



# CLARiTI

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ADRC Consortium for Clarity in ADRD Research Through Imaging

## **Study Start up and Inclusion Core Processes**

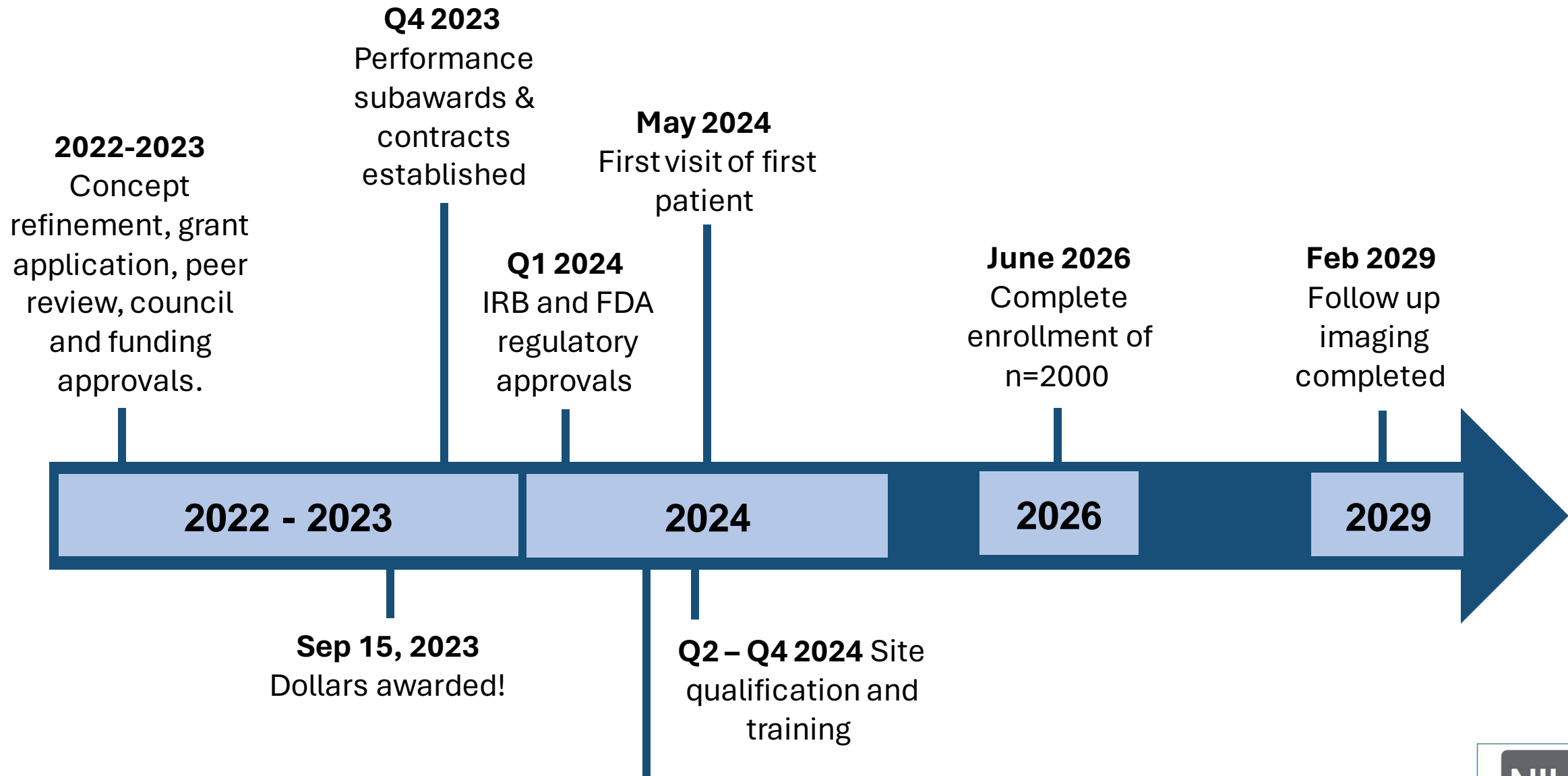
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**Wednesday, March 27, 2024**

