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Getting the Word Out: Using Voices of Scientists to Launch Promotional TL1 Content on Social Media

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Background/Purpose:

CTSA Hubs nationwide rely on social media to reach like-minded professionals in clinical and translational science. TL1 programs use various platforms such as LinkedIn, Twitter, and Facebook to promote their CTSA to former, current, and future fellows. The NJ ACTS program has a website but has not pursued other means of visible engagement to showcase its accomplishments and those of current and former trainees. This also inhibits engagement with former trainees, their mentors, and others interested in translational science and research. The purpose of this project is to address this unmet need by creating sustainable outreach and engagement among prospective, current, and alumni members of the training program through the rollout of relevant content on social media platforms.

Methods:

Data was collected on the types of social media platforms used by CTSA Hubs with TL1 Programs across the US and compiled into a spreadsheet. A survey was sent out to 18 NJ ACTS trainees to gauge their social media usage. Select trainees participated in the production of podcasts detailing their experiences, which will ultimately be shared on the program's media platforms. Data analytics provided by the platforms will help determine interest and future content.

Results:

The results will help determine the effectiveness of directed content via podcasts and LinkedIn for the NJ ACTS TL1 fellowship program. A new TL1 LinkedIn page will be launched at the culmination of the NJ ACTS internship and will feature relevant and engaging media including podcasts.

Conclusion:

The increased use of social media by NJ ACTS to promote the TL1 Fellowship Program will allow for greater communication and engagement within the professional community.

