Bon Secours St. Francis

The research program at Bon Secours St. Francis (BSSF) began in 2008 as part of the Upstate CCOP. Industry sponsored studies made up the bulk of their clinical trials when they began; currently NCI trials comprise 60% of their research portfolio. Today, over 90 clinical trials are offered to patients including new therapies such as Radio-pharmaceuticals and BiTE technology. Plans to expand Cancer Control and Cancer Care Delivery Research trials are in process.

BSSF has a strong Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) program and recently received a prestigious infrastructure grant from the St. Baldrick’s Foundation. BSSF’s program places a primary focus on AYA research and they are excited to increase accruals as well as the number of studies offered for this vulnerable population.

Melissa Beckman, Research Supervisor, leads a dedicated team of 12 (soon to be 14). The staff includes Finance and Regulatory Lead Coordinator, Tammy Fraga, 3 Regulatory Coordinators: Debbie Nunn, Jennifer Kenrick and Harvey

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Front row (left to right): Chris Sanchez, April Barrett, Amy Adams, Melissa Beckman, Gina Smith, Harvey Shrum

Back row (left to right): Debbie Nunn, Jennifer Kenrick, Taylor Crowe, Tammy Fraga, Christine Ruhe, Ashley Coates
Study

- Q.A. with Kelsey

In addition to Amy, who focuses on AYA studies, and Krista Dies, who focuses on biospecimen studies, the research nurses enroll to all studies and for all disease sites.

The medical oncology clinic at BSSF is made up of 5 nurse practitioners (NP) and 7 physicians. The radiation oncology clinic is staffed by 2 physicians and a NP. Close relationships have been built between BSSF Research and Drs. Kilburn and Fried who will be missed as they transition. Happily, the association will be maintained through UC–NCORP!

**We are happy to have Bon Secours St. Francis as a part of our consortium!**

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**NRG Meeting Re-Cap**

Houston, TX was the location of the NRG Semi–Annual Meeting in January. The meeting offered something for everyone and included several highlights. A day–long symposium on PARP inhibitors titled, “It’s a PARP World After All” was led by oncologists and scientists discussing the use of PARP inhibitors in solid tumors.

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**10 Tips to Increase Accrual**

*(presented at NRG Semi–Annual Meeting)*

- Open the right trials for your site and population
- One button link with all trials
- Push information to physicians and their staff of newly opened studies (emails,
tumor malignancies. Disease committees presented preliminary findings and updated attendees on current protocols and concepts in development. The Protocol Support Committee hosted an Introduction to Clinical Trials workshop that provided research tips as well as a chance to network with other research professionals. Finally, during the NCORP PI Administrators’ session, our own Lucy Gansauer, RN, MSN, CPSO, OCN, was recognized for her dedication and efforts to advance research, break down barriers, and ensure that all people have an opportunity to benefit from clinical trials by NCI’s Dr. S. Russo.

- Dedicate resources before opening a study
- Leverage existing sources (MPC’s, physician meetings)
- Record status of accruals
- Identify motivated top accruers and involve him or her in accrual strategies
- Have physicians actively educate staff on how to identify and enroll participants
- Communicate the value of studies to patients and the organization and why it's worth their time
- Recognize and celebrate success!

First Annual UC-NCORP Meeting

The First Annual Upstate Carolina NCORP meeting is right around the corner!

Be sure to Save the Date!

Friday, May 8, 2020

First Annual
Upstate Carolina NCORP Meeting

Friday, May 8, 2020
8:30am-4pm
New Gibbs Cancer Center
2759 Highway 14
Greer, SC 29650

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Accruals & Biospecimens - Special Events

NCI Assigned Target Tracking
GY1 YTD

198% of goal

Accruals: 232
Biospecimens & Special Entries: 346

Through 1/11/2020

UC NCORP Goal
GY 1 January Accruals
By Affiliate Site

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CCDR Corner
**Primary Objective:** Evaluate the success of the implementation of reproductive health programming (Didactics, EROS Reproductive Health Assessment and EROS Trial Algorithm) among reproductive aged females (15-55 years) with cancer.

**Eligibility Criteria:**
- Female w/ initial diagnosis of any type cancer, including DCIS
- Premenopausal 15-55 years
- No chemotherapy, radiation or endocrine therapy prior to study registration
- No prior hysterectomy, bilateral oophorectomy, or sterilization of any method
- Pregnant females are eligible
- Cognitive ability to participate in the study
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