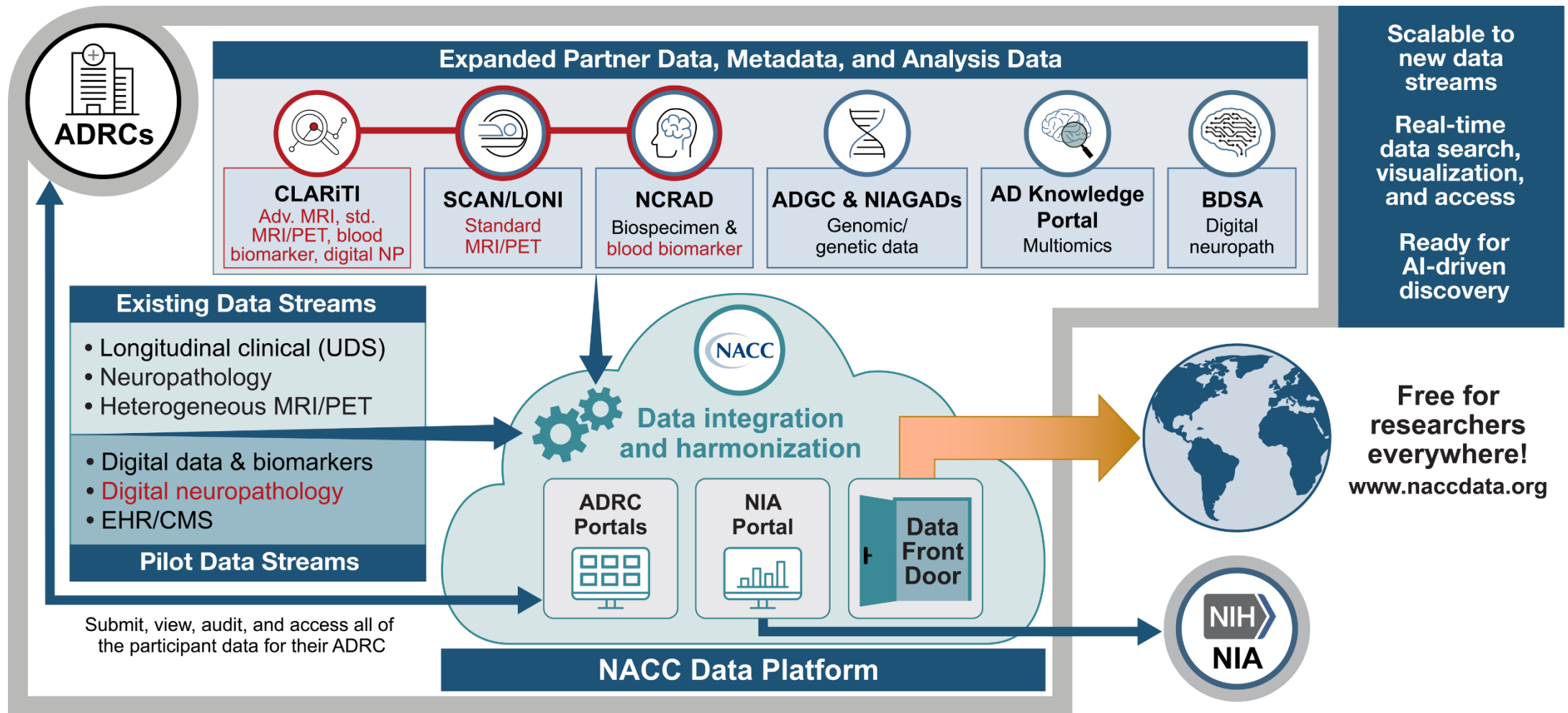
# Agenda

- CLARiTI updates
  - IND #170860
  - Site readiness checklist
  - Subaward updates
- Inclusion Core Processes
- Q&A
- Announcements





