5TH CONSORTIUM MEETING SCWG UPDATE

CHAIR: STUDY COORDINATORS WORKING GROUP

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4th Consortium Meeting identified topics for discussion

- Labeling of samples using barcodes read into databases electronically
- Lab supplies logistic solutions
- How to receive information from bio repositories i.e. reference documents, SOP's
- Challenges issues that projects are facing, issues not unique to particular study

4th Consortium Meeting identified topics for discussion

- How to become an effective Study Coordinator
- Role of Study Coordinators
- Maintaining IRB regulatory binder
- H3Africa projects GCLP compliance
- Recruitment and Retention strategies
- **Community engagement**

GOALS OF SCWG TO ACHIEVE BY THE FIFTH CONSORTIUM MEETING IN OCTOBER, 2014

- Inclusion of experts to discuss topics with Study Coordinators at the monthly scheduled teleconferences
- Study coordinators to lead the theme patient recruitment at the consortium meeting.
- Study Coordinators to have a half-day session for training on topics at the 5th Consortium meeting.

TELECONFERENCE DISCUSSION

Included some of the topics for discussion by an expert in the field:

- Informed consent by Jantina and Meagan Campbell from the ethics working group.
- Dr Samuel Kyobe from Makere Hospital laboratories who developed the checklist identifying the top priorities/critical questions that the research sites should consider when choosing a LIMS.
- Projects update and recruitment status
- Call for chair

CHALLENGES FACED BY THE WORKING GROUP:

- Informed consent within the H3Africa projects
- vulnerable groups
- language barriers
- illiteracy from low socio-economic groups

CHALLENGES FACED BY THE WORKING GROUP:

- Training in specific areas of Genomic Research such as :
- laboratory data-basing
- receiving information from bio-repositories
- GCLP compliance

FUTURE DISCUSSIONS

- Grants writing workshop – next consortium meeting
- Community engagement