

JTF Biannual Global Meeting Summary

December 10, 2025

The Joint Task Force for Clinical Trial Competency (JTF) held its Biannual Global Meeting virtually on December 10, 2025. The meeting focused on the international application and impact of the JTF framework in training, workforce development, and professional recognition.

Key Themes & Welcome

JTF Co-Chairs Barbara Bierer and Stephen Sonstein welcomed participants, highlighting the growing popularity of the Biannual Meeting.

The JTF framework consists of competency domains for clinical research, which are not role-based, and are written as statements at fundamental, skilled, and advanced levels.

The widespread use of the JTF framework globally began organically, with people approaching the MRCT Center to translate it.

Global Applications of the JTF Framework

Translation to Transformation: Advancing Clinical Research Competencies in Pakistan **(Saboor Waris & Baber Saeed Khan)**

Addressed the need to translate the JTF Framework into Urdu (the national language) to overcome the language barrier, avoid misinterpretation, and increase enrollment. The pilot study showed comprehension increased from 62% to 96% after the refined translation. The framework will be utilized in education, job descriptions, investigator selection, and the development of accreditation standards.

Designing Experiential Learning with a focus on JTF Competencies (Tracie Locklear)

Focused on the Clinical Research Sciences Program Internship at North Carolina Central University. The 4-year Bachelor of Science program aligns course objectives to JTF competencies, culminating in a 1-semester internship. The program evaluates students' knowledge and understanding by scaffolding JTF competencies. Aims to promote belonging in the clinical research industry and access to future opportunities.

Using JTF competencies in designing a master's level training program in Clinical Data Science (Richard Ittenbach)

Presented the rationale for a new graduate program in Clinical Data Science at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, noting the field is exploding. The 2-year program (reduced from 48 to 30 hours) drew heavily from JTF Domains 1 and 6, mapping content to the competencies. An executive education program was also created for working professionals.

Professional Development of the Clinical Research Workforce in New Zealand (Raulle Sol Cruz)

Discussed doctoral research aiming to address the lack of a national pathway for clinical research capacity and ad-hoc training in New Zealand. The research is intentionally structured around the JTF framework to develop a national professional development framework and an assessment tool. Workforce variability, role ambiguity, and an intention to leave are issues being addressed.

Advancing Professional Standards and Recognition for Australian Clinical Trials Professionals (Tim Boyle)

Detailed ARCS Australia's efforts to professionalize the workforce, citing fragmentation and inconsistency as key challenges. The REDI GROW program used JTF as the "backbone" and "international language" for its Core Competency Framework for the Medtech and Pharmaceutical Sector. A white paper and video stress the need for a unified national commitment to build a world-class resource and overcome the "Leaky Pipeline" of talent.

Discussion & Next Steps

Barbara Bierer noted that the discussions demonstrated how accreditation can be reconceptualized as an opportunity to ensure the workforce is trained and can deliver on participant protection and data integrity.



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Biannual Global Meeting

June 15, 2026
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET



The next Global Biannual Meeting of the Joint Task Force for Clinical Trial Competency will be on Monday, June 15, 2026, from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET. The meeting is free and open to all registrants, and an agenda will be posted soon. Click [here](#) to register.