Where can send a grand rounds and we’re very fortunate today to have 2 are really very interesting areas that we’re going to focus on both of which in some respects rely on the coordination between clinical care and research in terms of sample collections to advance.

And our first talk is is emblematic of that important concept. I guess bill before I start. I should point out the slide that Doctor Lynch. My predecessor in my classmate in fellowship will be talking tomorrow, so tomorrow right if for those of you want to attend, but

Let me let me open up with our first. Which is it is this you?

You know, I think one thing we really wanted to do in the past 2 years is to make sure that we enable great science through interactions between our growing clinical operational laboratories between our clinical trials, an individuals who are trying to understand sensitivity resistance and R.

Present today are going to share the work, they’re doing with our clinical research support laboratory so about roughly about a year ago. Doctor Stephanie Helene took over as the director of RCRSL and Stephanie’s you know is an asos.

This in her laboratory has done valuable science. Understanding the biology of leukemia, mild dysplasia and how to leverage that biology to define new therapeutic approaches and I’ll let Stephanie Open and
then introduce colleagues? Who are advancing the mission of the CRS LTO expn.

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00:02:05.470 --> 00:02:06.960 Thank you.

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00:02:08.270 --> 00:02:28.270 Thank you everyone for coming today, so this is a joint presentation between myself and Debbie and Talia has not been well so I’m presenting on her half but she gets all the credit and every mistake is all mine. So where are the clinical research report lab or CR and how do we make research happen well so you?

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00:02:29.070 --> 00:02:49.070 What do we actually do all day I can tell you we’re busy we’re doing great work and we have a vision for the future. So Rocco kindly provided me. With this history, which is I think very helpful to understand where we are now and where the CR Sala and research, it yet is coming from so understandably, it all started.

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00:02:50.030 --> 00:03:10.030 And then basic science labs for example, blood sample would just walk over itself to the basic science lab, and then processed and generate nice data at some point, though people realize that need to be people helping with that because it can just be a postdoc walking over all the time and so.

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00:03:10.830 --> 00:03:30.830 Child’s office stuff actually dealt with the patient consented to them about trials, etc. And then a clinical trials office stuff actually walked the sample 2 different basic science lab that yells and processes samples and in around 2006 Nancy Harris, then director of Wrestling Cology and Kevin.

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00:03:31.630 --> 00:03:51.630 You oncologix had this idea that they really needed to be a central lab processing. These specimens because things were getting more complicated. And so they founded the self processing lab and hired Rocco Carbone Research Specialist and I was a jail for quite some time. Everybody knew rock whenever.

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00:03:52.430 --> 00:04:12.430 Rocco because he is just a wonderful wonderful resource and so anyone. Bracho started processing clinical trial samples with
a desk and a bench and then how it works, who took over as CTO clinical trials office director and he found it the clinical research support lab and higher Lindback Wilder as AC.

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00:04:13.230 --> 00:04:33.230 Who then Lynn and raffle 2 people started processing about 40 clinical trials and you can see in the picture around this time. Smilow happened and changed everything and so then over the years, the trials went from 40 to something around 400 staff grew from 22 over 28.

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00:04:34.030 --> 00:04:54.030 Rocco stayed with a CR cell and just had a 35 years at Yale. So congratulations and it’s the wonderful wonderful resource. Lynn actually moved over to the rapid Keizer term in group and is going to work closely collaborating with her there and then we were so fortunate to have Talia Mitchell join us as administrative director.

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00:04:54.830 --> 00:05:01.690 And eh bronica share as the technical director of the CR cell and then now making things happen when my life is incredibly easy now.

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00:05:02.700 --> 00:05:22.700 So this is our current structure, so again with the clinical research report lab and as you can see we’re very centrally located between the clinical trials office and research happening and we kind of have a division. But this is a unity work as a very close team between kind of dry land team.

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00:05:23.500 --> 00:05:43.500 Talia’s behalf what that is about and then we have a wet lab team and Debbie will tell you about that. So when are physicians have smarter deers or medications that very, very interesting brain into the patients that comes with stacks and stacks of papers so clinical trial protocols and of course, also with laboratory.

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00:05:44.300 --> 00:06:04.300 Many many pages and then cute diagrams that somehow have to be translated into the clinic and this is what our project managers do and currently Talia and Rocco are happy now because we are swamped. But we’re doing, it and so our project managers take these laboratory manuals and translate them.

