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*Berkeley's Hub for Regulatory Science*

# Setting the Stage

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# Today's Goals and Expectations

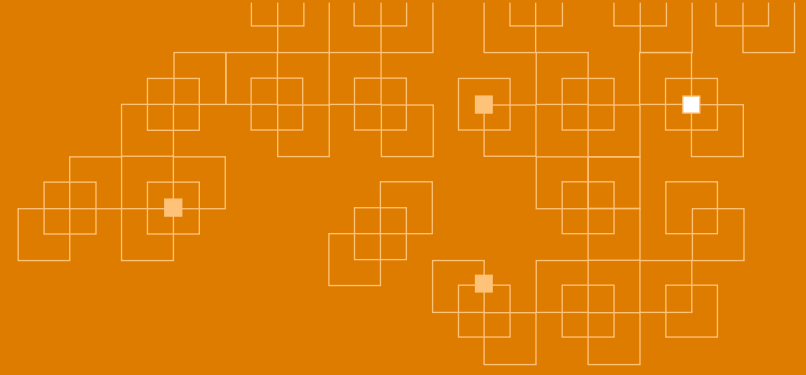


## ■ Goals

- Empower African networks with a path forward for initiating clinical trials of HBV diagnostics and novel therapeutics on the continent
- Facilitate collaboration between stakeholders working in HBV research, drug development, and regulatory science in Africa
- Build confidence in the research infrastructure to encourage investment

## ■ Expectations

- Forum's role is to convene & facilitate safe space for open discussion
- Effective Forum meetings rely on active participation from all groups



# Framing for Today

**Bridging Operational and Clinical Research**

Infrastructure for care systems are needed for clinical research to be conducted



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## COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

Community participation in research in care models for equitable access to most effective HBV treatments

Host and virus-specific biomarkers for prognostic/predictive purposes

Impact of environmental factors and co-morbidities on drug effectiveness and safety

**Operational research for equitable access to new and current therapies**

**Clinical research for diagnostic and drug development**

Develop new treatments to improve care, provide access to screening and diagnostics