Upstate Carolina NCORP Team,

I am delighted to share our **Notice of Award** with all of you:

"The purpose of this email is to notify you that the application for Spartanburg Regional Medical Center that was submitted in response to RFA-CA-18-016, NCI Community Oncology Research Program – Community Site, has been selected for funding by the National Cancer Institute.

At this time, we cannot commit to either an exact dollar amount or to an actual issue date for the award, but we plan to have everything in place for a start date of August 1, 2019 or as close as possible to that date. A Grants Management Specialist from the office of Grants Administration, NCI, will be assigned to this grant in the next couple of weeks. That individual will be contacting the Authorized Representative to begin award negotiations."

Sincerely,

Worta McCaskill-Stevens, MD, MS.
Chief, Community Oncology and Prevention Trials Research Group Director, NCI Community Oncology Research Program (NCORP) Division of Cancer Prevention

This is our inaugural edition of the Upstate Carolina Connector. The purpose of this newsletter is to keep us all connected and working together for the success of our Consortium.

Our plans are for the Consortium to be a Leader within the NCI Network. Upcoming newsletters will communicate goals and updates that include accruals, trial highlights, and studies that have proved to be "Heavy Hitters". Additionally, we are seeking expertise from everyone to make our Consortium the best! We will be requesting your input for future newsletters.

Through the Upstate Carolina NCORP, we will bring national clinical trials and cancer care delivery studies into our communities to enhance peoples’ lives with the latest Studies and Treatments. The “Connector” is designed to accomplish communication and interaction with our members.

Sincerely,

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**Upcoming Events**

**Semi-Annual Meeting**
June 18-20, 2019
Philadelphia, PA

**Upstate Carolina NCORP**
August 1, 2019-"go live" date
It's official-Upstate Carolina NCORP is open for business!

**NCORP Annual Meeting**
August 22-23, 2019
Bethesda, Maryland

**Issue Highlights**
- Welcome from the PI
- Team Photos
- Credits and Accruals
- CCDR Connections
What’s Been Going On...

Behind the Scenes...

* NCORP site transition  
* Financial preparation  
* Website construction  
* Social media presence  
* Mission Statement development  
* Logo creation  
* Policy and Procedure generation  
* Regulatory Procedures  
* New E-Newsletter format

Meet the Upstate Carolina NCORP Leadership Team

James Bearden, III, MD, FACP  
Principal Investigator  
CCDR Lead

Amy Curtis, MD  
Principal Investigator  
Cancer Control, Symptom Science & Prevention Lead

Jeremy Kilburn, MD  
Principal Investigator  
Treatment Study Lead

Michael Humeniuk, MD  
PI Leader in Training  
Precision Medicine Lead

Patricia Griffin, MD  
Disparities Integration, Imaging & GYN Lead

Robert Siegel, MD  
BSSF Affiliate Responsible Investigator
As the graph above reveals, Upstate Carolina has a significant proportion of SCOR total credits. Our current credits annualized puts us on track to make our goal of over 200 credits. We are fortunate to have three strong experienced sites with committed investigators.
## Open CCDR Protocols

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<td>Documentation and Delivery of Guideline-Consistent Treatment in Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) (Greenville &amp; Spartanburg)</td>
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<td>Biomarker Testing in Common Solid Cancers: An Assessment of Current Practices in Precision Oncology in the Community Setting (Spartanburg)</td>
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<td>Understanding the Impact of Drug Shortages on Oncology Care Delivery (Spartanburg-pilot phase)</td>
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### Consortium CCDR Accruals

**August 2018 to May 2019 (10 months)**

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**Upstate Carolina NCORP Staff**

- **Kamara Mertz-Rivera MA, CCRC**  
  NCORP Administrator
- **Lucy Gansauer, MSN, RN, CCRP**  
  CCDR Coordinator
- **Alex N. Akkary, MBA**  
  Grants Manager
Sharon Kolbye is excited to announce her retirement plan for this fall. Sharon has been a major asset to Upstate Carolina CCOP and in the Spartanburg Clinical Research Department. She has worked very hard to prepare us for this new award and is training Kelsey to ensure our success with our new grant. We want to thank her for all of her work in ensuring the success of our program and wish her the best with her future adventures.