Register today for this one-of-a-kind opportunity for physician investigators and research staff from all types of oncology research programs, including community-based research sites and academic research networks.

The 2019 Annual Meeting will feature:
- Networking opportunities
- Training workshop on how to prepare for site audits
- Town hall discussions on overcoming barriers to clinical trials
- Dynamic multi-stakeholder panel discussions and small group discussions

TOOLS AND RESOURCES

Visit asco.org/research-community-forum to access free resources and tools for conducting and managing clinical trials.

NEW Online Forum
Join the new ASCO RCF Online Forum to connect with colleagues online! Join the conversation with peers – post questions, share your best practices, and access resources. Join now via myConnection. Note: ASCO membership is not required but you will need an asco.org account to access the forum.

Recent online discussions include clinical trial pain points, accrual and enrollment challenges and strategies, and more!

NEW ASCO Toolkit: The Business of Clinical Trials – Optimizing Clinical Trial Sites and Implementing Best Practices
This free online toolkit contains links to helpful resources, checklists, templates and forms to assist research sites with clinical trial operations and building an effective research program.

Other resources and tools are available on a variety of topics, including:
- Insurance Coverage of Clinical Trials
- Billing Compliance
- Research Contract Negotiations
- Research Program Quality Assessment
- Clinical Trial Staffing and Workload Assessments

Coming Soon ASCO Adverse Event Reporting Decision Aid Toolkit, Topic Summaries on contract negotiations, insurance coverage, staffing, and workload assessment
**ONGOING INITIATIVES**

ASCO RCF Task Forces are moving forward two key ASCO RCF initiatives:

- **Site feasibility assessments for oncology clinical trials** – This Task Force is working to help reduce site burdens associated with sponsor and CRO trial feasibility assessments – a critical pain point identified by research sites. In 2018, the group conducted a site survey and held a multi-stakeholder meeting to identify solutions. Data collection findings and recommendations to improve and standardize processes will be released later this year.

- **Resource development and connecting research sites** – This Task Force is overseeing the development of topic summaries and resources requested by the research community. It is also helping to develop new strategies to connect and engage research sites, including the ASCO RCF Online Forum.

**ASCO RCF ON THE ROAD**

The ASCO RCF is exhibiting at meetings across the country. If you are attending the following meetings come visit us and learn more about our initiatives and resources – and share your site challenges and/or solutions.

- The ASCO RCF exhibited at the 2019 ASCO Annual Meeting and held a meet and greet with the ASCO RCF Steering Group, Task Forces, and special guests from FDA and physician investigators and research staff. There was also an educational session “Building a Sustainable Research Program in the Community Setting: First Steps, Essential Priorities, and Pitfalls Every Investigator Should Know,” led by ASCO RCF Steering Group Immediate Past Chair Edward S. Kim, MD, FACP, FASCO. The ASCO RCF also featured two posters, one on Qualifying Sites for Oncology Clinical Trials and one on ASCO Adverse Events Reporting Decision Aid Toolkit. The posters and education session are available for purchase via the [ASCO meeting Library](#).

- July 10 – 11: Association of Cancer Institutes’ Clinical Research Initiative Meeting, Rosewood, IL – Exhibit Hall
- September 6 – 7: ASCO Quality Care Symposium, San Diego, CA
- October 3 – 4: SWOG Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL – Exhibit Hall

Information and resources on the ASCO RCF will also be available at the upcoming Best of ASCO meetings in Bellevue, WA (July 19-20), Austin, TX (July 26-27), and Baltimore, MD (August 2-3).

**ASCO CENTRA UPDATES**

Learn more about recent projects from the ASCO Center for Research and Analytics (CENTRA) below.

**Adverse Events Reporting**

ASCO will soon release an educational toolkit designed to improve the quality of serious adverse event reporting by investigators and research staff. It will be available for free on ASCO.org. This work follows from recommendations to streamline the adverse events reporting process.

**Eligibility Criteria**

ASCO, Friends, & FDA continue efforts to broaden eligibility criteria. 1) FDA released draft guidance on recommendations. 2) New recommendations underway with release in early 2020. 3) Presentation at ASCO (6/3, LBA108, Harvey) on increased patients eligible with broadened criteria. Learn more about ASCO’s work on eligibility criteria [online](#).

**GET INVOLVED**

Here’s how you can get involved with the ASCO RCF, connect with like minds, and join the conversation today:

- Attend the [ASCO Research Community Forum Annual Meeting](#) in September
- Join the [RFC Online Forum](#) or email researchcommunityforum@asco.org