Dear Alliance,

First off, we wanted to reach out and hope you had happy holidays and wish you all the best for 2020. There are a few updates.

PROJECT MANAGEMENT
We have secured funding for a project manager and hope to have someone hired by mid January. As soon as that is accomplished we hope to provide frequent updates and regular phone-calls. More to come.

BECOME INVOLVED
After the last meeting and a DPA webinar there was a lot of interest in how to become involved in the Alliance.

Think about three level of engagement:
1. Join to "stay in touch" (passive, stay in touch, receive updates, effort "low") = be informed and passive.
This means you sign up to the distribution list and will receive email updates about meetings or content updates to the website.

2. Join and stay involved (same as 1 + come to meetings, help with special tasks, effort "moderate") = be active but not key driver.
This means you will join steering committee phone calls AND will take on tasks that are generally lower effort.

3. Join to work with us (actual projects, help shape the group, effort "high") = be active and leadership.
This means you will actively run and coordinate a project.

These are our current thoughts - feel free to contribute by expanding. It would be great if you forward this link (or entire email) to those interested in working with the Alliance. Here is the link to get on this distribution list:
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdQ8jZy4zKjZfjy10CUCxFYfUoc1XNUxmrU2Rw815YxKQWCRw/viewform

NEXT ALLIANCE MEETING
Save the Date! We plan to have our next Alliance meeting ahead of USCAP.

Tentative plan: 27 February 2020, 2-5pm
Hear about challenges and solutions from pharma, big-data companies, payors, and industry regulatory affairs personnel, followed by an reception.

Tentative plan: 28 February 2020, 9am-5pm
We aim to make the 28th a full-day hands-on session where people will develop and work on concrete blueprint projects. For some of these we need pathologist input (e.g. slide review) and we need to iron out a few details. If you want to contribute to one of the existing projects or want to take initiative - please let us know.

We will definitely:
A) Perform data collection for HTT project (Importantly, we are looking for pathologists to register to participate).
B) Work on guidelines (as outlined in prior breakout sessions; more detail coming)
C) If you have an idea for furthering an existing blueprint or a breakout group project via USCAP, please contact us.

OTHER LINKS
On Feb 2/25 and 2/26 there is a workshop on the evolving role of AI in Radiology. Register here:
https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/workshops-conferences-medical-devices/public-workshop-evolving-role-artificial-intelligence-radiological-imaging-02252020-02262020

Sincerely,

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