

Collation of Insights from Across the Clinical Trials Ecosystem for Conducting Clinical Trials during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Publication from the Clinical Trials Transformation Initiative

Best Practices for Conducting Trials During the COVID-19 Pandemic

Conducting clinical research during the COVID-19 pandemic has required us all to adapt and modify our approaches in the conduct of our research in order to successfully navigate the challenges we have faced. As researchers across the nation faced similar challenges, the [Clinical Trials Transformation Initiative \(CTTI\)](#) worked to offer support and also collect information associated with these challenges and solutions. These initiatives and resulting best practices are captured in a new playbook, “Best Practices for Conducting Trials During the COVID-19 Pandemic.”

The playbook recommendations include keeping participants informed, performing ongoing risk-benefit assessments, communicating with regulatory bodies, adjusting study start-up and enrollment plans, pivoting to remote study visits and monitoring, remaining flexible, and documenting appropriately.

[CTTI Playbook for Conducting Clinical Trials During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

For COVID operational guidance specific to UNC, remember these important links:

- [Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research Responds to COVID-19](#)
- [OHRE/IRB COVID-19 Updates](#)
- [CRSO SOM COVID-19 Guidelines, Processes, and Resources](#)

If you have questions or concerns about successfully and safely conducting clinical research during the COVID-19 pandemic, please contact us at crso@med.unc.edu.

