ACRO Global Clinical Trials Regulatory Summit

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Washington, DC

Agenda

ACRO, an association representing the world's leading clinical research and technology organizations, is convening a global summit focused on the most pressing regulatory issues and opportunities impacting clinical trials and innovation.

This discussion-based event will convene senior regulators and industry leaders from around the globe for frank, off-the-record exchanges as we all look to tackle and explore harmonized regulatory approaches to the extraordinary challenges - and opportunities - in drug development today. Invitees include leaders from global regulatory agencies.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

An ACRO representative will welcome attendees, review the day's schedule, and provide some initial reflections on topics of discussion to be covered throughout the day.

Fireside Chat: Strengthening Global Regulatory Practices Through Collaborative Learning

This fireside chat will feature reflections on the evolving regulatory landscape and how regulators and industry leaders can navigate emerging challenges and opportunities and lay the groundwork for continued collaboration among stakeholders.

Session 1: Learnings from Clinical Trial Innovations around the Globe

This session will feature short presentations followed by panel discussion on evolving medical product development regulatory paradigm, recent clinical trial innovations, and observed sector growth. Panelists will discuss challenges that have risen along with these changes and opportunities to apply lessons learned to other regulatory bodies.

Session 2: Adoption and Utilization of Artificial Intelligence Digital Tools

This session will feature a short presentation followed by panel discussion on challenges and opportunities in regulator and industry use of AI and digital tools in drug development and regulatory processes. Panelists will discuss key questions, knowledge gaps, and opportunities for clarity and collaboration.

Session 3: International Regulatory Harmonization During a Time of Rapid Transformation

This session will feature a short presentation followed by panel discussion on the state of international regulatory harmonization efforts, current challenges and opportunities for alignment across regulatory bodies, and the impacts of evolving regulatory environments on alignment efforts.

Session 4: The Future Vision for Patient-Centered Drug Development

This session will feature panel discussion on the current state of patient-focused drug development and opportunities for advancing patient-centered approaches throughout the drug development process,

including advancing meaningful use of patient experience data and implementing trial innovations that support greater patient access to trials and therapeutic breakthroughs.

Session 5 – Closing Discussion

A brief panel discussion will close out the event. Panelists will reflect on what they heard throughout the day's programming and discuss how stakeholders can continue to make progress on key discussions and areas of alignment.