

NEW INVESTIGATOR CLINICAL TRIALS COURSE

August 19-21, 2026

Donald Gordon Hotel and Conference Centre

Queen's University

Kingston, Ontario

DRAFT COURSE PROGRAM

Day 1	Wednesday, August 19
7:00 am	Registration Opens
8:00 am	Welcome
8:05 – 8:30 am	CCTG Overview and Opportunities for Investigator Engagement
8:30 – 10:30 am	Plenary Session 1: Early Clinical Trials of Therapeutics: Phase I and II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prerequisites for Therapeutic Studies in Humans • Phase I Trials • Phase II Trials
10:30 – 10:45 am	Break (refreshments and snacks)
10:45 – 12:00 pm	Plenary Session 2: Comparative Efficacy Studies of Therapeutics: Phase III <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Elements of a Successful Phase III Trial • Statistics for Clinical Trials: Basics of Phase III Trial Design
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Workshop 1: Sample Size Determination, Methodology, Analysis and Philosophy
	Workshop 2: Phase II Designs – Options and Practical Considerations
	Workshop 3: Non-inferiority Trial Design
1:45 – 2:00 pm	Break (refreshments and snacks)
2:00 – 2:45 pm	Workshop 4: Sample Size Determination, Methodology, Analysis and Philosophy
	Workshop 5: Artificial Intelligence in Clinical Trial Conduct
	Workshop 6: Platform Trials/Response Adaptive Trials: Overview of Design Elements
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Break (refreshments and snacks)
3:00 – 5:00 pm	Office Hours: 30 minutes one-on-one with a faculty member Sign-up sheets are posted outside of Conference Room A
6:00 pm	Participant & Faculty Dinner + Cash Bar

Day 2	Thursday, August 20
7:00 am	Registration Opens
8:00 – 9:00 am	Keynote Address: TBD
9:00 – 10:20 pm	Plenary Session 3: Molecular Biomarkers in Clinical Trials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liquid Biopsies in Clinical Trials • Clinical Interpretation of Genomic Variants
10:20 – 10:40 am	Break (refreshments and snacks)
10:40 – 12:00 pm	Plenary Session 4: Patient and Health Service Outcomes in Phase III Trials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient-Reported Outcomes • Economic Evaluation
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 – 1:45 pm	Workshop 7: Phase II Designs – Options and Practical Considerations
	Workshop 8: When is a Biomarker Ready for Use in a Clinical Trial
	Workshop 13: Grant writing overview from a CCTG Perspective
1:45 – 2:00 pm	Break (refreshments and snacks)
2:00 – 2:45 pm	Workshop 10: Platform Trials/Response Adaptive Trials: Overview of Design Elements
	Workshop 11: Opportunities in Pre-Operative Clinical Trials
	Workshop 12: When is a Biomarker Ready for Use in a Clinical Trial
2:45 – 3:00 pm	Break (refreshments and snacks)
4:00 – 5:30 pm	Office Hours: 30 minutes one-on-one with faculty member Sign-up sheets are posted outside of Conference Room A
Evening	Dinner at your own leisure
Day 3	Friday, August 21
7:30 am	Registration Opens
8:30 – 9:15 am	A CCTG Investigator’s Perspective from Concept to Trial Initiation
9:15 – 9:45 am	Integrating Health Equity into Cancer Clinical Trials
9:45 – 10:00 am	Data Sharing Opportunities for Investigators
10:00 – 10:15 am	Break (refreshments and snacks)
10:15 – 10:45 am	Patient Engagement
10:45 – 11:45 pm	New Investigator Collaborations and Interactions from an Industry Perspective
11:45 – 12:00 pm	Closing Remarks