

How Can CTSA Consortium Support Rare Disease Multi-Center Trials?

- Provide culture of collaboration
 - Incentives for facilitation of data sharing, biobanking
 - Centralized resource for patient recruitment (e.g., Vanderbilt program)
 - Links to industry partners
- Provide research resources
 - Regulatory support (e.g., IND/IDE application)
 - IP expertise
 - Shared or centralized laboratory cores
 - Biostatistical and informatics support
 - Research Coordinators
- Provide education
 - Training of clinical research staff
 - Mentoring programs for staff and junior PI's
- Provide scientific expertise
 - Cross-disease specialty communication on optimal research designs, endpoints, etc.
- Early successes from CC-CHOC
 - Distributed Biobanks for Rare Diseases (<https://www.ctsawiki.org/wiki/display/Peds/Rare+Diseases+Workgroup>)
 - BPCA Awards promoting cross-CTSA collaboration