



# The Fastest Path to Effective COVID-19 Treatments: Using Master Protocol Studies

Agenda of the Master Protocol Public Summit held January 13, 2021

**CTTI MISSION:** To develop and drive adoption of practices that will increase the quality and efficiency of clinical trials

## MEETING OBJECTIVE:

As we've learned in the global pandemic, the faster we have reliable answers, the better. And as we look to successfully accelerate progress for COVID-19 treatments, master protocol studies can provide a solution. This summit will offer approaches to fast track the quest for COVID treatments by accelerating enrollment into master protocols while the pandemic is still raging and vaccinations are ramping up.



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With an independent voice, FasterCures is working to build a system that is effective, efficient, and driven by a clear vision: patient needs above all else. We believe that transformative and life-saving science should be fully realized and deliver better treatments to the people who need them.



The Center's Mission is to improve health and the value of health care through practical, innovative, and evidence-based policy solutions.

**JANUARY 13, 2021**

**10:30 a.m. ET**

**Welcoming Remarks**

*Pamela Tenaerts, Executive Director, CTTI*

**10:35 a.m. ET**

**Opening Comments**

*Janet Woodcock, Operation WarpSpeed*  
The Need for Actionable, Reliable COVID 19 Treatment Trials

**10:42 a.m. ET**

**Current State of COVID Clinical Trials: A Call to Action**

*Robert Califf, MD, MACC,*  
*Head of Clinical Policy and Strategy, Verily and Google Health*

*Objectives:*

- ▶ Provide an overview of U.S. COVID-19 treatment clinical trials registered on ClinicalTrials.gov
- ▶ Call for more coordinated clinical trials conduct and scaling of current master protocols for COVID-19

**10:55 a.m. ET**

**Practical Solutions to Setting Up Master Protocol Sites**

*Objectives:*

- ▶ Examine key challenges to starting up new sites including contracting, competing trials, staffing, and IRB submission
- ▶ Discuss potential solutions to overcome these hurdles

*Panelists:*

*Derek Angus, REMAP-COVID*  
*Laura Esserman, I-SPY-COVID*  
*Manizhe Payton, ACTIV-2*

*Moderator: Pamela Tenaerts, CTTI*

*Panel Discussion*

**11:15 a.m. ET**

**Increasing Participant Enrollment in Master Protocols**

*Objectives:*

- ▶ Examine key challenges limiting participant enrollment including competition with other trials, burden on staff
- ▶ Discuss potential solutions to overcome hurdles such as co-enrollment

*Panelists:*

*Dan Cooper, UC Irvine*  
*Martin Landray, RECOVERY trial*  
*Kousick Biswas, Veterans Health Administration*

*Moderator: Esther Krofah, FasterCures, a center of the Milken Institute*

*Panel Discussion*

**11:35 a.m. ET**

## **Lessons for the Future**

*Objective:*

- ▶ Discuss changes needed to ensure rapid and efficient trial infrastructure is ready for this and future pandemics
- ▶ Discuss approaches to increase clinical trial engagement of practicing clinician investigators in community settings thereby ensuring representative clinical trials
- ▶ Discuss approaches to decreasing duplication and increasing coordination, including on compound and endpoint selection, across the clinical trial enterprise to support efficient evidence generation

*Panelists:*

*Samuel Brown, Intermountain Health System*

*Adrian Hernandez, PCORnet*

*Saye Khoo, AGILE*

*Moderator: Mark McClellan, Margolis Center for Health Policy*

*Panel Discussion*

**11:55 a.m. ET**

## **Closing Comments**

*Pamela Tenaerts, Executive Director, CTTI*

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