

# Registration is now open for the 2nd Conference on Clinical Research for Rare Diseases



The Rare Diseases Clinical Research Network (RDCRN) and the Clinical and Translational Science Awards (CTSA) are sponsoring the “2nd Conference on Clinical Research for Rare Diseases” on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at the Bethesda North Marriott, Bethesda, MD. This conference will focus on research methodology for rare diseases and should be of particular interest to trainees and junior faculty engaged in research in rare diseases.

## Registration

Registration fee of \$100 includes: Meals, refreshment breaks, and meeting materials.

## Program

The full-day program includes a series of short lectures with ample time for questions and discussion, plus panel discussions by expert researchers in rare diseases. Attendees will have the opportunity to present their work with the submission of an abstract and inclusion in a poster session.

## Attendees

The target audience includes new investigators, trainees, junior faculty, and others interested in rare disease research methodology.

Attendees have the opportunity to:

Meet key leaders in rare diseases research.

Engage in formal and informal networking and idea generation with other trainees and investigators.

Discuss career development and strategic planning for academic success.

Explore research collaborations.

## Topics:

1. Study design and biostatistics for dealing with small sample sizes
2. Recruitment strategies for rare diseases
3. Utilizing the resources of the CTSA program
4. Pathways for developing orphan products (FDA)
5. Working with patient advocacy groups
6. Working with industry on rare diseases research
7. Career development in rare diseases research

For more information about the conference including details about the program, applying for travel awards, and conference logistics and registration, please visit the conference website:

[www.rarediseasesnetwork.org/conference](http://www.rarediseasesnetwork.org/conference)