The Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network is pleased to announce a one-day conference focused on conducting clinical research in rare diseases.

Speakers include expert clinical investigators who are actively engaged in rare disease research as well as members of the NIH, the FDA, and the Biopharmaceutical Industry. The final session will be a dinner meeting with a keynote address given by Dr. Francis Collins, Director of the National Human Genome Research Institute.

Program

The full day program will include a series of short lectures with ample time for questions plus panel discussions by expert researchers in rare diseases.

Topics will include:

1) Study design and biostatistics for dealing with small sample sizes
2) Recruitment strategies for rare diseases
3) Availability of core translational research resources
4) Maintaining anonymity for participants with rare diseases
5) Use of demographic and registry data
6) Pathways for developing orphan products (FDA)
7) Working with patient advocacy groups
8) Working with industry on rare disease research
9) Career development in rare diseases research

Attendees

Target audience includes new investigators, trainees, junior faculty, and others interested in rare disease research methodology.

Abstract & Poster Session

Attendees will have the opportunity to present their work through submission of an abstract and inclusion of a poster session; investigators working on rare diseases will provide feedback and advice.

In addition, attendees will:

• Meet key leaders in rare diseases research.
• Engage in formal and informal networking and idea-generation with other trainees and investigators.
• Discuss career development and strategic planning for academic success.
• Explore research collaborations.

Registration & Travel Awards

• Registration is free
• Travel awards are available on a competitive basis

For full program details, registration material, and travel award application please visit: http://www.rarediseasesnetwork.org/conference

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