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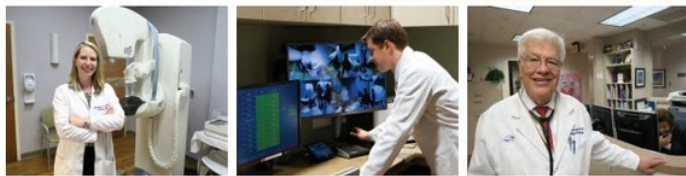
## St. Baldrick's Foundation Infrastructure Grant



Born out of a desire to give back from their good fortune, three businessmen decided to raise money for kids with cancer by shaving their hair. Officially founded in 2004, the St. Baldrick's foundation focuses on research for childhood cancer. The Foundation provides hospitals with financial support to open clinical trials for rare diseases, funds researchers and their training, as well as financing supportive care research. Bon Secours St. Francis' AYA program was recently awarded a grant from the St. Baldrick's Foundation. This is a one year grant awarded to institutions to help give hope to children with cancer by allowing researchers to open and treat more children through clinical trials.

To read more about the  
St. Baldrick's Foundation Grant awarded to Bon Secours [Click Here](#)

Members in the Media



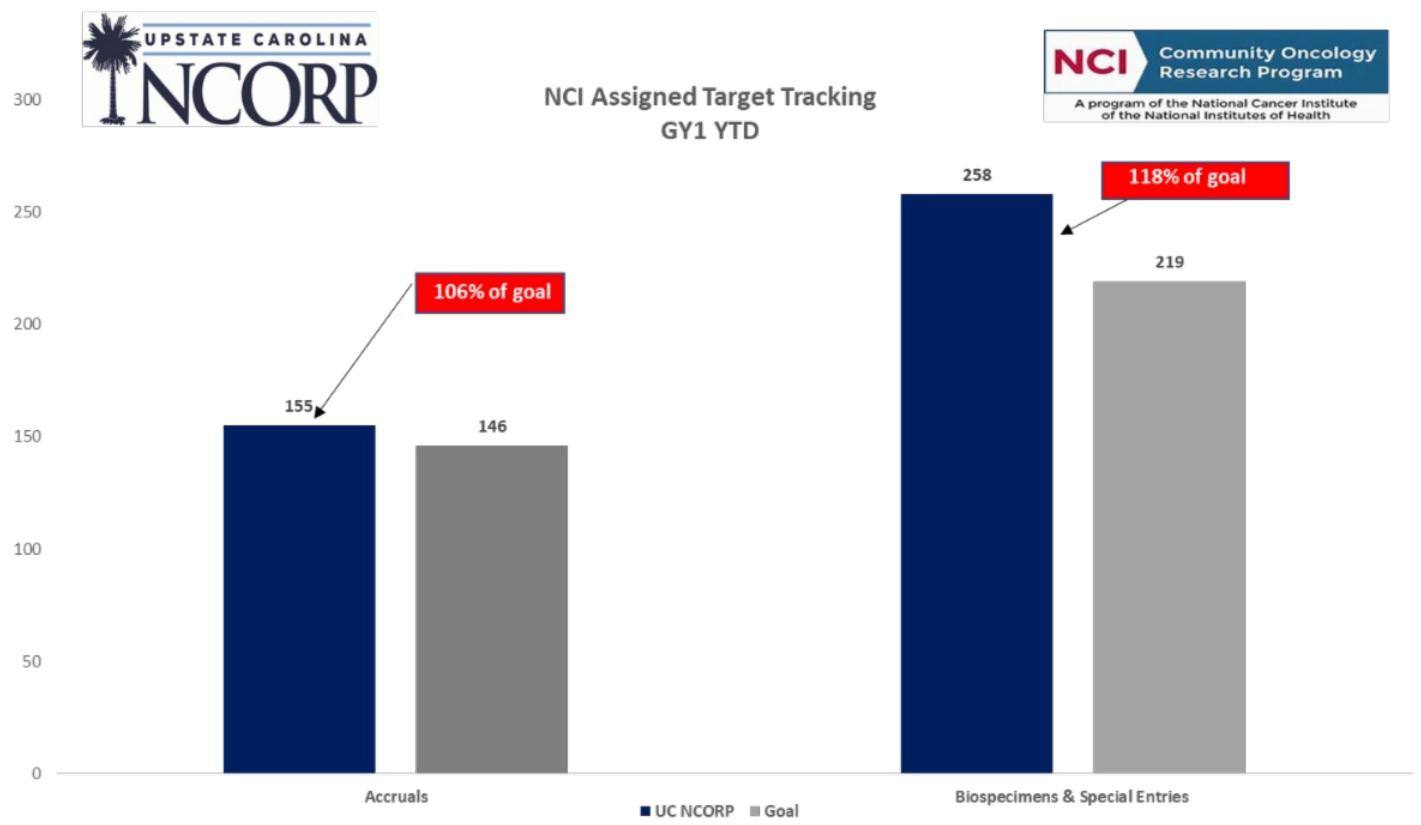
Kamara Mertz–Rivera, Drs. Bearden, Curtis, Kilburn, and Siegel were featured in HealthLink Magazine. This article gives a glimpse into what Upstate Carolina hopes to achieve in our community. The award to finance the NCORP allows clinical trials to come to the patient instead of the patient traveling to the clinical trial. Kamara stated, "Upstate Carolina NCORP will cover all cancer types and connect patients in the Upstate to the most up-to-date clinical trials in a local setting so they can stay in their own communities for treatment". Dr. Bearden emphasized the importance of patients receiving treatment close to home because, "At home, patients have the spiritual, family and community support of their hometown".