# NACC Data Platform: A Modern Cloud-based Multimodal Data Integration and Harmonization Platform



# IND Approval

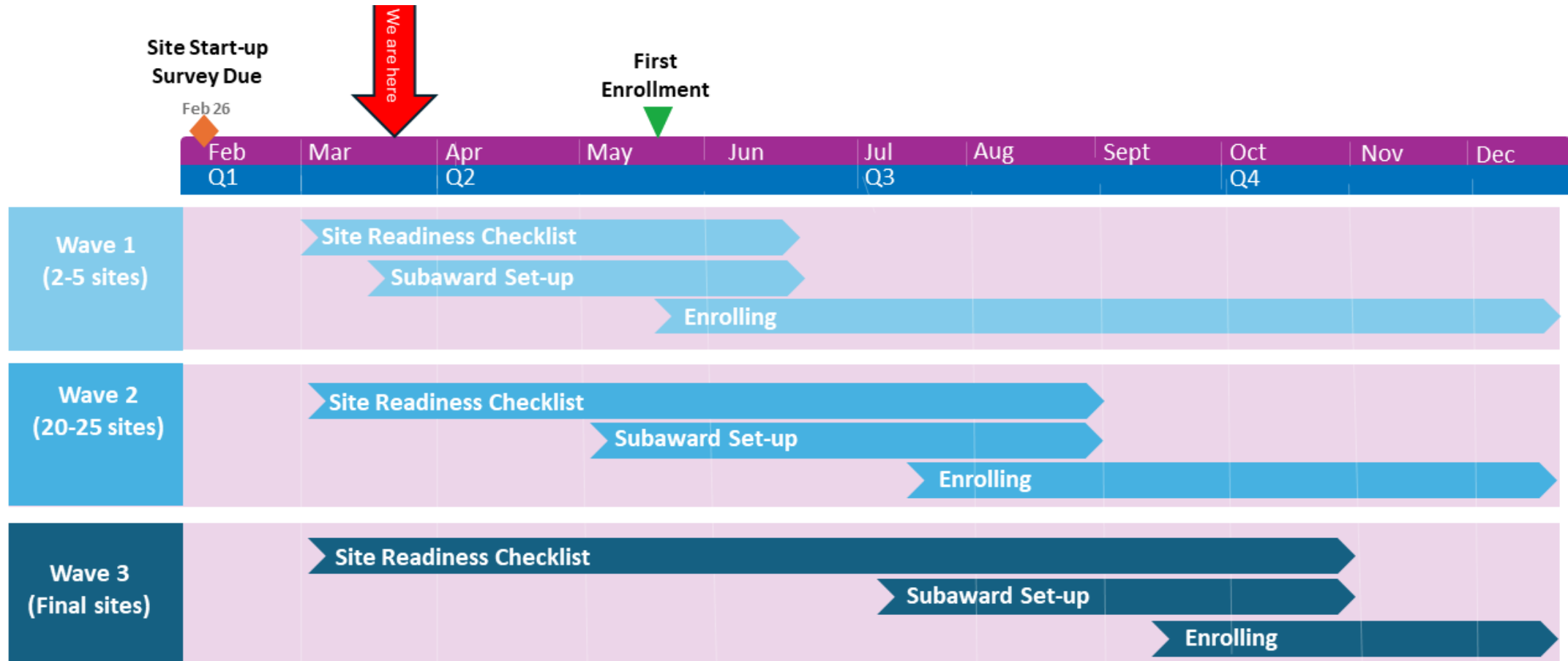
- IND #170860 was approved by the FDA on March 6<sup>th</sup>
- The *Study May Proceed* letter available via a link on our website.
- This IND covers the following tracers that will be delivered to sites: MK-6240, NAV4694, and PI-2620. It also covers local MK-6240 manufacturing if under Lantheus purview.
- CLARiTI project coordinator will confirm radioligand choices and delivery address of tracers.
- If necessary, your site will be added to the relevant work orders with the radioligand companies, and your coordinator will collect a 1572 form from your site investigator.
- For sites that are producing tracers (PiB, NAV4694, FTP, PI-2620) you will need to reference your local site IND.