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00:06:05.100 --> 00:06:25.100 Which electronic resource and what’s to come beaker and Beacon? Etc and eventually out conditions are able to bring these
new medications to our patients. So what do our project project manager team do? They review the clinical trial protocol and the manual?

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00:06:25.900 --> 00:06:45.900 Feasibility they build the epic beacon building the reviewer they construct templates. They provide workflow instructions for blood tissues and anything else involved with you know with samples with clinical trials and then I'll show you pictures of kids so every trial account with a lot of kids and a lot of tubes.

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00:06:46.700 --> 00:07:06.700 They transfer files so that we can communicate electronically. They’re parted kickoff meetings that very, very closely integrated with disease teams and the clinical trials office in many meetings that very critical to all communication between physicians patients clinical trials office sponsors Central Laboratories.

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00:07:07.500 --> 00:07:27.500 Course they’re always questions and they answer the mall. So this has all gone again from 40. Studies 280 open studies that are enrolling patients every week. Every day and then we have about 400 active studies, meaning studies that are either pending so being processed right now that nobody knows anything about or studies that still have patients that are maybe.

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00:07:28.300 --> 00:07:48.300 And so I told you about kids so when people think inventory. They think about this. Yeah, boxes stored somewhere. Nobody asked to look at but that is not true our inventories life inventory. So we have all these boxes that are full of tubes and paperwork that have to every day go to the clinic and prob.

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00:07:49.100 --> 00:08:09.100 120 of these kids go to the clinic everyday then get set up on racks and Debbie will tell you all about that deploy for patients and then the samples get shipped back so just recently removed from this kind of dead storage where people select? Why is my study not accruing to live inventory? We just moved temporarily.

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00:08:09.900 --> 00:08:29.900 2 thousand square foot location and 100 short St South, which is a bit far away. But we have careers and delivery assistance and that is actually thanks to prove McCann, who’s really helped us out. So So what happened to these things to kids and all that, well as you can tell everything has been growing and smile oh.
A few kids a few studies to something like 16,000 kids that we now have about 2000 kids. Go in-n-out every month. And I’m again. About 100 or more kids. Go to the clinic every day. And this is pretty much a straight line up so as people open more clinical trials is definitely grow.

We’re trying to keep up. We’re trying to get ahead and we’re trying to make it happen. So let me hand over 2.

OK can everybody hear me.

OK, so like Doctor Helene said I am the technical director of piano.

Set better thank you and the technical director of the CRS cell and what we’re really doing is working as a team with the whole clinical trials organization as stepping mentioned you were putting together all these study protocols and member, she was talking about.

Over 289 active open studies right now that we have to work with everybody from the principle investigators to the dark teams in our project. Managers put all that together in a lab manual and they’re forming the templates that we use in the lab to collect the samples.

So once the dark teams have the studies open. They actually schedule placed patients that are eligible for the studies to come in and they send us treatment schedule slips that went too far they send us treatment schedules so that we know the patients are scheduled for certain days.

This is where the CR self comes in incorporating and coordinate all the visits for examples that are coming in each day we planted a week at a time as much as we can, but there’s always updates and changes that we have to keep track of and we’re basically is on the protocol and lab manuals for each individual study we?
Scheduling team that has just been formed, Marissa and Sarah and they are ordering study specific kits, according to the lab schedule that we form, they prepare the visit templates for each individual patient and they prepare the sample collection racks for each individual visit that is required for each day and.

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Orders that deliver all these racks to the individual clinics and 4 locations, so that when the patients come in. It’s ready for love.

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And again we are collecting blood bone marrow tumor biopsies. Beelze stool, urine anything. That’s required for certain trial. We will be collecting those OK, So what do we actually doing this wet lab?

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First thing to do is transport the tubes to the lab from every area of the hospital to lab where we were going to go ahead and centrifuge aliquot blood making sure that we follow the study. Specific lab manuals and again remember, we’re looking at over 289 lab manuals that.

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We need to have study specific kits and document shipping instructions for each study.

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We also support collecting biopsies and processing those and shipping them out appropriately so that means that we are going into the or’s working with the surgeons to make sure that we are collecting the biopsy appropriately.

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Our number one priority is the patient and their samples. We want to make sure that you were taking care of their precious samples not only for their health. But for the future of the research of cancer research at the same time, we’re making sure that the patient is safe that we are working appropriately and safely with those biological samples.

