

## **CTSA Pod Meeting**

Joined: FGM, Gal, Brian Smith, Jason Umans, James Holahan, Katherine Luzuriaga, Kathryn Sandberg, Marjorie Gondre-Lewis, Miriam Bredella, Nater Hafer,

## **N3C Database Status & Urgency**

An update was shared from the last steering committee meeting in which the importance of the N3C database was shared from Drs. Kurilla and Rutter. There was a discussion regarding the renewal of the data management contract which is currently pending. The data has been successfully moved from Palantir to the NIH. However, because there is currently no live contract with Palantir, urged to download data scripts ASAP as future availability cannot be guaranteed. There was a discussion among CTSA hub leadership at the POD meeting about the need for data security with all the transitions going on.

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## **Governance & Academic Involvement**

A significant point of discussion was CTSA hubs voicing their concern that there is currently insufficient academic leadership in the N3C. This would enhance both the science of N3C but also help with the security concerns about the data.

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## **Collaboration Tools & IP Issues**

- Epic/Cosmos was discussed as a data sharing option for institutions using the Epic EHR system.
  - However, this option faces major hurdles due to intellectual property (IP) rules, where Epic takes ownership of shared property, making it a poor fit for many academic collaborations.
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## **CTSA Impact & Barriers**

The group discussed the broader challenge for CTSAs to prove their value and impact to the wider community. A major barrier identified was the issue of publishing and open access, prompting a call to action for CTSAs to find solutions, especially for junior investigators who may not have funding for publication fees.