



National Center
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National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences Advisory Council Meeting (42nd)

Open Session Agenda

May 21-22, 2026

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Day 1 Thursday, May 21

1:00 p.m. **Call to Order, Open Session**

Annica Wayman, PhD, Deputy Director, NCATS

Confirmation of Dates for Future NCATS Advisory Council Meetings; Annual Approval of NCATS Advisory Council General Operating Procedures

Anna L. Ramsey-Ewing, PhD, Director, Division of Extramural Activities, NCATS;
Executive Secretary, NCATS Advisory Council

1:10 p.m. **Program Update Presentations and Discussion**

Division of Rare Diseases and Research Innovation (DRDRI)

Philip J. Brooks, PhD, Acting Director, Division of Rare Diseases Research
Innovation, NCATS

Division of Preclinical Innovation (DPI)

Matthew D. Hall, PhD, Scientific Director, NCATS; Director, Division of Preclinical
Innovation, NCATS

2:30 p.m. **Introduction of Division of Preclinical Innovation (DPI) Concept**

Matthew D. Hall, PhD, Scientific Director, NCATS; Director, Division of Preclinical
Innovation, NCATS

➤ **Contract Support for NCATS Intramural Research and Development (R&D) Activities**

Andre M. Pilon, PhD, Staff Scientist, Therapeutic Development Branch,
Division of Preclinical Innovation, NCATS

3:00 p.m. **Director's Report**

Joni L. Rutter, PhD, Director, NCATS; Chairperson, NCATS Advisory Council

4:00 p.m. **Adjourn, Open Session Day 1**

Joni L. Rutter, PhD, Director, NCATS; Chairperson, NCATS Advisory Council

Day 2 Friday, May 22, 2026

1:00 p.m. **Call to Order, Open Session Day 2**
Joni L. Rutter, PhD, Director, NCATS; Chairperson, NCATS Advisory Council

1:05 p.m. **Introduction of Division of Clinical Innovation (DCI) Concepts**
Michael G. Kurilla, MD, PhD, Director, Division of Clinical Innovation, NCATS

- **Next Generation of the CTSA's Trial Innovation Network (TIN)**
Kenneth L. Wiley, Jr., PhD, Chief, Clinical Research and Resources Section, Clinical Affairs Branch, Division of Clinical Innovation
- **Clinical and Translational Science Award**
Christopher M. Hartshorn, PhD, Chief, Digital & Mobile Technologies Section and Chief, CTSA Program Branch, Division of Clinical Innovation, NCATS
- **Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program Institutional Mentored Research Career Development Awards**
Irina N. Krasnova, PhD, Program Director, Education and Training Section, CTSA Program Branch, Division of Clinical Innovation, NCATS
- **National Research Service Award (NRSA) Institutional Predoctoral and Postdoctoral Research Training Grants**
Jennie Conroy, PhD, Program Director, Division of Clinical Innovation, NCATS
- **Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program Research Education Grants**
Irina N. Krasnova, PhD, Program Director, Education and Training Section, CTSA Program Branch, Division of Clinical Innovation, NCATS
- **High Impact Specialized Innovation Programs in Clinical and Translational Science**
Pablo E. Cure, MD, MPH, Program Director, Division of Clinical Innovation, NCATS
- **Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) Program Collaborative & Innovative Acceleration (CCIA) Award**
Kristopher J. Bough, PhD, MS, Program Director, Initiatives and Consortium-Wide Activities Section, CTSA Program Branch, Division of Clinical Innovation, NCATS

➤ **Real-world Evidence Innovation Challenge**

Christopher M. Hartshorn, PhD, Chief, Digital & Mobile Technologies Section
and Chief, CTSA Program Branch, Division of Clinical Innovation, NCATS

4:30 p.m. **Public Comments Session**

Joni L. Rutter, PhD, Director, NCATS; Chairperson, NCATS Advisory Council

4:45 p.m. **Wrap-Up and Adjourn**

Joni L. Rutter, PhD, Director, NCATS; Chairperson, NCATS Advisory Council

Future Meeting Dates

	January 28–29, 2027	January 27–28, 2028
	May 20–21, 2027	May 18–19, 2028
September 17–18, 2026	September 16-17, 2027	September 21-22, 2028