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Filling out the appropriate documentation or following HIPAA rules and good clinical practices and that all of our staff are certified per shipping. These samples out anywhere in the country or the world. This chart here is just an example of last 2 months that we’ve been processing Sam.

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Or sell it is organized by date and processing time so a lot of the dots are interlinked here. But you can see the bigger the line is the more patients. There are the axes are the median number of samples that we have and then it's spread out by the time it takes to process each sample.

And see that there's a couple samples in here that are taking hours to process based on what the protocol requires and there's something that you know just have an ambient sample that needs to be shipped so it's very specific per protocol what we're doing.

I'd like to give you some idea of how we're advancing our lab, so recent advance that we did. We've actually changed all of the lab manuals to a digital form. So, if you can picture 2893 ring binders. All lined up in the laboratory now that we've gotten digital all the lab notebooks are gone from the laboratory and we

Surface pros at each workstation and the lab techs can go into each.

Surface pro and go into our shared drives open up the protocols and follow the lab manual step by step as their processing the samples.

What we would like to do in the future and we are looking into it this year is kind of going into 21st century provide some LIS laboratory information software that can track our workflow increase our efficiencies and eliminate paper.

This is a group picture of our staff in the wet lab in CR cell here in New Haven. So we are growing growing. I'm happy to announce that we have a lab manager that just accepted position social reporting to me and managing the day-to-day activity.

So where are we and this is really fun so follow along with me here OK so our main wet lab isn't Smilow North Pavilion on the eighth floor and we also have another wet lab on Cedar Street. So we're actually taking specimens in on the eighth floor smile.
Bring them to the wet lab on Cedar Street in order to process them. We have to split stuff on both sides. But in order to get the bulk of the work done, we have to move to Cedar Street, there. Just isn’t enough space for us all to do it in one space. We also have a space on the 11th floor right above us in the North from billions that is.

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Used for storage, but we’re converting that to a scheduling and tube setup area so that we can have more room in the NP 8 lab.

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Is that we have some other storage facilities that in the past? We’ve use all way in York Street? We don’t use those anymore. And we also have a storage space on Lci, which we are using for shipper storage. If you can imagine all these big boxes in each study in each sponsor wants us to use certain boxes to ship them out. So we need lots of space.

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And then as a doctor clean mentioned 100 church, St Self. We have the individual kits that need to be delivered to lab so that we can make the collection racks and send them out to the floors, so In addition to everything that we do here on campus. We also have care centers so you’ll smile.

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Is all over the state?

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Well before you can go there. Let’s talk about those challenges. So our challenges are the distance between the supplies in the lab, but I’ve already mentioned were going between those areas and then the distance between the lab spaces and people so there’s lots of challenges and timing if you can think about that how it’s going to go from the patient to the lab and that.

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We can make sure these these samples are being processed appropriately.

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So here’s our care centers. Smilow has care centers all across the state. You can see that we are looking at. You know anywhere from Torrington to Trumbull Derby, Orange Guilford Water Ferd and Hartford.

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So what we found was and it’s pretty obvious as the distance from New Haven increases the time for us to process these samples decreases.

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So what we did for 2 locations, Trumbull in Saint Francis. We opened satellite CRSL labs, so they are staffed with a lab manager Anna lab technician in each lab each location.

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Now we couldn’t do any of the coordination here up until now without Joes Hell. He is our person that is coordinating all the care center schedules couriers and you can imagine? How many careers. We have to go to all these locations. Some of them are doing it like in Trumbull and Saint Francis on their own but we still have.

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And then the other locations are actually still sending us. The samples there’s a lot of coordination going on.

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These are our to Trumbull in Saint Francis lab staffed by John and Marias lab manager and Peter Gaijin Joelle’s lab technicians.

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And just to give you an idea of our hours and are limiting factors so our New Haven site is open from 7 AM to 8 AM to 7 PM Monday through Friday. We are available for later hours for later. PK’s and we are open weekends and holidays as the schedule requires.

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We have the capability of processing samples within 15 minutes of draw and of course, with late PK. Zora PK throughout the day. You know, we can do 12 hours post treatment were even talking about 13 and a half hours at this point, So what you need is will figure out how-to-do-it samples are also.

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But you know during surgery for biopsies. Interventional radiology and things like that, and we have the ability to add stabilizing reagents to the samples before they go out to where they need to go.

