

# MRCT Center 2024 Annual Symposium

## Three Day Agenda

Wednesday, November 13, 2024

*Gordon Hall, Harvard Medical School*

**Topics/Speakers:**

**Executive Committee /Steering Committee Meeting**

Thursday, November 14, 2024

*Gordon Hall & Countway Library, Harvard Medical School, 25 Shattuck Street, Boston, MA 02115*

**Topics/Speakers:**

8:00 – 8:15	<b>Breakfast &amp; Registration</b>
8:15 – 8:30	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Barbara Bierer, MRCT Center</li><li>• Mark Barnes, Ropes &amp; Gray and MRCT Center</li></ul>
8:30 – 9:45	<b>Panel 1:</b> Post-trial, Continued Access: Investigational Medicines and Devices  This panel will serve as a public 'launch' of the MRCT Center's taskforce. The panel will explore successes and challenges in implementation of the MRCT Center's work.

	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Karla Childers, Johnson &amp; Johnson</li> <li>• Brandy Ellis, Patient Advocate</li> <li>• Helen Kellar-Wood, Bristol Myers Squibb</li> <li>• Paul Underwood, Cardio MedSci</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Sarah White, MRCT Center</p>
9:45 – 10:00	<b>Break</b>
10:00 – 11:15	<p><b>Panel 2:</b> Expanding the Uses of Data and AI in Support of Clinical Trials</p> <p>Explore how AI-driven digital twins are transforming the landscape of clinical trials by creating virtual simulations of patient outcomes. This session will cover the technical, ethical, and practical considerations of this game-changing technology.</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Donna Snyder, WCG</li> <li>• Missy Heidelberg, Takeda</li> <li>• Susana Zaph, Sanofi</li> <li>• One additional panelist (to be confirmed)</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Barbara Bierer, MRCT Center</p>
11:15 – 12:15	<p><b>Keynote:</b> Khair ElZarrad, Director, Office of Medical Policy <b>Moderator:</b> Barbara Bierer, MRCT Center</p>
12:15 – 1:15	<b>Lunch for All Attendees</b>
1:15 – 1:30	<b>Transfer to Countway Library</b>
1:30 – 2:45	<p><b>Panel 3, Breakout 1:</b> Impact and consequences of the revised Declaration of Helsinki</p> <p>The session will be a discussion of the revised 2024 Declaration of Helsinki, focusing on the challenges, operational implications, and practical application. We will also discuss unresolved issues, including the reference to, and the need for revision of, the <a href="#">Declaration of Taipei</a>.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Barbara Bierer, MRCT Center</p>

1:30 – 2:45	<p><b>Panel 3, Breakout 2:</b></p> <p>A Conversation with Participant Advocates About the Future of Participant-Centered Clinical Research</p> <p>This session will feature the voices of participant/advocates from across the MRCT Center’s programs who will share about their experiences contributing to MRCT Center efforts, and advise on what the MRCT Center and its collaborators should focus on next.</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bernard Coley, Enable Your Vision</li> <li>• Marilyn Neault, Patient Advocate</li> <li>• Erin Ward, MTM-CNM Family Connection</li> <li>• Meghan W, Youth Advocate</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderators:</b> <i>Sylvia Baedorf Kassis, MRCT Center &amp; Elizabeth Cahn, Dana-Farber/Harvard Cancer Center Breast Cancer Advocacy Group</i></p>
2:45 – 3:00	<p><b>Break - Transfer to Gordon Hall</b></p>
3:00 – 3:40	<p><b>Select MRCT Center initiatives and ongoing work</b></p> <p><i>Presenters:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Barbara Bierer, MRCT Center</i></li> <li>• <i>Sarah White, MRCT Center</i></li> </ul>
3:40 – 4:55	<p><b>Panel 4:</b></p> <p>Applying a Disability Perspective to make Decentralized Trial Components more Accessible for All</p> <p>The goal of this session is to raise awareness that decentralized trial components, while meant to broaden the reach of clinical trials, may not be accessible for all. Through presentation of key concepts in disability, brief review of the clinical trial process, and interactive discussion of photographic case studies depicting decentralized trial components, we will illuminate areas where universal design may be most impactful for increasing trial participation.</p>

	<p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Savine DaCosta, Biogen</li><li>• Brandy Ellis, Patient Advocate</li><li>• Skye Parral, University of Southern California (USC) Institutional Review Board (IRB)</li><li>• Matthew "Hezzy" Smith, Harvard Law School Project on Disability (HPOD)</li></ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> <i>Willyanne DeCormier Plosky, MRCT Center</i></p>
4:55 – 5:00	<p><b>Wrap-up and closing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sarah White, MRCT Center</li><li>• Barbara Bierer, MRCT Center</li></ul>
5:00 – 6:00	<p><b>Cocktails and Appetizers</b></p>

**Friday, November 15, 2024**

*Harvard Faculty Club, 20 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA 02138*

**Topics/Speakers:**

See: <https://vivli.org/Vivli-annual-meeting-agenda>