# NACC Subaward Update

- **Scope of Work** - *distributed to sites in the next few weeks*
- **Subaward Process Initiation** - *NACC will reach out to begin collecting documentation according to the following timeline*





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## **Inclusion Core Processes**

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**Co-led by Dr. Monica Rivera-Mindt and Dr. Ozioma Okonkwo**





# **CLARiTI Inclusion Core**

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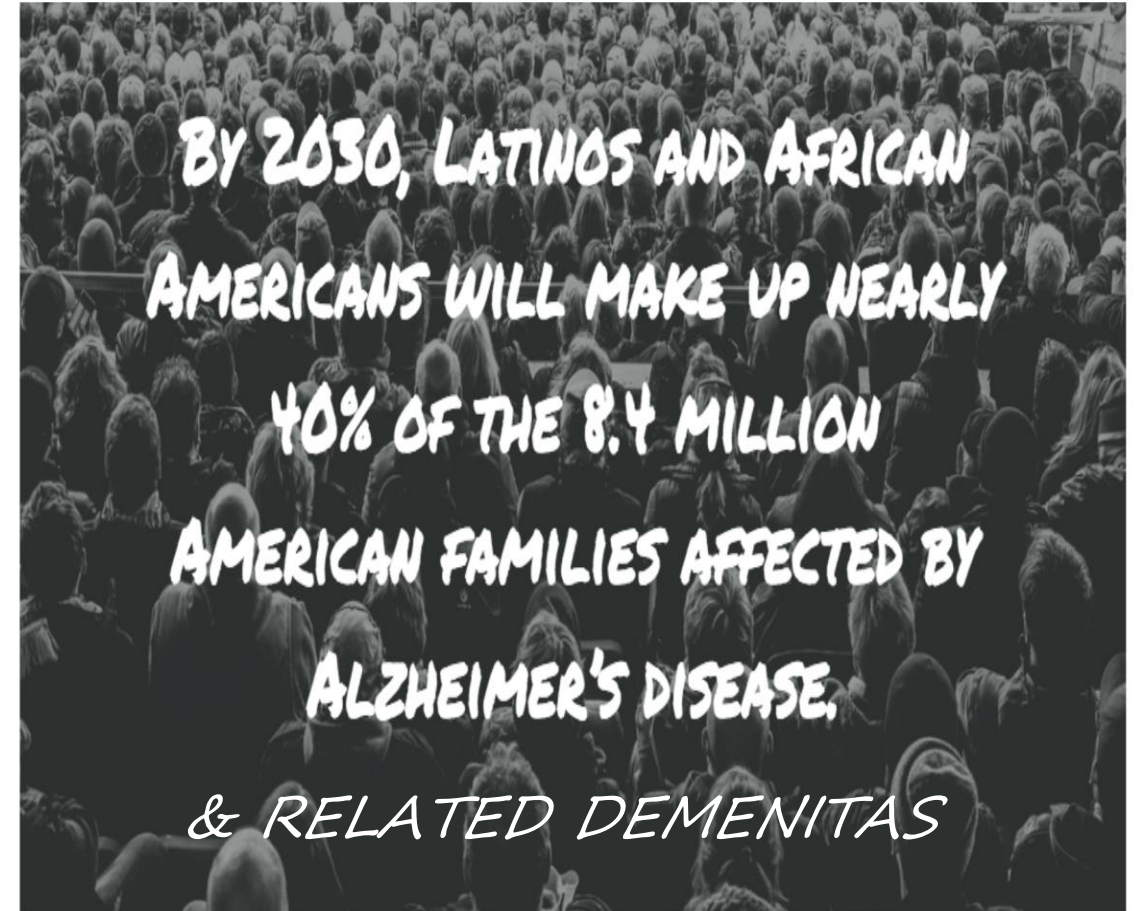
# Brain Health Inequities in Alzheimer's & Disease Related Dementias (AD/ADRDs)



- Black & Latinx adults are up to 2x as likely to develop AD/ADRDs than non-Latinx white adults\*
- Younger age of onset
- Greater severity of initial cognitive symptoms

*\*Note. Research based on primarily older adults.  
Alzheimer's Association, 2015; Campos et al., 2013*

Shifting Demographics Are Placing Communities of Color in the Crosshairs of Alzheimer's





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# Inclusion Core Mission

Ensure the inclusion/engagement of persons from Underrepresented Populations (URPs;  $\geq 25\%$ ) in CLARiTI by utilizing a culturally-informed, community engaged research (CER) approach, in close coordination with *all* CLARiTI Cores, esp. the Admin and Disclosure Cores, and with local ORE Cores.

