

# GRAND ROUNDS

**Thursday, October 20, 2022**

**Location: Zoom** (please [RSVP](#) for link)

**4:30pm- 6:00pm**

## **Warp Speed, the Right to Try, Real World Evidence and the Future of the Ethics of Clinical Research**

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After witnessing extraordinary scientific and regulatory efforts to speed development of and access to new COVID-19 interventions, patients facing other serious diseases have begun to ask “where’s our Operation Warp Speed?” and “why isn’t Emergency Use Authorization an option for our health crises?” Although this pandemic bears a number of unique features, the response to COVID-19 offers translatable lessons, in both its successes and failures, for non-pandemic diseases. These include the importance of collaborating across sectors, supporting the highest-priority research efforts, adopting rigorous and innovative trial designs, and sharing reliable information quickly. But, the regulatory response to the pandemic demonstrates that lowering standards for marketing authorization can result in increased safety concerns, missed opportunities for research and treatment and risky delays in determining what works.

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