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.
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