## Milestone 1

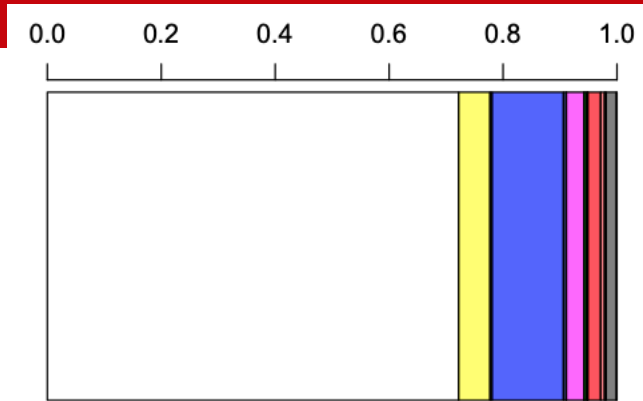
**Increase the Inclusion & Engagement of Persons from Underrepresented Populations ( $\geq 25\%$ ) in CLARiTI**

## Milestone 2

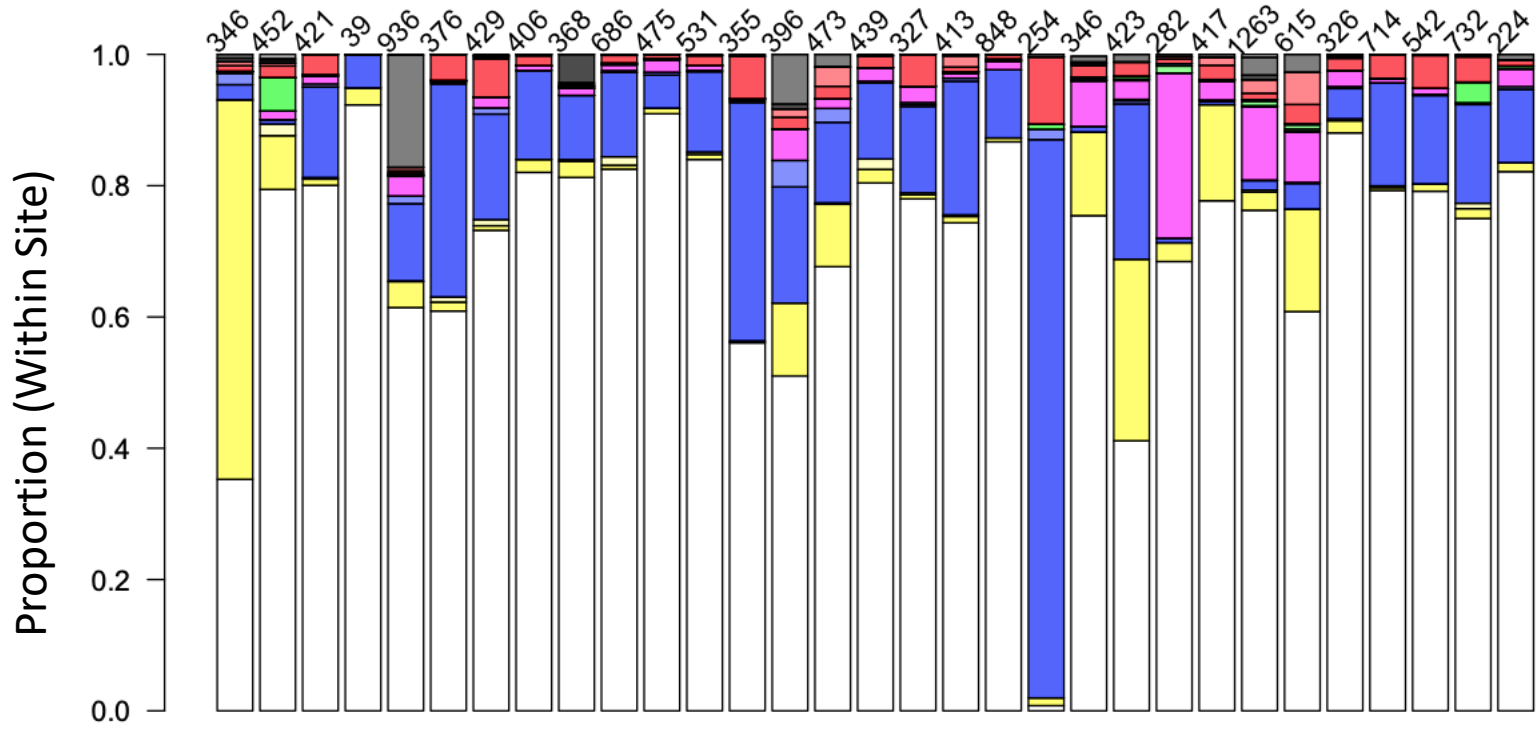
**Establish and Maintain Close Collaboration and Communication with other Cores to Meet Inclusion Goals**