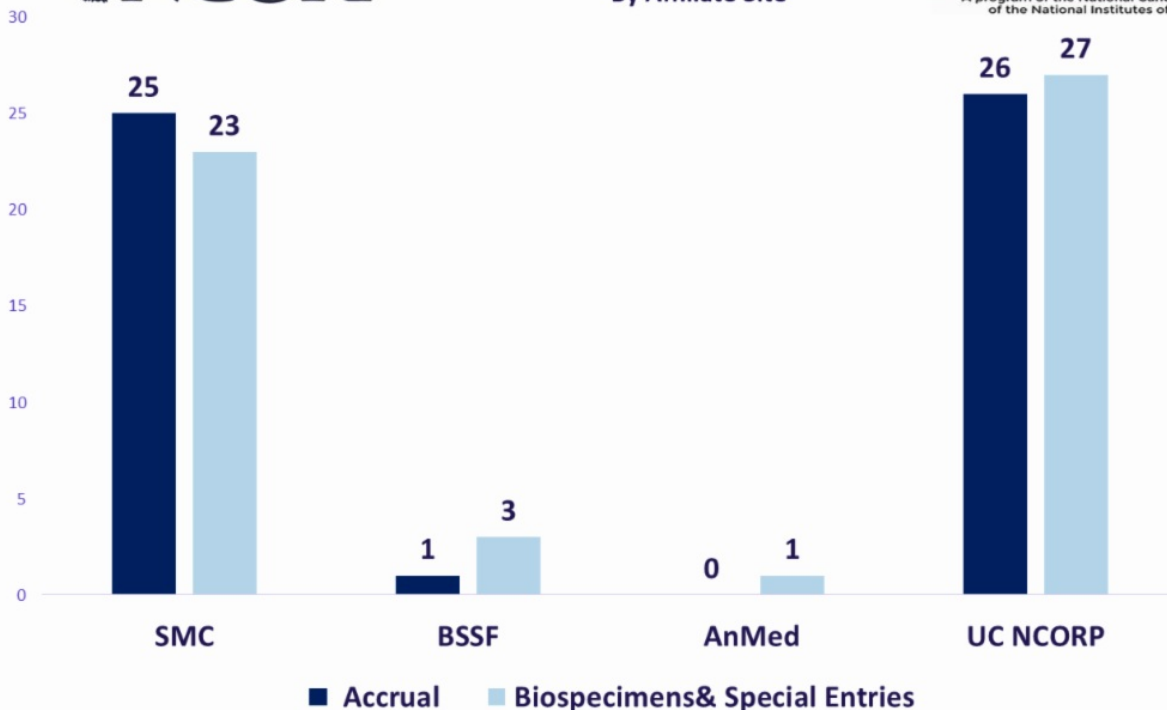
To read the full article click [here](#)

# UPSTATE POWERHOUSES JOIN FORCES TO FIGHT CANCER

By David Dykes

## Accruals & Biospecimens-Special Events





## CCDR Corner

### OPEN CCDR PROTOCOLS

Alliance	<a href="#">A231602CD</a> : Assessing Financial Difficulty in Blood Cancer
Alliance	<a href="#">A231601CD</a> : Improving Surgical Care & Outcomes in Older Cancer Patients Through Implementation of an Efficient Pre-Surgical Toolkit (OPTI-Surg)
COG	<a href="#">ACCL16N1CD</a> : Documentation and Delivery of Guideline-Consistent Treatment in Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) (BSSF and SMC)
ECOG-ACRIN	<a href="#">EAQ161CD</a> : Biomarker Testing in Common Solid Cancers: An Assessment of Current Practices in Precision Oncology in the Community Setting (AnMed, BSSF, and SMC)
ECOG-ACRIN	<a href="#">EAQ162CD</a> : Longitudinal Assessment of Financial Burden in Patients with Colon or Rectal Cancer Treated with Curative Intent (AnMed, BSSF, and SMC)
ECOG-ACRIN	<a href="#">EAQ171CD</a> : Implementing a Virtual Tobacco Treatment in Community Oncology Practices: Smoke Free Support Study 2.0
NRG	<a href="#">NRG-CC007CD</a> : Increasing the Dose Survivorship Care Planning in Prostate Cancer Survivors Who Receive Androgen Deprivation Therapy (AnMed)
Wake Forest	<a href="#">WF 1803</a> : Supportive Care Services for Cancer Caregivers in Community Oncology Practices (Caregivers) (AnMed, BSSF, and SMC)
Wake Forest	<a href="#">WF 1804</a> : Assessing Effectiveness and Implementation of an HER Tool to Assess Heart Health Among Survivors (AH-HA)
Wake Forest	<a href="#">WF 30917CD</a> : A Stepped Care Telehealth Approach to Treat Distress in Rural Cancer Survivors (SMC)
URCC	<a href="#">URCC 18004CD</a> : Understanding the Impact of Drug Shortages on Oncology Care Delivery (SMC)
URCC	<a href="#">URCC 18110CD</a> : Implementing Palliative Care: Learning Collaborative VS. Technical Assistance



## LaToya Davis, Research ROCK STAR

LaToya has been a **rockstar** this quarter! Since the inception of UC NCORP, LaToya has not only enrolled 4 participants to Wake Forest's CCDR protocol, Telehealth, she has also enrolled 2 women to the Remember breast cancer study and an amazing 13 men to Wake Forest's Prostate Cancer Working Man's Study (PCW). She actually leads the nation in PCW enrollments and has been asked to speak about her accrual techniques! She is a one-woman dynamo and we are so proud of her!

## Q.A. with Kelsey

### Upcoming Audits



**SWOG LungMAP**  
January 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> (AnMed and SMC)

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