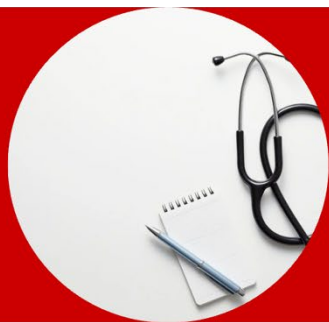


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CLINICAL TRIALS DAY 2026

ADVANCING HEALTH THROUGH RESEARCH

Schedule of Activities

Join us in celebrating clinical research professionals and the future of the translational science workforce at Clinical Trials Day 2026, presented by the Rutgers School of Health Professions Master's in Clinical Research Management Program and the New Jersey Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science (NJ ACTS) Workforce Development Core.

We invite attendees to connect, collaborate, and engage with students, faculty, industry leaders, and community partners from across New Jersey at three Rutgers University locations. These dynamic and welcoming venues include the Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School Atrium, the Rutgers New Jersey Medical School Rosemary Gellene Room, and the Rutgers Cancer Institute, which is accessible by invitation from executive administration only.

Please see below for the schedule of activities for Clinical Trials Day 2026.

Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (The Atrium)

1 Robert Wood Johnson Place, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

Time	Activity	Location	Notes
10:00 am- 10:30 am	Check-In	The Atrium	Registration tables & Poster Viewing open
10:30 am-10:40 am	Welcome Speaker: Barbara Tafuto PhD Interim MSCRM Program Director; Assistant Professor, Rutgers SHP	The Atrium	Livestreamed
10:40 am- 11:00 am	Opening Remarks Speaker: Reynold A. Panettieri, Jr, M.D. Director, NJ ACTS & ITMS; Vice Chancellor, Translational Medicine and Science (Rutgers); Emeritus Professor of Medicine <i>NJ ACTS: Today and Tomorrow</i>	The Atrium	In-Person and Livestreamed
11:00 am - 11:45 am	Speaker: Jeffrey Carson, MD Provost, RBHS (New Brunswick); Distinguished Professor of Medicine; Reynolds Chair in General Internal Medicine <i>Trials and Tribulations: In search of the red blood cell transfusion threshold</i> • 11:00 am- 11:45 am	The Atrium	In-Person
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	Lunch	The Atrium	In-Person
12:30 pm - 1:00 pm	Beyond the Protocol: Participant Experiences in Clinical Research Panel Moderated by: Dr. Sugeet Jagpal, Associate Director, Clinical Research Center	The Atrium	In-Person
1:00 pm - 2:20 pm	Scientific Oral Presentations Presenter I: <i>Nadina Jose MD, FPCPM et al.- Trials, Trust, and Truth in Vaccines: Clinical Research Stands at a Public Health Crossroads</i> • 1:00 pm- 1:20 pm Presenter II: <i>Zeeshan Ahmed, PhD- Artificial intelligence using multi-omics to discover novel biomarkers and predict cardiovascular diseases</i> • 1:20 pm- 1:40 pm Presenter III: <i>Diana Roopchand PhD- Dietary polyphenols and metabolic resilience: insights from meta-omics</i>	The Atrium	In-Person

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1:40 pm- 2:00 pm Presenter IV: <i>Manisha Bajpai PhD-</i> <i>Building Operational Excellence in Academic Cardiovascular Trials: A Structured Leadership Model</i>		
2:20 pm-2:30 pm	Closing Remarks & Poster Reception	The Atrium	In-Person

Rutgers New Jersey Medical School (Rosemary Gellene Room)

