendees will gain practical strategies for evaluating AI platforms against Good Clinical Practice (GCP) standards and ethical oversight requirements. Case studies will highlight real-world applications and challenges to support decision-making in protocol development, IRB review, and operational implementation.</p>
11:45 am	<i>Long Break</i>	

1:00 pm	<p>Panel: Strengthening Compliance and Quality: Best Practices in Monitoring and Auditing Clinical Research Leah E. Clemente, MPH, CCRC</p>	<p>Effective monitoring and auditing are critical for ensuring the integrity, compliance, and success of clinical research. This session will provide a practical overview of monitoring and auditing strategies, highlight common challenges, and share best practices for protecting participants and maintaining regulatory standards. Attendees will gain actionable tools to strengthen oversight processes and promote a culture of continuous quality improvement across diverse research roles and settings.</p>
2:00 pm	<p><i>Break</i></p>	
2:15 pm	<p>Developing Linguistically and Culturally Tailored Virtual Study Assistants Using Generative AI Weichao Yuwen, PhD, RN</p>	<p>Increased accessibility for underrepresented populations is a widespread goal of translational research. Recent advancements in generative artificial intelligence (AI) could support the process with the use of a virtual study assistant (VSA). In addition, traditional approaches to increasing language accessibility are labor-intensive. Multilingual large language models (LLMs) could support the process, therefore significantly reducing the human resources needed to perform translation and adaptations. This session will describe UW's ITHS Pilot Award-winning study on developing tailored tools for people with different cultural and language backgrounds in CTs and preliminary results.</p>
3:15 pm	<p><i>Break</i></p>	
3:30 pm	<p>Afternoon Keynote: Cultivating a Culture of Compliance and Quality Bridget Adams, MSHS, CCRA Paul Newton, JD, CIP</p>	<p>Workplace culture is business terminology that describes the priorities and values of a team. The clinical research community and regulators are now focusing on research workplace culture. Recent updates to ICH guidelines include expectations for researchers to implement a culture of quality, aligning with long-standing discussions around culture of compliance in clinical research. This presentation will explore how cultivating a strong clinical research workplace culture can directly enhance study compliance, patient safety, and overall research quality. We will highlight best practices for establishing and sustaining compliance/quality culture, using a real-world clinical research example, and drawing on Torok, Sam, and Herbert's (2024) Strategic Enablers framework, which emphasizes critical thinking, employee ownership, leadership commitment, and open dialog.</p> <p>Learning objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The critical roles of compliance and quality in clinical research • Best Practices for fostering cultures of compliance and quality
4:35 pm	<p>Closing Remarks Melissa R. Tribelhorn, MPA</p>	

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11:45 am	<i>Long Break</i>	
1:00 pm	Show me the Money! Overview and Career Options in Research Finance Gregory Yandl, MBA	This conference session delves into the multifaceted realm of research finance, beginning with a personal case study on the speaker's introduction and journey into the field. Attendees will gain insights into the essential body of knowledge required for the Certified Financial Research Administrator exam, emphasizing the critical aspects of grant financial management such as expense allocation. The session will also address the intricacies of clinical trials financials, including invoicing, accounts receivable, and collections, alongside organizational financial planning and analysis (FP&A). Participants will explore career ladders and compensation trends within research finance, while learning to articulate their unique qualifications and transitions into the industry. The session concludes with a long-term industry outlook and a Q&A segment to foster interactive dialogue and personalized advice.
2:00	<i>Break</i>	
2:15 pm	Panel: Building a Meaningful Career in Clinical Research Donielle O'Connor, MEd Leah E. Clemente, MPH, CCRC	This interactive panel will explore diverse career pathways within clinical research, offering practical guidance for students and early-career professionals navigating their next steps. Panelists will share personal experiences, highlight essential skills for advancement, and discuss emerging trends shaping the future of the field. Attendees will leave with actionable insights to support their professional development and long-term success in clinical research.
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Tony is a certified Project Management Professional and has successfully completed several, large-scale projects. He founded and directs the Johns Hopkins ClinicalTrials.gov Program and co-chairs the National Clinical Trial Registration and Results Reporting Taskforce. He also directs the Research Coordinator Support Service Program leading many early stage and mature research professionals to fill vital needs throughout at the University. Tony serves as the co-chair of the Clinical Research Professionals Taskforce and directs a research coordinator apprentice program to grow the next generation of qualified staff.

He received his MBA in Healthcare Management from the Johns Hopkins University, Carey Business School and a Bachelors of Biology from the University of Maryland, College Park.

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With extensive experience in clinical research, Ray offers a depth of knowledge and expertise crucial to his role. Collaborating closely with a dedicated team of administrators, Ray is committed to upholding regulatory standards, institutional policies, and

ethical guidelines in all facets of clinical research activities. The collective effort is directed towards fostering a culture of safety, ethical conduct, and compliance within OHSU's research community, while providing researchers with the necessary resources to achieve their goals.

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With a strong foundation in clinical data management, regulatory compliance, and patient recruitment, Milan is committed to ensuring high-quality and efficient research execution. His expertise lies in optimizing trial operations while maintaining a patient-centric approach. Passionate about the intersection of healthcare analytics, AI-driven medicine, and clinical trial innovation, he seeks to leverage technology to enhance patient outcomes and streamline research methodologies.

As the founder of Trials to Treatments, an educational platform dedicated to bridging the gap between clinical research and patient care, Milan is devoted to increasing accessibility and awareness of clinical trials. His mission is to drive innovation in research and healthcare, fostering collaboration among researchers, healthcare professionals, and patients.

He actively shares insights on the evolving landscape of clinical research, medicine, and technology and welcomes opportunities for collaboration on groundbreaking projects in this space.

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Greg Yandl joined the NWABR Board of Directors in 2018, shortly after starting as the Director of Research Finance for the Swedish Center for Research Innovation, the research arm of Swedish Hospital. In 2020, Greg helped create the Office of Sponsored Projects for Providence Health & Services, which includes Swedish amongst its affiliates. In this role, Greg supports more than 2000 clinical trials, several hundred federal grants, and oversees the division's accounting and grant administration functions. Prior to joining Swedish, Greg worked at the Washington National Primate Research Center where he was the Associate Director of Finance. During his tenure at Seattle Children's Research Institute, Greg helped develop a Predictive Analytics Program as a Program Manager, and also negotiated research agreements as a Sponsored Projects Officer.

Greg is a Seattle native, who left town briefly to earn his B.A. at Gonzaga, and serve in the U.S. Peace Corps. Greg also has an MBA with a leadership specialization from Seattle University. He enjoys outdoor activities such as white water rafting, and basking in the Seattle Summers with his two children.

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