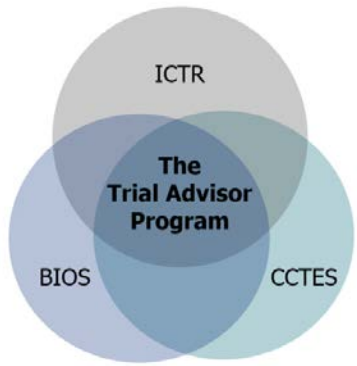




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Trial Advisor Program (TAP)



The JHU ICTR Trial Advisor Program:

- Key organizational partners: the ICTR, BIOS CTCC, a JHU-based academic research organization, and the CCTES consulting service
- Expert consultative support to investigators with single- and multi-site translational clinical trials needing:
 - Strategic advice
 - Trial start-up, enrollment, data quality, GCP, IRB and sIRB processes, contracting, human subjects research
 - Leadership and management of research teams
 - Use of performance metrics
 - Comprehensive safety and risk management

TAP Leadership - Johns Hopkins University Senior Trialists

ICTR

- Daniel E. Ford, MD, MPH
 - *Director, Johns Hopkins Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (ICTR)*
 - *David M Levine Professor of Medicine*
- Charles Flexner, MD
 - *Chief Scientific Officer for Strategy and Integration*
- Liz Martinez, RN, BSN, CCRC
 - *Advocate Senior Clinical/Research Liaison*

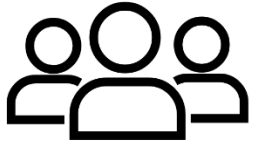
BIOS CTCC

- Daniel F. Hanley, MD
 - *Director, BIOS Clinical Trials Coordinating Center*
 - *ICTR Deputy Director for Support & Innovation in Multi Center Trials, Principal Investigator*
- Karen Lane, CMA, CCRP
 - *Deputy Director, BIOS Clinical Trials Coordinating Center*
 - *Trial Coordination*
- Nichol McBee, MPH, ACRP-CP
 - *Executive Director, BIOS Clinical Trials Coordinating Center*
 - *Data Coordination and Quality*
- Jessica Baird, PhD & Stephanie Swords
 - *Consult Navigators*

CCTES

- Douglas A. Jabs, MD, MBA
 - *Director, Center for Clinical Trials and Evidence Synthesis*
- Amy Zemanick
 - *Research Program Manager, CCTES*

Team Science Approach Connects Investigators to Trialists, Experts, & Services



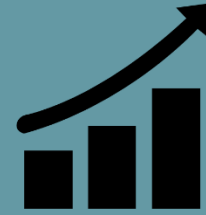
**Cohort
discovery via
PCORNet and
TriNetX
mechanisms**



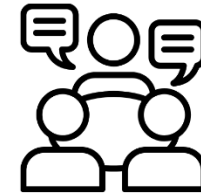
**Site selection
and readiness
assessment
within and
beyond the
Johns Hopkins
Clinical
Research
Network**



**Single IRB (sIRB)
review in
collaboration
with the
regulatory
knowledge and
support core**



**Review method
development to
track study
performance
and outcomes
at the local hub
and affiliated
sites**



**Organization
and trial
execution
strategy
consultation**



**Direction and
strategy for
grant
preparation**

TAP Strategies

- ➡ Develop a portal for local investigative teams to access trial development resources available within the CTSA
- ➡ Organize strategic trial planning by integrating team's study development with the BERD & appropriate CTSA cores and CRUs
- ➡ Provide learning and mentoring opportunities for young investigators (K and T awardees)
- ➡ Integrate trial planning with University of Maryland, Kaiser Permanente, and Morgan State University to expand statewide research opportunities
- ➡ Collect TAP metrics to gauge program success

Requests/Resources

Requests

- Study Design*
- Study Budget
- Projected Timelines
- Recruitment Feasibility Assessment
- Study Feasibility
- Comparative Effectiveness

Resources

- Single IRB
- Standard Agreements
- Recruitment and Retention Plan
- Community Engagement Studio
- EHR-Based Cohort Assessment
 - PCORNet, TriNetX