📍 185 South Orange Avenue, Newark, NJ 07103

Time	Activity	Location	Notes
10:00 am- 10:30 am	Check-In	Rosemary Gellene Room	Registration tables & Poster Viewing open
10:30 am-10:40 am	Welcome Speaker: Barbara Tafuto PhD Interim MSCRM Program Director; Assistant Professor, Rutgers SHP	Rosemary Gellene Room	In-Person and Livestreamed
10:40 am- 11:00 am	Opening Remarks Speaker: Reynold A. Panettieri, Jr, M.D. Director, NJ ACTS & ITMS; Vice Chancellor, Translational Medicine and Science (Rutgers); Emeritus Professor of Medicine	Rosemary Gellene Room	In-Person and Livestreamed
10:40 am- 11:00 am	Speaker: Nancy Reilly , Executive Director, Rutgers Health Clinical Trials Office	Rosemary Gellene Room	In-Person
11:00 am - 11:40 a.m.	Scientific Talks Presentations Presenter I: <i>Michelle Watkinson CIP et al. - Building Trust in the Age of AI: Ethical and Regulatory Leadership for Meaningful Consent</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:00 am- 11:20 am Presenter II: <i>Bernadette A. Fausto, PhD- Rhythms of Resilience: A Cardio-Dance Exercise Intervention for Reducing Alzheimer's Risk in Older African Americans</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11:20 am- 11:40 am 	Rosemary Gellene Room	In-Person
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	Lunch	Rosemary Gellene Room	In-Person
12:30 pm - 1:20 pm	The Heart of Research: Clinical Trial Stories from Both Sides of the Stethoscope	Rosemary Gellene Room	In-Person
1:20 pm-2:00 pm	Closing Remarks & Poster Reception	Rosemary Gellene Room	In-Person

Rutgers Cancer Institute (Auditorium A)

📍 195 Little Albany Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08903

Time	Activity	Location	Notes
8:30 am- 9:00 am	Check-In & Welcome	Main Auditorium	Registration tables open
9:00 am- 9:15 am	Opening Remarks Speaker:	Main Auditorium	In-Person and Livestreamed
9:15 am - 10:45 a.m.	Guest Speaker I: • 9:15 am- 9:45 am Guest Speaker II: • 9:45 am- 10:15 am Guest Speaker III: • 10:15 am- 10:45 am	Main Auditorium	
10:45 am-11:00 am	Closing Remarks	Main Auditorium	
11:00 am-12:00 pm	Poster Reception	Main Auditorium	

PARKING INFORMATION

We look forward to welcoming you to the Clinical Trials Day Celebration across all three sites. Parking information is provided below.

Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (The Atrium)

📍 1 Robert Wood Johnson Place, New Brunswick, NJ 08901

At Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, parking will be available in the pink deck garage at 139 Little Albany Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

An attendant will be stationed at the gate to assist you with entry and exit.

Rutgers New Jersey Medical School (Rosemary Gellene Room)

📍 185 South Orange Avenue, Newark, NJ 07103

At Rutgers Newark, parking will be provided free of charge for all attendees in the **Norfolk Deck** Parking Garage. Upon arrival, please pay close attention to the posted signage, which will direct you to the event location.

As we get closer to the event date, the Parking Department will send an additional email to all registered attendees with further parking instructions and details.

Rutgers Cancer Institute (Auditorium A)

📍 195 Little Albany Street, New Brunswick, NJ 08903

Parking information will be sent directly to your email.

Thank you to everyone who will join us for Clinical Trials Day 2026 and help to make this event a success. We sincerely appreciate the participation and engagement of our students, faculty, clinical research professionals, industry leaders, and community partners from across New Jersey. Your support and collaboration continue to strengthen the future of clinical and translational science. We encourage all attendees to complete our [post-event survey](#) so we can gather your valuable feedback and stay connected regarding future programs, events, and opportunities through the Rutgers School of Health Professions Master’s in Clinical Research Management Program and the New Jersey Alliance for Clinical & Translational Science (NJ ACTS) Workforce Development Core.

Learn more about our initiatives at <https://shp.rutgers.edu/ms-clinical-research-management/> and <https://njacts.rbhs.rutgers.edu/education-training/workforce-development/>.