# CTSA Program Communications Guidance Document

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**PURPOSE:** This document clarifies the different avenues for sharing, submitting and amplifying CTSA Program-related communications by both NCATS and CLIC.

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| **News Releases**    | As far in advance as possible prior to public release | Email/contact:  
  - NCATS Communications Branch: 301-435-0888 or info@ncats.nih.gov  
  - Your NCATS CTSA Program Director | NCATS will determine whether to pursue a joint or separate press release or other type of communication. | Cindy McConnell: 301-435-0024 cindy.mcconnell@nih.gov  
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NCATS grantees are responsible for crediting the NIH and NCATS in text on a product, for example: “This research was supported by the National Institutes of Health’s National Center for...”
Advancing Translational Sciences, grant ####.”

Grantees also should include a disclaimer such as “The content is solely the responsibility of the authors and does not necessarily represent the official views of the National Institutes of Health or its National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences.”

| Translational Science Advance Wow! Factor Stories | NCATS seeks CTSA Program stories that illustrate how the program is successful in improving the translational science process. Related news releases, publications or posts are not required. A submission simply requires the submitter to explain how the project/story is helping to improve translational science. | Anytime | Complete the CTSA Program WOW! Factor Form on the CLIC website [webform](#) | Selected information may be developed into future NCATS communications. For example:

- General website content
- News Briefs
- Feature Articles
- Scholars in the News
- NCATS e-newsletter article
- Twitter/Facebook/LinkedIn
- Presentations | Your NCATS CTSA Program Director |
| **Consortium News stories** | CLIC seeks to highlight existing news from around the Consortium on its website. These stories must link back to an existing blog post, news release, publication, etc. | Any time after publishing | Complete the Consortium News form on the CLIC website.*  
*If you are submitting a news story or blog via the WOW! Factor Form that you’d also like highlighted on the CLIC website, please fill out **BOTH** forms. **Filling out the WOW! Factor Form **DOES NOT** ensure a story will be highlighted on the CLIC site. | CLIC will feature a summary and photo on their News page that links back to the hub’s original blog/release/etc.  
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