**Collaboration with ICTR Biostatistics Consultation Service integrates statistical support during the TAP consultation*

Addressing Barriers to Clinical Research within the Trial Advisor Program

BARRIERS

Flawed design
Inefficient conduct

Lack of stakeholder engagement
Eligibility criteria too burdensome

Start-up delays,
e.g. IRB review, contract execution

Fragmented operating models
Infrastructure rebuilt

Recruitment challenges
Long timelines, altered study designs

High costs of data collection & management
Inadequate data collection & management

TAP OPPORTUNITIES

Consultations
with local clinical trial, disease, statistical, and recruitment experts

Specialized support from the **Recruitment Innovation Unit**

JHM Single IRB coordination, **Standard Agreement** toolkits

Referral to ICTR resources/cores for Clinical Coordinating Center, Data Coordinating Center, and Recruitment/Retention Planning depending on investigator needs (see ICTR website)

TAP Triage for JHU Investigators

Request a TAP consult via the ICTR website



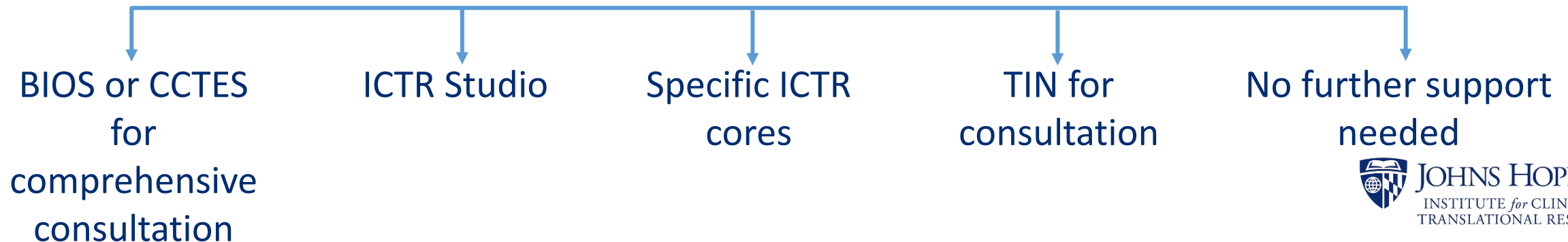
5 business days to schedule an initial consult



Initial consult is a 1- to 2-hour meeting with content appropriate experts;
Follow-up meetings may occur; Consultation will be completed within 30-60 days

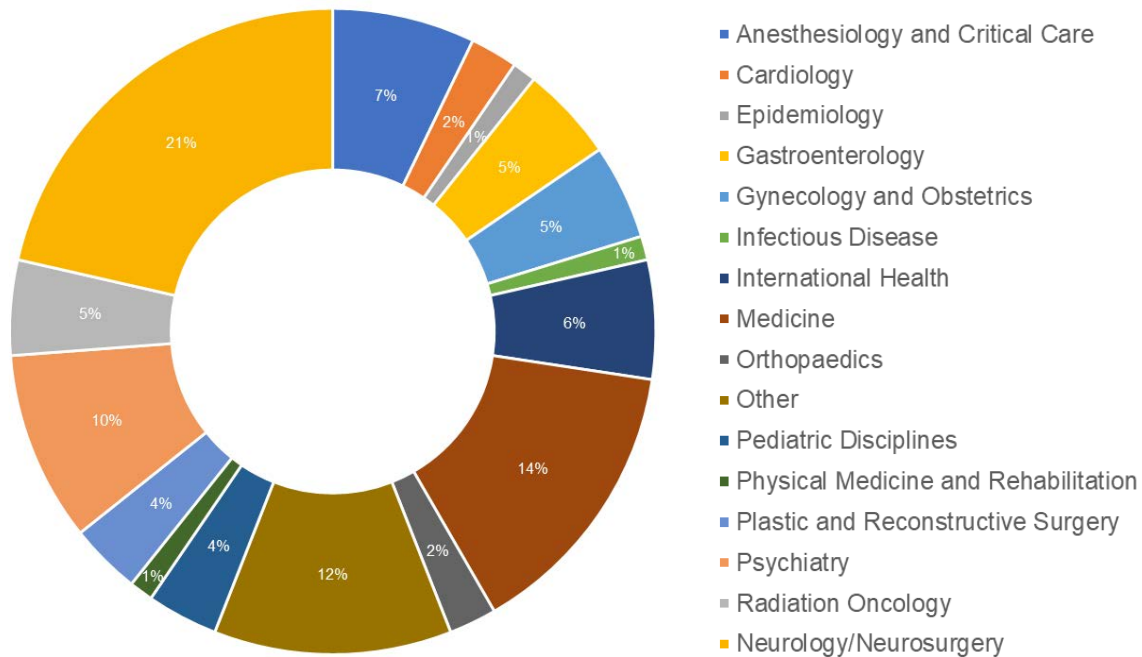


Monthly TAP review for final recommendations, which may include referral to:

