

PtCRIN's CTU IMPACT DAY

Strengthening Investigator Initiated Clinical Trials

18 DE SETEMBRO DE 2026

Reitoria da Universidade Nova de Lisboa



Target: Clinicians, researchers, regulators, patient representatives, and policymakers

Registration: Free, but mandatory (by September 14th)

September 18th 2026 (09:30h-17:30h)

9h - Reception and Check-in

09h30 **Welcome Message** (NMS, PtCRIN)

10h00 **Session 1: Academic-Led Clinical Trials 2.0. Towards a New Paradigm**

Moderators – Tiago Alfaro (ULS de Coimbra, PtCRIN) and Mónica Gonçalves (2CA-Braga)

Decentralized Clinical Trials as a Strategic Evolution for Hospital-Based Clinical Trial Units — Luís Costa (ULS de Santa Maria)

Secondary use of data for clinical trials under the EHDS — Cátia Sousa Pinto (SPMS)

From Scientific Idea to Operational Reality: Why Academic Trials Need CTUs — Lúcia Domingues (NOVA CRU, NMS)

Discussion (20 min)

11h20 **Cooffee Break** (20 min)

11h40 **Session 2: Clinical Trial Units as Innovation Hubs**

Moderators – Emília Monteiro (UNL) and Francisco Vasques-Nóvoa (FMUP)

Inclusivity and representativity in clinical trials — Alberto Borobia Pérez (SCReN)

From Local Expertise to European Impact: the role of ECRIN as CTU network — Joana Batuca (PtCRIN/ECRIN)

Roundtable discussion — Joel Passarinho (Infarmed), Rui Tato Marinho (CEIC), Nuno Sousa (AICIB), José Fragata (CN-CACs), Joaquim Ferreira (SCML), Alberto Borobia Pérez (SCReN) (55 min)

13h15 **Networking lunch**

14h30 **Session 3: Presentation and discussion of best methodological clinical trials**

Moderators — Ana Pina Rodrigues (CRU2C), Ângela Papa (EUPATI PT), Inês Aires (AIBILI), Inês Zimbarra Cabrita (CETERA), Janete Santos (CRU-RISE) and Tiago Alfaro (ULS de Coimbra, PtCRIN)

Oral Communications — Best interventional clinical study design (tbd)

15h45 **Session 4: Developing a Clinical Trial-Ready Scientific Community – a round table with research centers**

Moderators — João Morais (PtCRIN) and Mário Santos (CAC ICBAS-CHP)

Introductory remarks — Bruno Gago (UA, 10min)

Roundtable with research centers: 2CA-Braga — Jorge Pedrosa; CCAL — Miguel Paiva; CAC ICBAS-Santo António — Mário Santos; CACC — Carlos Robalo Cordeiro; ABC — *Tbd*; CACB — Miguel Castelo-Branco Sousa; EMHA — João Firmino Machado; C-TRAIL — Lino Patrício; CAC-CL — Francisca Leite; CAML — *Tbd*; FMUP/HSJ — Francisco Nóvoa; CACTMAD — *Tbd*.

17h15 **Closing session & Best Interventional Clinical Study Award Winner Announcement** — João Sargento Freitas (PtCRIN)