# Race and Ethnicity in the ADRC Program

Proportion (collapsed across all sites)



Total Active=14854  
~3700 URM



- NH White
- H White
- Unknown White
- NH Black or African American
- H Black or African American
- Unknown Black or African American
- NH American Indian or Alaska Native
- H American Indian or Alaska Native
- Unknown American Indian or Alaska Native
- NH Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- H Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- Unknown Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
- NH Asian
- H Asian
- Unknown Asian
- NH Multiracial
- H Multiracial
- Unknown Multiracial
- NH Unknown or ambiguous Race
- H Unknown or ambiguous Race
- Unknown or ambiguous Ethnicity & Race

\* NACC Data Freeze March 2020 (to eliminate effect of covid)

# Inclusion Core Team



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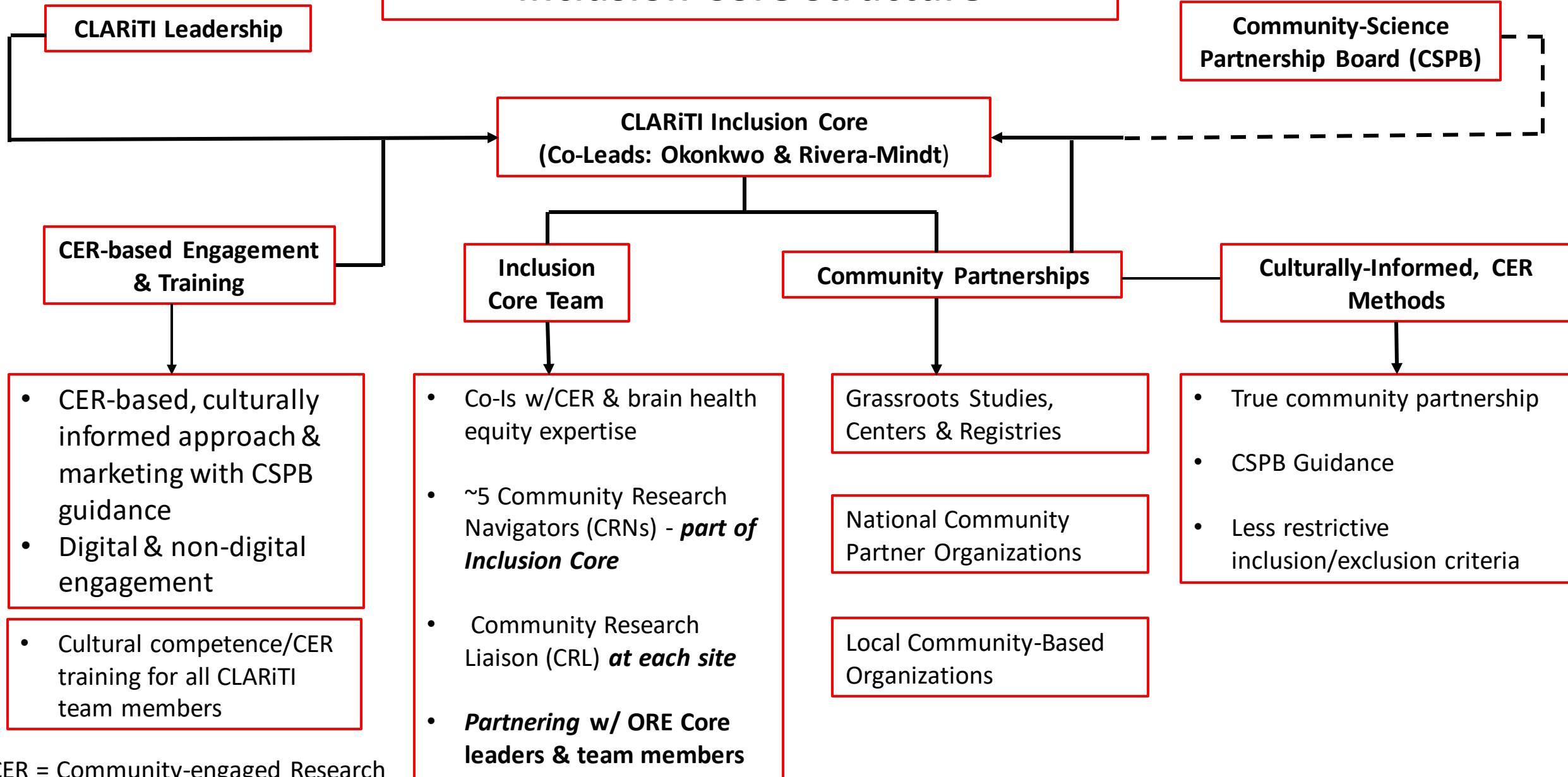