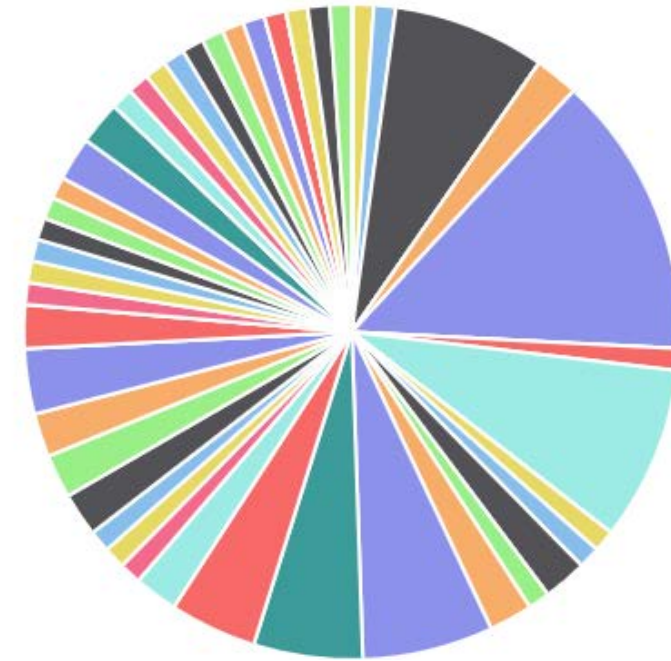
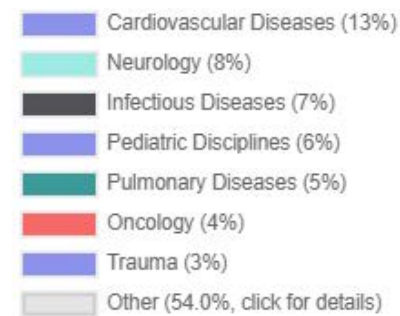


TIN & TAP Consultations for Trial Design

JHU TAP Consultation Clinical Domains



TIN Consultation Clinical Domains



TAP Satisfaction Survey Results

Sept. 2021 – Nov. 2024*

Q1: How would you rank the consultation process, including submitting an intake form, scheduling meetings, timeline of the consultation?

Responses	Frequency	Percentage
Neutral (7)	2	7.14%
Positive (8-10)	26	92.86%
Total	28	100.00%

Q2: How satisfied are you with the clinical trial understanding and expertise of the TAP consultation team in assessing your needs?

Responses	Frequency	Percentage
Neutral (7)	1	3.57%
Positive (8-10)	27	96.43%
Total	28	100.00%

Current Response Rate: **60%**

*TAP/TIU Satisfaction Survey Collection began with CTCCS results in Sept 2021



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TAP Consultation 0038: Reorientation for Delirium prevention: The ReDi Trial Proposal

Frederick E. Sieber, M.D.
Professor

Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine
Director of Anesthesiology
Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center

The Clinical Problem: Postoperative Delirium

- The most common complication after major elective surgery in older patients
- Associated with impairment of functional and cognitive recovery leading to prolonged length of stay, increased rates of both institutional discharge and 30-day readmission.
- Medicare costs attributable to postoperative delirium following elective surgery are estimated to total over \$44,000 per patient over one year after a new delirium event.
- Prevention of postoperative delirium will impact long term patient function, family wellbeing, and health system costs.

