June 2020

Meeting Updates

NRG Semi-Annual Meeting
July 16 - 18, 2020
Virtual-PLEASE register at NRGoncology.org before July 7, 2020

Wake Forest Annual Meeting
Oct. 29-30, 2020
Virtual-Details to follow

NCORP Annual Meeting
Fall 2020
Virtual-Details to follow

UC-NCORP Annual Meeting
Fall 2020

Issue Highlights:

Accruals
CCDR Corner
Q.A. With Kelsey
Diving into Disparities
Thank you to all who participated in Clinical Trials day last month!

Accruals & Biospecimens-Special Events
NCI Assigned Performance Target Tracking
GY 1 YTD May 2020

- **TMIST Only**: 243 (122% of Goal)
- **Accruals**: 355 (Goal: 292, 119% of Goal)
- **Biospecimens & Special Entries**: 643 (Goal: 438, 147% of Goal)
CCDR Corner

CCDR Hours...Reminder! Leadership voted to allow each Affiliate to bill up to 225 hours/month for Time & Effort spent on CCDR activities.

This includes:

- Training
- Webinars
- Screening
- Data
- Educating Physicians and other staff on specific CCDR protocols
Way to go AnMed for enrolling 5 patients onto NRG CC007CD (and screening MANY more)!

Kelsey worked diligently to enroll patients on A231602CD before its untimely closure. She was able to accrue 18 patients in under 2 months to this important study of financial burdens facing patients with CLL and Multiple Myeloma. Thank you for all of your hard work Kelsey!

Great job!
## OPEN TO ACCRUAL CCDR PROTOCOLS

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| ECOG-ACRIN| EAQ162CD: Longitudinal Assessment of Financial Burden in Patients with Colon or Rectal Cancer Treated with Curative Intent (AnMed, BSSF, and SMC)  
*This study will close to accrual on July 7,2020* |
| NRG       | NRG-CC007CD: Increasing the Dose Survivorship Care Planning in Prostate Cancer Survivors Who Receive Androgen Deprivation Therapy (AnMed) |
| Wake Forest| WF 30917CD: A Stepped Care Telehealth Approach to Treat Distress in Rural Cancer Survivors (SMC) |
| URCC      | URCC 18110CD: Implementing Palliative Care: Learning Collaborative VS. Technical Assistance (SMC) |

## Q.A. with Kelsey

### COVID-19: Quick Reminders

1. Virtual / Telephone Visits can be used if needed to mitigate exposure risk and if it does not compromise overall patient safety.

2. Remote consents can take place:
   - Patients must have copy of consent in their possession before full consent discussion occurs
   - Site must have wet ink original in hand before any study procedures can occur

   - WHO – subjects affected
   - WHAT – deviation that occurred
   - WHEN – duration of occurrence

4. Communicate with study chair upon major deviation occurrence

## Upcoming Audit Announcements

**SWOG**
Remote: July 8th (AnMed Only)

**Alliance**
Remote: July 28 - 29
Diving into Disparities

Health disparities are differences between groups of people and health outcomes. For example, in South Carolina, African American men have a 162.8% higher mortality rate than Caucasians with prostate cancer. Health disparities are not just limited to race. Disparities can be far-reaching and can include socioeconomic status, age, location, gender, disability status, and sexual orientation. Historically, people from disparate groups have been less likely to be enrolled on clinical trials. This is cause for action for many reasons. First, because cancer treatment is moving toward more personalized medicine, it is important to include representatives from all populations to ensure that treatment will be applicable for all. Second, as researchers we have an ethical obligation to promote justice in research. Justice is the third of the ethical principles of the Belmont Report and we can think of social justice when we strive to increase minority enrollment on clinical trials. Social justice includes equal opportunities for all. We must ensure that all cancer patients treated at our facilities have an opportunity to participate in the research process.

Upstate Carolina NCORP’s Disparities Engagement Committee is committed to educate, engage, and enroll people from traditionally underrepresented populations in clinical research. In Grant Year 1, Quarter 4, outreach is planned to the Russian-Ukrainian community of the Upstate. CRA, Yana Zadorozhnaya, who is a member of this group has arranged for UC-NCORP representatives to visit a community church and to provide information on screening, prevention, and treatment (including clinical trials) for cancers common to them.

A recent issue of the SOCRA Source included an article, “Health Disparities: Why Inclusion and Health Equity Matter in Clinical Research” that is filled with information on this topic. Many Upstate Carolina employees are members of SOCRA and would be glad to share the article. Additionally, there is a Webex provided by ECOG–ACRIN on June 26, 2020 on health equity. Please click [here](#) and attend if you are able.

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Smiling Faces

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