

Program Schedule

Day 1 – Tuesday, October 6, 2026

Iowa Memorial Union

Meeting ID: [296 717 632 399 063](#) Passcode: **bs3u3MR3**

7:30 AM	Bus Boards at The Courtyard Marriott Hotel for 7:40 AM Departure		
8:00-8:30 AM	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Continental Breakfast</i>		<i>Richey Ballroom</i>
8:30-8:40 AM	Dr. Michael Kurilla , Director, Division of Clinical Innovation, NCATS		
8:40-9:30 AM 15-min presentations	Session One Mark Hoffman Karen Lutrick Connie Guille	Health Care Delivery Science & Technology SCALE and Geomarker* Training Primary Care Residents and Providers in Research Leveraging Simple Technology to Improve Maternal Health	
9:30-9:45 AM	<i>Break and Light Refreshments (Richey Ball Room)</i>		
9:45-11:00 AM 15-min presentations 30-min panel	Session One Mark Santillan Afua Asare Uzma Rani	Health Care Delivery Science & Technology Cont. Advancing Maternal Health Through Translational Research & Machine Learning Pediatric Vision Screening in Primary Care Predicting Childhood Obesity from First 1000 Days using Machine Learning Discussion Panel	
11:00 AM -12:30 PM	<i>Lunch and Group Picture (Weather Permitting: IMU Terrace)</i>		
12:30 – 12:40 PM	Overview of Afternoon Schedule		
12:45 – 1:45 PM	Concurrent Sessions		
12:45 – 1:45 PM 30-min presentations	Pilots LJ Van Scoy Tina Ngo	Translational and Team Science Training Using Gamification to Engage Trainees in Translational Science Starting Strong: Building a Shared Foundation for Scientific Collaboration	<i>Big Ten Theater (348)</i>
12:45 – 1:45 PM	Breakouts	Individual Team Breakouts Principal Investigators Administrators Evaluation Community Engagement	<i>Homecoming Rm (345) 47 Things Rm (346) MGC Rm (337) Herky Rm (343)</i>
1:45-2:00 PM	<i>Break and Light Refreshments (Richey Ball Room)</i>		
2:00-4:00 PM	Pilots	Team Breakouts and Work Session Eyes on Rural Ophthalmology Team Pathways to Fall Prevention Team Maternal Health & Technology Team	<i>Homecoming Rm (345) Herky Rm (343) 47 Things Rm (346)</i>
2:00-3:00 PM	Session Two	Policy Governance & Future Directions Open Discussion – Data Governance, AI, N3C	<i>Richey Ballroom</i>
3:00-3:30 PM 15-min presentations	Session Three	CORES Group Reports Evaluation Community Engagement	<i>Richey Ballroom</i>

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3:30-4:00 PM	Maternal Health & Technology Pilot Team Proposal Lightning Round 5-10 Minute Proposals Discussion
4:00 PM	Day 1 Wrap Up and Discussion
4:30 PM	Bus Boards at The IMU for 4:40 PM Departure

Free Time and Evening Activities

Show your school spirit! The evening will be casual, please feel welcome to dress in your school colors and show your school pride. It is up to you if it is your current affiliation or an alma mater.

4:45-5:15 PM	Downtime at The Courtyard Marriott
5:30-9:00 PM	Dinner Cedar Ridge Distillery and Winery
5:30 PM	Bus Boards at The Courtyard Marriott Hotel for 5:40 PM Departure Cedar Ridge Distillery and Winery Networking & Dinner
8:30 PM	Bus Boards at Cedar Ridge Distillery and Winery for 8:40 PM Departure