Current State: Postoperative Delirium Prevention

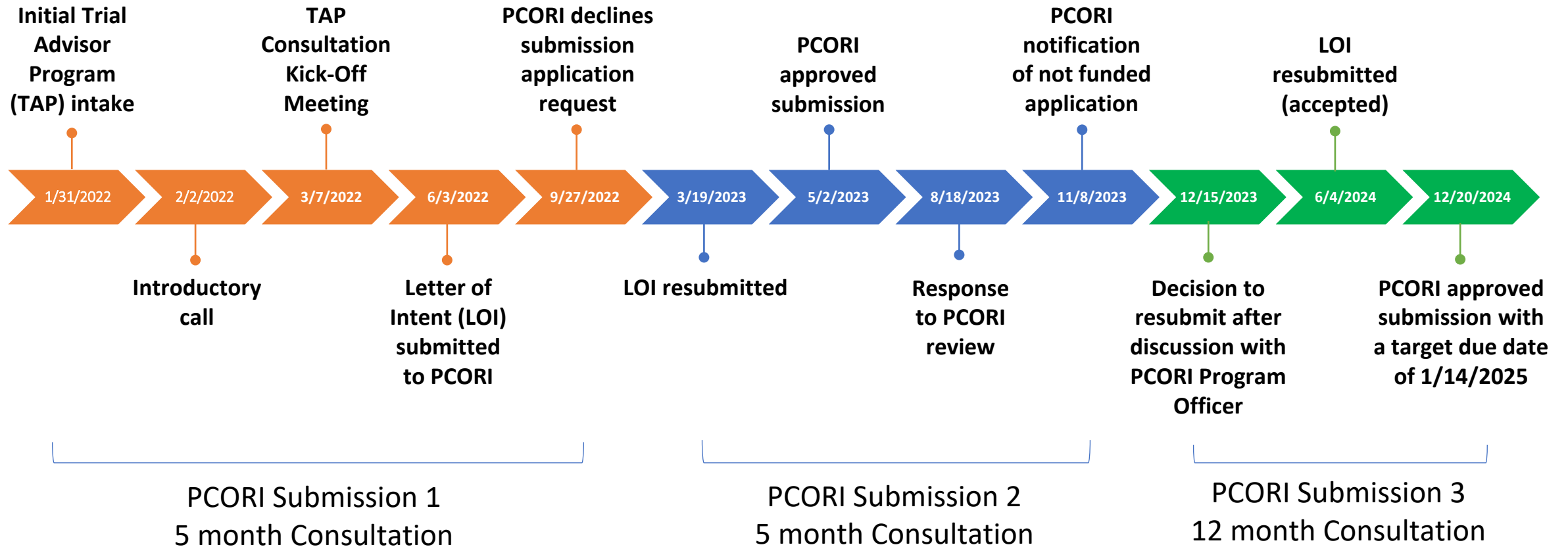
- No definitive pharmacologic approach
- Multicomponent interventions are effective in reducing delirium rates
- Widespread adoption of multicomponent interventions has been hindered by resource constraints and implementation challenges.
- These limitations have been addressed by focusing on the most effective individual components of multicomponent interventions.
- Network meta-analysis suggests that reorientation is most beneficial in delirium prevention.

Research Question

What is the comparative effectiveness for postoperative delirium prevention of a nurse guided vs standardizing the frequency of PACU reorientation in frail, older surgical patients?

TAP 0038: The ReDi Trial

Consultation Timeline




Consultation Impact


	Design	Intervention	Consortium	Study Duration	Sample Size	Stakeholders
Pre Consultation	Stepped Wedge	Low intensity reorientation (R)/cognitive stimulation (CS) PACU protocol vs high intensity R/CS PACU protocol	5 sites	60 months	5,000	Focus Groups
Post Consultation	Stepped Wedge	Nurse guided vs standardized frequency PACU reorientation	20 sites	48 months	4,800	Focus Groups, CTSA, PCORNet, PATH

How to Access the TAP


<https://ictr.johnshopkins.edu/service/study-planning/trial-advisor-program-tap/>






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- submit requests for ICTR services
- ask for help from any of our consultants
- submit questions, comments, or feedback
- apply for ICTR grant programs


“The Trial Advisor Program (TAP), formerly known as the Trial Innovation Unit (TIU), is a service powered by the ICTR, the **BIOS CTCC** and the **CCTES**.”

