



# EFS EXPRESS

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## EFS Site Network Pilot 2019 Planned Activities

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Thank you to everyone who attended the EFS Site Best Practices held in March at MDIC. The meeting was used to identify common issues and share best site practices. For those who couldn't make it, there are plenty of opportunities in the months ahead to contribute to our efforts to streamline and improve EFS study conduct in the U.S. for both sites and sponsors. We have many more upcoming activities planned for the EFS Site Network Pilot in 2019. Some of our planned events and deliverables are listed below:

- **Workshop on Site Best Practices for Patient Screening/Enrollment – June 12<sup>th</sup>**

Dr. David Holmes will Chair a 2.5-hour evening event on June 12<sup>th</sup> in Chicago just prior to this year's Transcatheter Valve Therapies ([TVT](#)) summit. Clinicians and industry partners from our Network Pilot will be invited to attend.

- **Webinar on Contracting – July 9<sup>th</sup>**

MDIC and Baylor Scott & White are organizing a web working meeting to revisit and to reinvigorate interest in the Master Clinical Trial Agreement (MTC) from last year's meeting. Attorneys from sites and sponsors in our Network Pilot will be invited to attend.

- **Workshop on IRB/Informed Consent – October 2-3**

MDIC and Baylor Scott & White are organizing 1-1/2 day workshop to standardize approaches for EFS IRB and Informed Consent activities. The workshop will be held in Dallas at Baylor Hospital Conference Center. IRB chairs and IRB representatives from our Network Pilot will be invited to attend.

- **Working Group on Budgeting – Q2 through Q3**

MDIC is convening a working group on budgeting focused on developing templates and tools that could expedite budget negotiations. Individuals with experience in EFS budgets from both sites and sponsors in our Network Pilot will be invited to join. The group will be limited to a maximum of 15 members.

- **Webinars on Best Practices – Q2 through Q4**

MDIC is planning several Site "Best Practices" Webinars based on the presentations from the March workshop and different perspectives from sites, small companies, large companies in our Network Pilot.

- **EFS Survey – Q2 through Q3**

MDIC plans to survey our Site Network and publish the de-identified aggregated results on number of EFS studies performed, use of our tools and templates, central vs. local IRB usage, and more.

- **2017-2019 EFS Study Metrics – Q2 through Q3**

Building on the MDIC work in 2016, we plan to collect EFS metrics from industry sponsors from a more recent time period to show how the administration of studies is changing.

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