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How to be a Great CI for Clinical Trials

28 September 2026

Edgbaston Park Hotel, Birmingham B15 2RS

TIME	SESSION TITLE	SPEAKER(S)
09:30 - 09:45	Welcome and Introductions	Prof Katie Morris Prof Amos Burke
09:45 - 09:55	Delegate Objectives	Prof Katie Morris
09:55 - 10:55	Lived Experiences of Chief Investigators: - How to be a great Chief Investigators - Common pitfalls for new Chief Investigators	Prof Amos Burke Dr Matthew Lee
10:55 - 11:15	Refreshments & Networking	
11:15 - 12:15	Group work - From Good to Great: Developing as a Chief Investigator	Facilitated by Prof Thomas Pinkney, Prof Katie Morris, Prof Amos Burke, & Prof Matt Brookes
12:15 - 13:30	How to work effectively with a CTU: • Trial management • Programming • Statistics • Quality Assurance	• Sonia Fox / Becky Faville • Naomi Campton • Piers Gaunt/Charlotte Gaskell/VictoriaHomer • Alexandra Bryant
13:30 - 14:15	Lunch & Networking	
14:15 – 14:35	Patient and Public Involvement, Inclusion, & Diversity	Steve Blackburn
14:35 – 14:50	A funder’s perspective on what makes a successful trial CI	Natalie Rowland
14:50 – 15:05	Mentoring, coaching, & peer support for CIs of clinical trials	Prof Katie Morris
15:05 – 16:05	Group work - Set-up and Delivery: How to make your trial a success	Facilitated by contributors
16:05 - 16:20	Refreshments & Networking	
16:20 – 16:50	Panel discussion	With Prof Thomas Pinkney, Prof Katie Morris, Prof Amos Burke, & Prof Matt Brookes
16:50 - 17:00	Reflections: One thing I will change after this course - All	