Make a Request 

Quick Links

Contact us: TAPTeam@jhu.edu

Study Planning/Study Conduct

- ☐ CRU Online
- ☐ Research Coordinator Support Service (RCSS) - Details
- ☐ Trial Innovation Network (TIN) Request - Details
- ☒ Trial Advisor Program (TAP) - Details 
- ☐ Studio: A Master Class - Details
- ☐ Research Personnel Onboarding Program Request - Details



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Trial Innovation Network (TIN)

Acronyms

Trial Innovation Network (TIN)

- Clinical & Translational Science Awards (CTSA) program
- Focuses on operational innovation
- Goal: Execute trials better, faster, and more cost-efficiently

Trial Innovation Centers (TICs)

- Johns Hopkins University
- Vanderbilt University

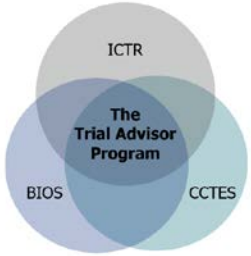
Recruitment Innovation Center (RIC)

- Vanderbilt University

Trial Advisor Program (TAP) – Johns Hopkins University

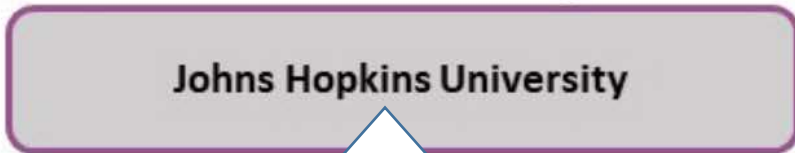
- ICTR – Institute for Clinical & Translational Research
- BIOS CTCC – BIOS Clinical Trials Coordinating Center
- CCTES – Center for Clinical Trials and Evidence Synthesis

Trial Innovation Network Structure



JH ICTR

TIN Liaison Team (Liz Martinez: POC)
Trial Advisor Program (TAP)
Recruitment Innovation Unit (RIU)



Support for the development and conduct of multi center clinical trials

*No cost for Consultations
and Recommendations
report*

trialinnovationnetwork.org



Addressing roadblocks in clinical trials and accelerating the translation of novel interventions into life-saving therapies

Operational innovation, excellence, and collaborati

The Trial Innovation Network continues to accept new proposals!

TIN Support
Starts **Here**

[CLICK HERE TO REQUEST A CONSULT FROM THE TIN](#)