Day 2 – Wednesday, October 7, 2026

Courtyard by Marriott

Meeting ID: [257 861 412 295 910](#) Passcode: eE7Kq7Dx

8:00-8:40 AM <i>Heights Ballroom</i>	Welcome and Opening Remarks <i>Heights Ballroom</i> <i>Continental Breakfast</i>
8:40-9:45 AM 15-min presentations	Session Four: Strategies for Engagement in a Rural Setting Korey Kennelty What Moves Clinics & Pharmacies? Engagement and Implementation Lessons Jen Van Tiem Mapping Why Rural Sites Launch and Recruit Unevenly in Chronic Disease Trials Kelly Hale CTSA Hub Strategies for Social Media & Marketing* Nina Wallerstein E2Plus Lesson Learned
9:45-10:00 AM	<i>Break and Light Refreshments</i>
10:00-11:30 AM 15-min presentations	Session Four: Strategies for Engagement in a Rural Setting Continued Paul Duguid Lost in Translation: A Guide to Better Communication and Connection William Calo Community Implementation Studios Joni Nelson From Community Voice to Research Action Anne Thackeray Engaging Rural Partners Through NIH Initiatives and Clinic Priorities
30-min panel	Discussion Panel
11:30 AM -12:00 PM 12:00 PM	Closing Discussion and Remarks <i>To-Go Boxed Lunch</i>

*Virtual Presentation

Iowa ICTS Staff are available to answer questions and assist you throughout the meeting. Look for our team in ICTS or Iowa shirts.

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Iowa Memorial Union

Maternal Health & Technology Pilot Team

Moderated by Ashley Kapron, Breanne Johnson, & Jamie Thrams

Meeting ID: [237 967 145 780 212](#) Passcode: **Zq3c9Eb7**

The Maternal Health & Technology Pilot Team will have time to work together as a group throughout the day on day one. This time will be used to further develop pilot proposal themes and ideas that fit within the concept outline presented. The goal is to identify innovative approaches to overcoming barriers in access to maternal and infant care, with an emphasis on improving outcomes for rural populations.

9:30-11:00 AM	Session One	Concept Identification Group Work	47 Things Rm (346)
11:00 AM–12:30 PM	Main Session	Lunch and Group Picture	Richey Ballroom
12:30-1:45 PM	Pilot Teams	Translational and Team Science Training	Big Ten Theater (348)
1:45 – 3:30 PM	Session Two	Problem Statement and Approaches Group work	47 Things Rm (346)
3:30-4:00 PM	Maternal Health & Technology Pilot Proposal Lightning Round Present initial concepts to CORES PIs for guidance and feedback Discussion		Richey Ballroom

Day 1 Virtual Meeting Links

Main Sessions: Meeting ID: [296 717 632 399 063](#) Passcode: **bs3u3MR3**

Pilots, Translational and Team Science Training: Meeting ID: [279 719 141 310 318](#) Passcode: **JC2WX3Yo**

Individual Team Breakouts

Principal Investigators	Meeting ID: 258 990 357 700 28	Passcode: Ss6oi3c8
Administrators	Meeting ID: 286 879 652 804 574	Passcode: 6fs39rA3
Evaluation	Meeting ID: 267 181 978 954 81	Passcode: mh3mm7mL
Community Engagement	Meeting ID: 290 214 374 311 021	Passcode: TQ3kx68t

Pilots Team Breakouts

Eyes on Rural Ophthalmology Team	Meeting ID: 290 616 552 192 805	Passcode: EV2Fz32U
Pathways to Fall Prevention Team	Meeting ID: 227 182 074 521 7	Passcode: Tz7Fh78f
Maternal Health & Technology Team	Meeting ID: 237 967 145 780 212	Passcode: Zq3c9Eb7

Day 2 Virtual Meeting Links

Main Sessions: Meeting ID: [257 861 412 295 910](#) Passcode: **eE7Kq7Dx**

Program Details

Session One: Health Care Delivery Science & Technology

Moderated by Donna Santillan | The University of Iowa ICTS

SCALE and Geomarker

Mark Hoffman | Frontiers CTSI

Place-based analysis is essential for epidemiology, understanding patient context, and evaluating the distribution of members of research cohorts. To facilitate geospatial analysis for research, we have developed two applications - Self Service Geomarker and the Spatial Cohort and Location Explorer (SCALE) - that make this work more accessible for translational research.

