



STAKEHOLDER SUMMIT:
ENABLING ACCESS TO CLINICAL TRIALS FOR VETERANS



Dear VA Clinical Trials Stakeholders:

As promised, we are delivering our first Clinical Trials Summit “30-day update”. Thursday, April 12, 2018 marked an important day for the advancement of industry-sponsored clinical trials within the Department of Veterans Affairs. We were so pleased to have representation from industry, VA, VHA, the VA affiliated non-profits, patient advocacy groups and more. It was a phenomenal start to this dedicated effort to provide Veterans with greater access to clinical trials. We are looking forward to even more opportunities to collaborate with, and learn from, each other. We cannot thank you enough for your attendance and active participation.

Since our initial meeting, the following actions have occurred:

1. On April 25th, the Deloitte team provided the Clinical Trials Steering Committee with detailed notes from the Summit discussions, including all of the information and comments posted to the white boards.
2. An email distribution list (CTSummitGroup@navref.org) was created as a mechanism to communicate with Summit attendees. The first communication went out on April 27th.
3. A dedicated email address (clinicaltrials@navref.org) was created for any matters regarding industry-partnered clinical trials with VA. Krissa Caroff, Clinical Trials Program Coordinator, who was introduced at the Summit, will be managing this mailbox.
4. The results of the Post Summit survey were collected. As of the survey close on April 30th, we received 31 completed surveys. Overall, respondents indicated strong satisfaction with the meeting and interest in holding a future meeting. We appreciate your feedback and comments.
5. During a face-to-face meeting of the Clinical Trials Steering Committee held on May 9th, members reviewed the notes and comments from Deloitte and the post-meeting survey. The committee has developed a list of proposed action items and will be reaching out to you in the next week to solicit your feedback- please be on the lookout for additional information. We appreciate those individuals/groups who have already expressed interest in helping with next steps.
6. The Clinical Trials Steering Committee met with the VA Office of General Counsel/Specialty Team Advising Research to discuss possible opportunities for efficient practices and metrics for agreements related to clinical trials.

Please note that Dr. Ramoni is planning to host a video conference in mid-June to discuss the priorities for actions identified and to outline next steps relative to those priorities. Additional details will be shared as soon as they are available.

If you have questions or comments, please send them to clinicaltrials@navref.org. Thank you again for your partnership and dedication to helping bring clinical trials to our Veterans.

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