463
TOTAL
PROPOSALS
SUBMITTED

NETWORK
PROPOSALS

100
INSTITUTIONS WITH
**76 THERAPEUTIC
AREAS**

STANDARD
AGREEMENTS

73
SITES WITH
9 STUDIES

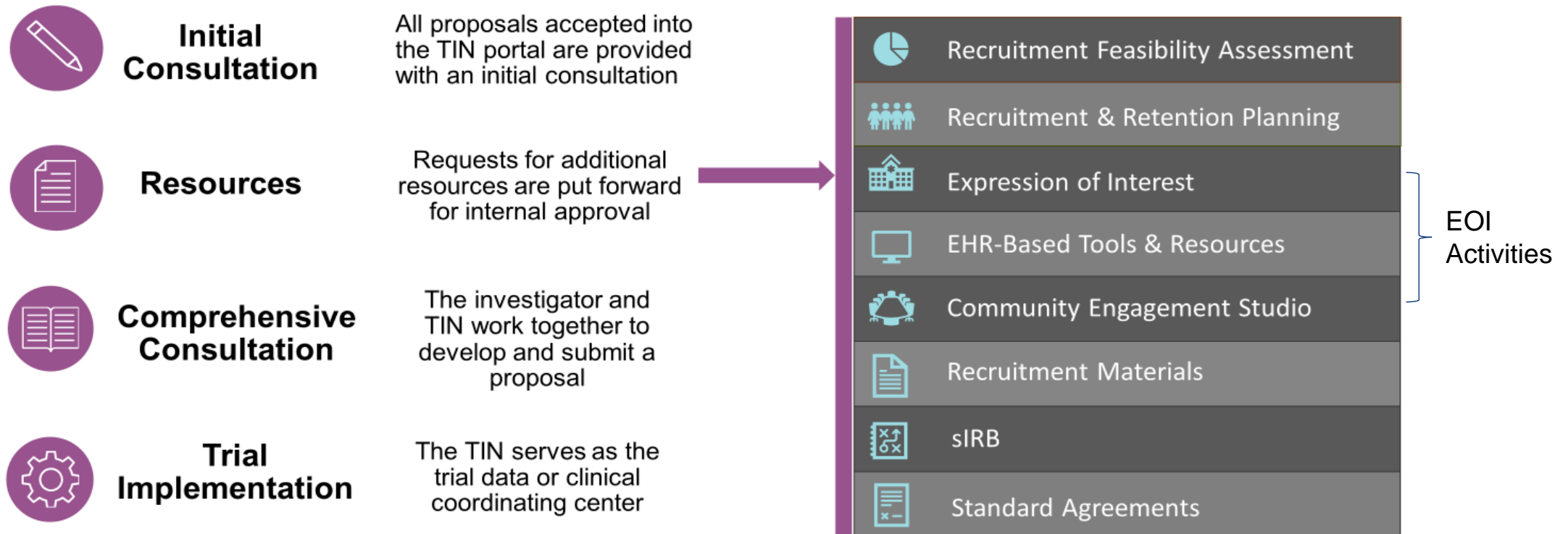
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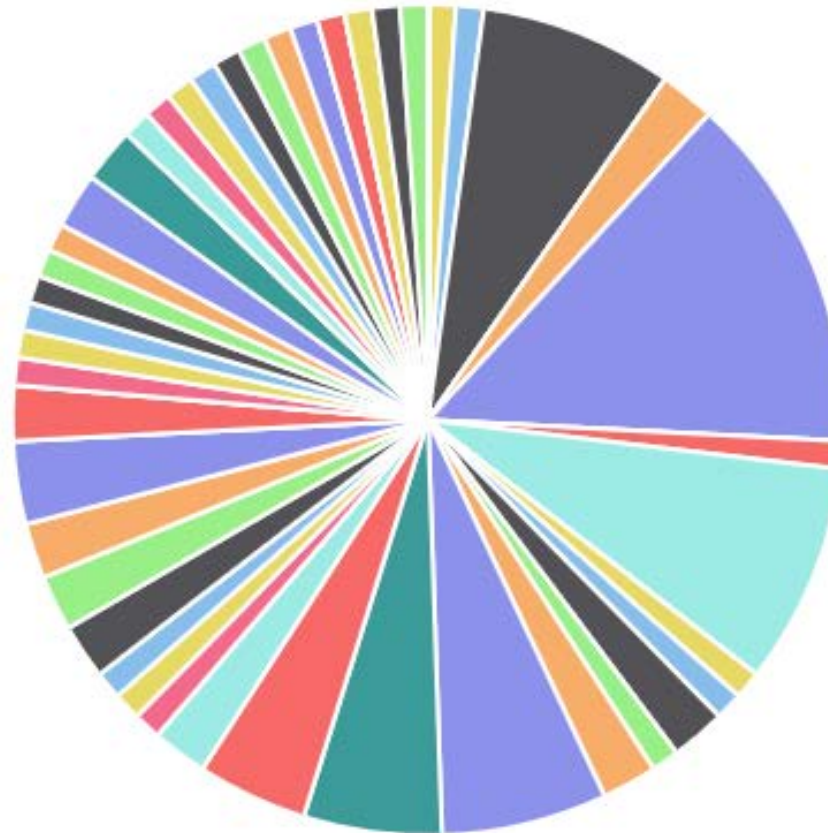
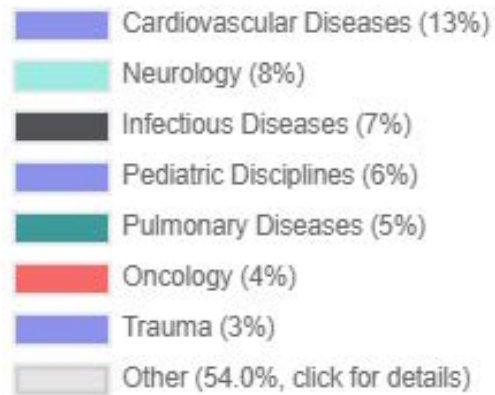
Types of TIN Support

Investigators can request consultations and resources for multi-center clinical trials and studies across disciplines and disease areas.



Network Proposals

% of Therapeutic Areas Represented



483
REQUESTED
NETWORK
SUPPORT

21
NIH I/Cs
ENGAGED

77
THERAPEUTIC
AREAS
REPRESENTED

96%
% OF CTSA
SUBMITTED
PROPOSALS



Thank you!