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CRN, UW Madison

# Inclusion Core Structure



## Community Research Navigator (CRN)

- Centralized team members (virtual engagement)
- Work centered on the “give” to participants (pts.) & study partners
- Promotes pt. *engagement (retention & task completion)*
- Supports ADRC coordinators with participants/study partners’ engagement in the CLARiTI protocol.
- Additional roles to be determined

## Community Research Liaison (CRL)

- Boots on the ground (in-person engagement)
- Work centered on the “give” to community members & local sites
- Promotes *inclusion* by supporting community partnerships & liaising with community clinicians, community-based organizations (CBOs), and community members
- Coordinates local inclusion/engagement events/efforts with local ADRC leadership & ORE Core team
- Participates in community events



**We want to  
hear from  
you!**



- On 03/25/24: NACC distributed a **Site Survey** re: inclusion plans to site PIs and ORE Core Leaders
- Please share your thoughts!
- We want to provide training and resources tailored to your needs!
- Please submit by **04/15**



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**By providing greater personal connection & community partnership, CRNs and CRLs will be pivotal to the implementation & success of the Inclusion Core's mission.**

# Key CER Principles

- **Recognizes community as a unit of identity**
- **Builds on strengths and resources of the community**
- **Facilitates collaborative partnerships in all phases of research**
- **Integrates knowledge and action for mutual benefit of all partners**
- **Promotes a co-learning empowering process that attends to social inequalities**
- **Involves a cyclical and iterative process**
- **Addresses health from positive and ecological perspectives**
- **Shares findings and knowledge gained to all partners**



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# Inclusion Core Efforts

- **Purpose**: Ensure the inclusion/engagement ( $\geq 25\%$ ) of ppl from Underrepresented Populations (URPs) in CLARiTI:
  - **Ethnoculturally minoritized groups**: Black/African American, Latinx, Asian, American Indian or Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders.
  - **Low socioeconomic status (SES)**:  $\leq 12$  years education
  - **Geography**: Individuals dwelling in rural areas
- **Approach**: Culturally-informed, community-engaged research (CER) methods
- **Inclusion Core will offer**:
  - Tailored inclusion and engagement materials
  - Training for CLARiTI team members & consulting for ORE Core members
  - Community Research Liaisons (CRLs) provide engagement w/ local community
  - Participant navigation support via Community Research Navigator (CRN) Program
  - Community-Scientific Partnership Board (CSPB)
  - Monitoring/refining of inclusion and engagement efforts among URPs throughout project
  - **Community Support**: Flexible annual \$ for local efforts (*up to \$10K*; e.g., support/ partnership w/ community org's; outreach/engagement events)

