CTSA Consortium Advances Toward Strategic Goals

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New tools and resources generated by the CTSA consortium are advancing progress toward the consortium’s five strategic goals. Examples of these advances are highlighted below:

Education and Career Development:

- Core competencies that will become the foundation for competency-based educational curricula for training clinician-scientists in the discipline of clinical and translational science.
- The National CTSA Educational Resource Program (NCERP) Web Site lists 82 courses collected from CTSA sites and the NIH and connects a user’s specific course search directly to contact information for pursuing the course.

Public-Private Partnerships:

- The CTSA-IP Portal a web-based intellectual property search engine, which is currently a pilot test site, lists all licensable technologies for 11 CTSAs and the NIH intramural programs.
- The CTSA Pharmaceutical Assets Portal "matches" researchers with investigational drugs and/or biologics that may be useful in elucidating disease mechanisms and/or new uses for clinical treatment.

Community Engagement:

- A Community Engagement Consultative Service (CECS) strives to establish a web based listing of community engagement best practices and provide experts for the consultative service.
- The Partnership-driven Resources to Improve and Enhance Research (PRIMER) project, a collaborative effort comprised of academic-, health system-, and PBRN-based researchers, provides guidance and resources for Community Engagement Researchers.
Informatics:

- [ResearchMatch.org](https://www.researchmatch.org) is a national recruitment registry that assists connecting potential participants in studies (individuals who have voluntarily registered) with investigators who have appropriate studies (IRB approved protocols).

- A recent paper "Synergies and Distinctions Between Computational Disciplines in Biomedical Research" published in the July 2009 issue of Academic Medicine, describes the complementary but distinct roles of operational information technology (IT), research IT, computer science, and biomedical informatics.

Biostatistics/Epidemiology/Research Design:

- [CTSpedia](https://www.ctspedia.org) is an online collection of best practices, tools, educational materials, and other items about biostatistics, ethics, and research design.

Communications:

- [ShareCenter](https://www.sharecenter.org) is a web portal that facilitates the sharing of operational expertise and best practices across the CTSA consortium.