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MDIC EFS: 2019 in Review and Plans for 2020

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As we welcome in the new year, it's a great time to recap and reflect on our 2019 accomplishments and to look forward to what 2020 holds for the MDIC EFS project.

EFS 2019 in Review

- [Launch of EFS Express](#) – In February 2019, we launched EFS Express as a mechanism by which to provide updates on the EFS Site Network Pilot along with educational materials. Read all eleven editions published in 2019 [here](#).
- [Inaugural EFS Best Practices Workshop](#) - Over 65 attendees including representatives from 20 different sites, 14 different sponsors, FDA, CMS, and service providers gathered at the MDIC offices to open and improve dialog between sites and sponsors and identify common challenges that could be resolved through collaboration.
- [EFS Site Network Pilot Resources: Workshops, Webinars, and Content](#) – We held several communications activities for the EFS Site Network Pilot, including workshops on site best practices for patient screening/enrollment and on IRB/informed consent and webinars on contracting and best practices. We also began work on a survey of our EFS Site Network and the collection and dissemination of our 2017-2019 EFS study metrics.
- [EFS Symposium at the 2019 TVT Structural Heart Summit](#) – MDIC and the Cardiovascular Research Foundation hosted a symposium focused on best practices among clinicians for patient screening and enrollment in Early Feasibility Studies.
- [Virtual Legal Roundtable](#) – MDIC and Baylor Scott & White Research Institute hosted a virtual roundtable to further refine the [EFS Master Clinical Trial Agreement \(MCTA\)](#) template. A revised version of the template is now available.
- [EFS at the MDIC Annual Public Forum](#) – The project team shared outputs from data collected on EFS administration from the sponsors and sites who participate in the EFS Site Network Pilot. Listen to the EFS panel audio [here](#).

EFS in 2020

We have developed four strategic priorities for 2020:

1. *Continue efforts to streamline Sponsor-Site budget negotiations*
 - Plan and Host an EFS Budgeting workshop of sponsors and sites
 - Form a Budget Negotiation Working Group
2. *Curate the Site Network to more fully represent high performing EFS sites*
 - Define an EFS Site Network "Champions" list consisting of those sites with the greatest experience in EFS studies
 - Create an identity for the EFS Pilot through branding
3. *Broaden the EFS initiative beyond Structural Heart to Electrophysiology, Peripheral Vascular, and Neuro Interventions*
 - Identify new outreach efforts with the assistance of the Steering Committee
4. *Build momentum by sharing EFS Success Stories*
 - Incorporate a Success Story feature into EFS Express communications, with a focus on a) use of contracting tools, b) institution of screening consent, c) budget best practices from the Site perspective, and d) budget best practices from the Sponsor perspective
 - Seek and/or create additional opportunities to communicate EFS success stories

If you'd like to get involved in one or more of these strategic priorities, please e-mail us at efspilot@mdic.org

Have an EFS success story? In support of our 2020 Strategic Priorities, we want to publish success stories to help further the mission and vision of this project. If you would like to share, please send us an e-mail at efspilot@mdic.org with your contact information and 2-3 sentence summary of your project/story and we will contact you to set up a time to discuss further. Success stories may be written up and published in the EFS Express and across general MDIC channels and industry channels.

Looking for more information? Consult our [list_of_EFS_Resources_and_Tools](#)

Interested in participating in the EFS Initiative as a sponsor or site? Email us today for more information.

Upcoming Events

February 25-26, 2020:
EFS Budgeting Workshop of Sponsors and Sites | MDIC Offices in Arlington, VA

In this workshop, we will focus on sponsor and site best practices for EFS budgeting, followed by a roundtable discussion to develop a list of issues and challenges with EFS budgeting – and their potential solutions.