Training Primary Care Residents and Providers in Research

Karen Lutrick | Southwest CACTI

An exploration of Arizona statewide initiatives that build a network of research and innovation learning and sharing opportunities within primary care.

Leveraging Simple Technology to Improve Maternal Health

Constance Guille | Medical University of South Carolina CTRI

This presentation will highlight the use of text/phone-based maternal physical, mental, and social health screenings and brief interventions to increase early identification of and referral to treatment and resources via a trusted-connection with a care advocate. We will describe the progression of this work from development, testing, implementation, and dissemination through collaboration with patients, providers, payors, and policy makers.

Advancing Maternal Health Through Translational Research and Machine Learning

Mark Santillan | The University of Iowa ICTS

This talk will illustrate the use of Iowa ICTS developed data tools in order to leverage Machine Learning in the prediction/risk stratification of perinatal conditions such as preeclampsia and fetal growth restriction.

Pediatric Vision Screening in Primary Care: Determinants and Evidence-Based Implementation Strategies

Afua Asare | The University of Utah CTSI

Children face significant gaps in vision screening and referrals during primary care visits, driven by complex guidelines, limited clinician knowledge, and time constraints. Clinical decision-support tools can improve screening and follow-up, but they must integrate into existing workflows and address referral barriers.

Predicting Childhood Obesity from First 1000 Days of Life Using Machine Learning

Uzma Rani and Aamer Imdad | The University of Iowa ICTS

This retrospective cohort study used machine learning models on data from 13,050 mother-child dyads to predict obesity risk at age 3 based on exposures during the first 1,000 days of life. The model demonstrated good predictive performance and identified early childhood BMI, birth weight, maternal obesity, and several pregnancy and infant factors as important predictors, highlighting opportunities for early identification and prevention of childhood obesity.

Concurrent Sessions

A. Pilots Focused Translational and Team Science Training

Moderated by Marlan Hansen & Jamie Thrums | The University of Iowa ICTS

Translation Talk: Using Gamification to Engage Trainees in Translational Science

Lauren Jodi Van Scoy, MD | Penn State University CTSI

Gamification offers an engaging approach to learning by using elements of games to promote participation, reflection, and conversation. In this presentation, Dr. Van Scoy will introduce *Translation Talk*, a conversation-based game designed to engage research trainees with the NCATS translational science competencies and share findings from an initial single-site pilot. She will discuss lessons learned from the game's development and implementation and introduce plans for a multisite feasibility and acceptability study. Attendees will be invited to consider joining the collaborative pilot and helping explore how trainees engage with the competencies that underpin translational science.

Starting Strong: Building a Shared Foundation for Scientific Collaboration

Tina Ngo, MLIS | The University of Kentucky CCTS

Clear expectations and shared understanding are essential to building effective scientific teams, helping establish trust and prevent misunderstandings. In this presentation, learn how to co-create a collaborative agreement that helps teams align expectations around project goals, roles, communication, decision-making, and ways of working.

B. CORES Team Breakout Sessions

- Principal Investigators
- Administrators
- Evaluation
- Community Engagement

Session Two: Policy, Governance & Future Directions

Moderated by Heath Davis | The University of Iowa ICTS

Open Discussion related to Data Governance, AI, and N3C

- Privacy and identifiability concerns in rural populations
- Site concerns regarding data stewardship, federal partnerships, and governance transparency
- Rural representation in national research networks

Session Three: CORES Group Report Outs

Moderated by Maran Subramain | The University of Iowa ICTS

Evaluation

Rebecca deLacerda Allen | The University of Kentucky CCTS

Community Engagement

Dixie Clickenbeard | Southwest CACTI

Maternal Health & Technology Pilot Team Proposal Lightning Round

The Maternal Health & Technology Pilot Team will present the proposals that they have been developing as a team. The PIs will have an opportunity to provide feedback and guidance.