**Questions about URP recruitment at your site? Ideas for Inclusion Core programming?**

Please contact us at [clariti-inclusion@medicine.wisc.edu](mailto:clariti-inclusion@medicine.wisc.edu)

# Inclusion Plans

- **Inclusion of participants from URP backgrounds:**
  - The inclusion plan (recruitment & enrollment) will follow the local ADRC processes and the Inclusion Core is available to support your success – please let us know how we can help!
  - Community Research Liaison (CRL) role designed to assist with inclusion efforts
- **Participant compensation:**
  - Compensation for participation is by procedure, per time-point
  - The payment method is flexible and it is determined by the site
  - Participants may be offered additional payments for travel, lodging, or parking
- **Marketing team:**
  - Inclusion Core partnering with a marketing agency to produce tailored inclusion materials



# Engagement Plans

- **Retention**
  - **Community Research Navigator (CRN)** role designed to assist with retention efforts
  - **Community outreach/engagement funding (10k/site/year)** can be used for retention efforts (e.g., community health events, participant appreciation events, swag)
  - **Marketing team:** Our marketing agency can also produce tailored retention/engagement materials
- **Study Task Completion (i.e., MRI, PET)**
  - We will work w/ our stakeholders (e.g., CSPB, ORE Cores, Study Leadership) to better understand and increase URP engagement in biomarker task completion, es. neuroimaging protocols

# Partnership with ORE Cores at the ADRCs

- **The success of the CLARiTI Inclusion mandate ( $\geq 25\%$  URPs) will require close collaboration between the Inclusion Core and ORE Cores at the ADRCs:**



- Onboarding sessions with ORE Core
- Networking with ORE Core leaders and staff during the fall and spring NACC Directors meeting
- Inclusion Core check-ins with ORE Core staff
- Regular contact between Inclusion Core leadership and ORE Core Steering leadership
- Provide ORE Core with a repository of resources and training materials for enhancing CER practices
- Distribute the Inclusion Core Survey to ORE Core to understand local procedures and practices
- Webinars to provide CER training to ORE Core
- Consultation with ORE Core as needed to support recruitment and engagement



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- ***How can I reach the Inclusion Core?***
  - Please contact us at: [clariti-inclusion@medicine.wisc.edu](mailto:clariti-inclusion@medicine.wisc.edu)
- ***I have questions, concerns or ideas about engagement of participants from URPs- who can I share this with?***
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***\*REMINDER\****

**ADRC Leaders (esp ORE Core Leaders) and Staff**

NACC distributed a site survey about inclusion plans on 3/25, with the **deadline of 04/15**

**Please** share your thoughts with us so we can provide training and resources tailored to your needs!

**Thank you!**

**¡Muchas  
Gracias!**

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# Announcements

- **CLARiTI Breakout Session at NACC Spring Meeting**
  - Save the date: Monday, May 6th, 11:35-1:05pm CT
  - Lunch will be provided for those attending in person
  - In person invite will be extended to CLARiTI site investigators and ORE Core Leaders. Anyone can attend virtually!
  - Agenda will include presentations by the CLARiTI Disclosure and Inclusion Cores with time for open discussion.



# Announcements

- **Next Webinar** will be held on June 20, 10 AM CT/8 AM PT
  - Blood & Biomarkers/NCRAD
- **CLARiTI Connect newsletter**
  - Distributed by the CLARiTI administrative teams at UW Madison and the National Alzheimer's Coordinating Center. CLARiTI Connect contains current information about study progress, operations updates, news, and more!
- **Stay in touch!**
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