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We also are supporting other labs within yell so if you’re on doctor Phil and we’ll talk about that as well. But we will take
the samples in a process? What we need to, but then we will send them to
the appropriate labs like Doctor Helene and shopper include her in school or so
those are options for other labs if you.

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00:19:43.960 --> 00:19:44.410 Need them.

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00:19:45.460 --> 00:20:05.460 Our trouble in Saint Francis Hospital’s you know,
there's the challenge here, so this studies that are done at these care centers are
chosen so that the timing can be done right, they can process within 15 minutes
of collection. But the CTO itself isn’t open that long so they can really only do
6 hours of PK’s during the day.

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00:20:08.080 --> 00:20:28.080 There is some biopsy type issues that you have to
be specific per site. And there is some limitations like if you hoods and number
of collections per day that type of thing that you have to consider when we’re
doing. These care centers. The other care centers. Fairfield North Haven. You
just look here at the distance. It takes to get the samples.

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00:20:28.880 --> 00:20:48.280 Processing and then of course, we’ve been alerted
to the addition of Greenwich that should be coming this year. So we’ll have to
decide we’re looking at 45 minutes away. So we’re going to have to decide if
we’re going to open up. Another lab there or how the processing will be done
depending on what type of trials will be done there.

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00:20:50.980 --> 00:20:58.430 Really excited about that.

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00:20:59.890 --> 00:21:18.750 OK, so I think what you can tell is that we’re
truly clinical research support lab and you know, we’re supporting smilow care
centers sponsors farmer gives us a drugs or even investigating shit trials. We
ship things we connect to laboratories and.

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00:21:19.760 --> 00:21:39.760 So the question is in oh can, we can. We do more
and our vision for the future would be could we potentially be a central central
research report lab so can, we maybe make additional research possible where
we can now maybe provide pilot studies for people for you know how people was
investigated initiated trials or whichever way.

NOTE Confidence: 0.892182648181915
So we hope that as possible, and we are open for questions or suggestions and you know what we’re doing now how we can improve things and maybe vision for the future and that be intaglio goes here, so if we have a little time to free to ask questions.

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OK.

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Let me start I can open the questions namely as we expand our network and realize that there’s a growing population of of patience? How do you envision week sue to cover the ground you talked about other 2 CR cells now?

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Cells or figure out a fishing Courier services or some combination thereof other creative solutions.

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I think it’ll depend mostly on what we’re envisioning each location to achieve as far as patient work load. That’s going to be off of these clinical studies, so for instance, in Greenwich and it and I think the distance is a major factor of it as well. We’re just in the beginning stages of.

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No how big the facility is going to be as far as how many patients can be seen every day and what kind of cruel will be for different studies. I think it’s going to be a case by case basis and for example, Waterbury is really too far away to transfer those samples so if there’s going to be more.

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We’re looking at different alternatives like the clinical lab processing the samples in the CTO shipping them out. If opening a lab is not feasible there and I think again. It’s workload so if there’s too much going on that. I think the clinical labs going to want to do it. So then if finances are available, then we would.

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I think it goes in steps.

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How are you handling I know you say as needed?

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Probably not as good as we’d like I think the huge indicator is communication specially when they’re delayed. We had a tech have to stay right around Christmas time to almost 10 o’clock because of the delay. If we knew about that sooner. There could have been more organization to say she could’ve gone home for dinner or something like that.

Anything that needs to be done is for the benefit of the patients will always work it out.

You talked about like CTS or a longs. It depends on the actual study protocol. The lab manual as to whether we go or somebody else goes.

Yeah, I think you know for example, some of some of that is happening in hematology already because for the hematology trialed. We actually don’t have space to do the processing in the lab. We have right now, so in my lab actually started pressin so we have a technician in my lab location processing bone marrow biopsies that need to be filed called and just need longer processing so.

Yeah, I think now that we’re going to have Debbie Talia and lab manager. I think that we just need to be sure that we organize it better that we make sure we have monitoring we have ESO. Peas that we really formalize. This process and I think that’s also something we’re trying to do now, and so then yes.

Was other research labs to may be maximized? What we can do together?

Yeah, just to clarify are you available for Group Studies.

Good question I think we have to pass that on to the true time. We were talking about it this morning. How do we build off of the great work that was doing to further enabled translation with service obviously there’s?
00:26:15.350 --> 00:26:30.350 Joanne has been championing to build out our translational research infrastructure and as we continue to advance this. Maybe we leverage. The lab to help us enable that I think there’s an opportunity. We should look closely at.