Session Four: Strategies for Engagement in a Rural Setting

Moderated by Heather Reisinger | The University of Iowa ICTS

What Moves Clinics and Pharmacies? Engagement and Implementation Lessons from the SMBP Study

Korey Kennelty | The University of Iowa ICTS

This presentation will describe how we engage primary care clinics and community pharmacies in implementing self-measured blood pressure (SMBP) monitoring through our PCORI-funded pragmatic clinical trial. Drawing on onboarding visits, quarterly check-ins, and structured conversations with study hubs, we will highlight the key barriers and facilitators we have encountered, including the influence of local champions, leadership buy-in, staffing turnover, and workflow integration. We will also share the strategies we are using to move clinics and pharmacies beyond simply “signing up” to becoming meaningfully engaged in the study and its implementation.

Mapping Why Rural Sites Launch and Recruit Unevenly in Chronic Disease Trials: A Topological Data Analysis Approach

Jen Van Tiem | The University of Iowa ICTS

Clinics in multi-site rural trials launch and recruit at very different speeds, and we do not have good ways to characterize why. This talk introduces Mapper, a method from topological data analysis, and shows how it is being applied to existing startup data from the PCORI-funded SMBP study to see which combinations of clinic characteristics go together with faster or slower launch.

CTSA Hub Strategies for Social Media & Marketing

Kelly Hale | Frontiers CTST

This presentation will share how using analytics throughout a CTSA hub's communication channels can assist in developing engaging content and positioning the hub as an important resource in research and community engagement.

E2Plus Lessons Learned

Nina Wallerstein & Prajakta Adsul | Southwest CACTI

E2PLUS: A PCORI award to strengthen patient/ community engaged research eco-systems for community leadership. Learnings to date from CORES sites.

Lost in Translation – A Guide to Better Communication and Connection

Paul Duguid | The University of Arkansas Medical Sciences TRI

TRI formed a partnership with Julien Mirivel, PhD, Professor of Applied Communication at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, to offer scientific communication training to hub trainees in the K12 and T32 postdoctoral programs. The training, called TRIumph, provides a learnable structure to public speaking that increases confidence and skill at public speaking and connecting with your audience. Learn about this program and its impact on our scholars, awardees, and community partners.

Community Implementation Studios:

Building Capacity for Implementation Science in Rural Communities

William Calo | Penn State University CTSI and Prajakta Adsul | Southwest CACTI

Community Implementation Studios are a community-centered approach designed to make implementation science concepts, tools, and methods more accessible, relevant, and actionable for community organizations. Through didactic learning, practical exercises, and tailored technical assistance, this approach supports community practitioners in selecting, adapting, and planning for the implementation of evidence-based interventions. This presentation will describe the development and preliminary evaluation of Community Implementation Studios as a strategy for strengthening community practitioners' capacity for implementation planning.

From Community Voice to Research Action

Joni Nelson | Medical University of South Carolina CTRI

This presentation will highlight complementary approaches to rural engagement, including Community Advisory Boards as a mechanism for sustained community input and MUSC's QUAD (Qualitative Design) Core as methodological infrastructure supporting qualitative and community-engaged research. Together, these approaches demonstrate how community perspectives can be systematically integrated into research design, implementation, and dissemination.

Engaging Rural Partners Through NIH Initiatives and Clinic Priorities

Anne Thackeray | The University of Utah CTSI

Rural communities experience a disproportionate burden of chronic pain, limited access to pain specialists, and underrepresentation in clinical trials. Pragmatic trials can expand rural access, but they must address local needs and technology barriers to avoid widening disparities.

