

MRCT Center 2025 Annual Symposium

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

Ropes & Gray, Prudential Tower, 800 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02199

Topics/Speakers:

8:00 – 8:15	Breakfast & Registration
8:15 – 8:30	Welcoming Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Barbara Bierer, MRCT Center Mark Barnes, Ropes & Gray and MRCT Center
8:30 – 9:30	Keynote: John F. Crowley President and CEO Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)
9:30-10:45	Panel 1 Clinical Trial Reform: The need for change and progress This panel will reflect on John Crowley's vision for clinical trial reform and priorities to improve access to innovative therapies. Perspectives from Industry, government, and the patient/participant community will contribute to the discussion. Panelists <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kevin Bugin, Amgen Karen Hartman, Mayo Clinic Bridgette Rene McCullough, ACIRAH Health, Inc. Ann Meeker-O'Connell, Novartis Moderators: Barbara Bierer, MRCT Center & Mark Barnes, Ropes & Gray and MRCT Center

10:45-11:00	Break
11:00-11:30	MRCT Center Year in Review and Vision Forward
11:30-12:45	<p>Panel 2 Rethinking Informed Consent with Artificial Intelligence: Opportunities and Challenges</p> <p>This panel will focus specifically on how artificial intelligence (AI), including large language models (LLMs), could reshape informed consent in clinical research. This session intends to provoke a forward-looking discussion about the opportunities and challenges of redesigning the informed consent process with AI tools, including perspectives on participant-centered design, ethical considerations, and regulatory implications.</p> <p>Potential Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Cohen-Wolkowicz, Duke University • Megan Doerr, SAGE Bionetworks • Cristin Freeman, Bristol Myers Squibb <p>Moderators: Barbara Bierer, MRCT Center & Trevor Baker, MRCT Center</p>
12:45-1:45	Lunch for All Attendees
1:45-3:00	<p>Panel 3 Cell and Gene Therapies Long-Term Follow-Up (LTFU): Key Deliverables and the Path Forward</p> <p>In this session, we will provide an overview of draft resources developed by the MRCT Center LTFU Working Group that aim to improve the design, conduct, and reporting of LTFU studies and decrease the significant burden on patients as well as sponsors. A panel of experts, including members of the working group, will discuss the resources, brainstorm innovative approaches and solutions for LTFU for GTs, and consider next steps.</p>

	<p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lara Gehl, Bristol Myers Squibb • Daniel Kavanagh, Senior Scientific Advisor, Gene Therapy, Vaccines & Biologics, WCG • Pamela Tenaerts, Chief Medical Officer, Medable <p>Moderator: Carolyn Chapman, MRCT Center</p>
3:00-3:45	<p>MRCT Center Updates</p> <p>Select MRCT Center initiatives</p>
3:45-4:00	Break
4:00-5:15	<p>Reinventing Informed Consent: Interactive Session</p> <p>This is an interactive session focused on rethinking, reinventing, and innovating the consent 'form' and 'process' from the ground up.</p> <p>Moderator: Barbara Bierer, MRCT Center</p>
5:15-5:30	<p>Wrap-up and closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sarah White, MRCT Center • Barbara Bierer, MRCT Center • Mark Barnes, Ropes & Gray and MRCT Center
5:30-6:30	Cocktails

Thursday, October 23, 2025

Loeb House at Harvard University, 17 Quincy Street, Cambridge, MA 02138

2025 Vivli Annual Meeting, "Data in Action: From Contribution to Impact"

On Thursday morning, October 23, the MRCT Center will be holding a [joint event with Vivli](#). Researchers, data contributors and funders will be discussing the journey from data contribution to impact in clinical trial methodology, oncology and Type 1 diabetes. Sessions will focus on learnings from data challenges, the latest in sharing imaging data as well as how to apply the latest DOJ ruling on sharing data with countries of concern. This event is complimentary and open to all Symposium registrants.

For more information, please visit: <https://vivli.org/data-in-action-from-contribution-to-impact/>