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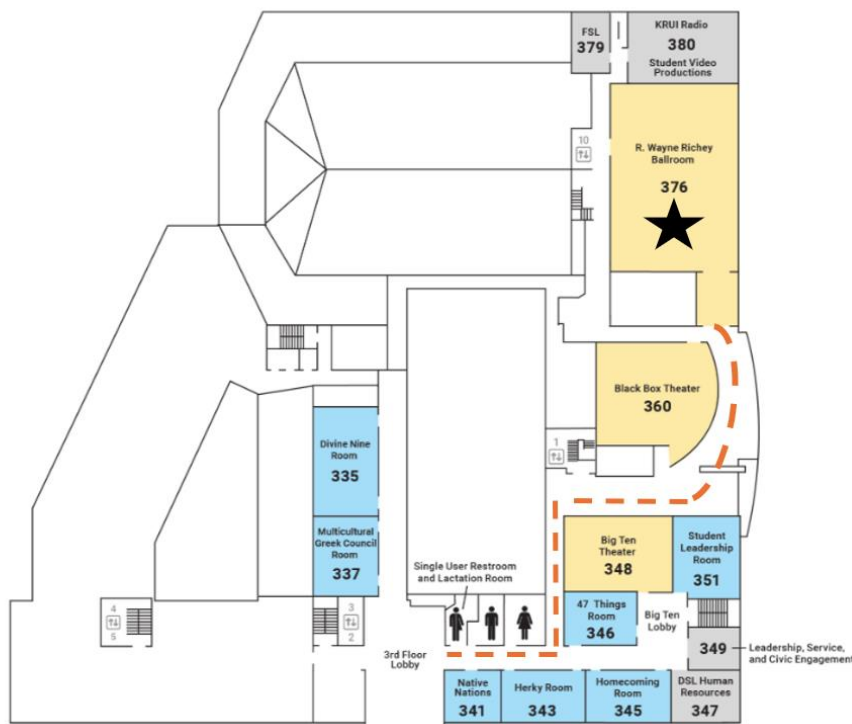
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Meeting Locations

Day 1: The University of Iowa Memorial Union <https://imu.uioowa.edu/visit/imu-maps-and-directory>

3rd Floor | 125 N. Madison Street, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242



Day 2: Courtyard by Marriott Iowa City University Heights

<https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/cidci-courtyard-iowa-city-university-heights/overview/>

901 Melrose Avenue. Iowa City, IA 52246

Explore Iowa City

<https://thinkiowacity.com/>

<https://downtowniowacity.com/>

<https://iowariverlanding.com/pages/explore/>

<https://stanleymuseum.uiowa.edu/>

The Stanley Museum of Art is more than a gallery—it is a celebration of creativity, resilience, and connection. Nestled in the heart of the University of Iowa campus, it reopened in 2022 after a long recovery from the 2008 flood, emerging as a stunning three-story space filled with light, energy, and world-class art. From African masterpieces to Jackson Pollock's iconic Mural, every corner invites curiosity and reflection. It is a place where art meets life, and where the community comes together to learn, feel, and be inspired.

<https://mnh.uiowa.edu/>

Museum of Natural History Located in Macbride Hall on the University of Iowa's historic Pentacrest, this museum showcases Iowa's rich natural heritage through engaging exhibits like Iowa Hall, Mammal Hall, and the Hageboeck Hall of Birds. Galleries in the Museum of Natural History may be reserved for special events, including lectures, performances, receptions, wedding ceremonies, birthday parties, and more.

<https://icfilmscene.org/>

FilmScene is a nonprofit cinema organization dedicated to enhancing Iowa City through the presentation of film as art. FilmScene presents a wide range of programming across two downtown locations—The Chauncey and The Ped Mall—featuring five permanent screens and a seasonal outdoor cinema for movies in the park.

<https://thinkiowacity.com/attractions/literary-tour/>

Iowa's Literary 1-Mile Self-guided Tour Iowa City is rich with literary history, notably due to the presence of the University of Iowa Writers' Workshop, established in 1936 as the first creative writing degree program in the United States. Writers who have completed the program include seventeen winners of the Pulitzer Prize, six recent U.S. Poets Laureate, and numerous winners of the National Book Award and MacArthur Foundation Fellowships. Many notable writers have lived in Iowa City over the years, making the city a unique place for those who enjoy literature to visit.

<https://www.wilsonsorchard.com>

Wilson's Orchard & Farm Established in 1980, Wilson's Orchard & Farm is a pick-your-own fruit and vegetable farm located just a few miles North of Iowa City, IA.