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Meeting Updates

SWOG
April 19–24
Virtual

ECOG–ACRIN
April 28–30
Virtual

Issue Highlights:

- World Cancer Day
- Diving into Disparities
- Smiling Faces



A program of the National Cancer Institute
of the National Institutes of Health



NCORP Network Is Highlighted at NCI World Cancer Day Event with First Lady of the United States, Dr. Jill Biden, Ed.D.

Dr. Wortia McCaskill–Stevens, M.D., M.S., NCORP director, spoke about how NCORP engages patients in the research process through the network of community cancer sites, and how important the community sites are to ensuring that clinical research is both inclusive and representative.

She noted that more than 40 percent of all clinical trial participants enroll in NCI trials through NCORPs.

Follow the link below to read more and to watch the full event on YouTube

**World Cancer Day
Event**

UC-NCORP Affiliate Site Call



Our next Affiliate Staff Call will be held

March 25, 2021, 3PM

Please join us as we discuss
Screening Strategies

Follow the link below to join

**Affiliate Staff Call March 25,
2021**

The Cancer Letter

ED KIM TELLS US ABOUT BUILDING A \$1 BILLION CITY OF HOPE CAMPUS IN ORANGE COUNTY

In his previous job, in North Carolina, Edward S. Kim helped build a cancer program where there was none.

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JOE SIMONE, AN ONCOLOGIST, VISIONARY OF TREATMENT GUIDELINES, AND AUTHOR OF MAXIMUS, DIES AT 81

Colleagues remember Joe Simone as a generous, thoughtful, and a great mentor. He was a pioneer in the field of oncology, and a "ready, steady, go!"—inspired by the Beatles, Charles Doolittle Walcott, and the Beatles. He was a pioneer in the field of oncology, and a "ready, steady, go!"—inspired by the Beatles, Charles Doolittle Walcott, and the Beatles.

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TRIALS & TRIBULATIONS

TACKLING RACIAL DISPARITIES THROUGH NOVEL APPROACHES TO ENGAGE COMMUNITIES IN RESEARCH

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CLINICAL ROUNDUP

NCIC SHARES GUIDANCE FOR VACCINATING CANCER PATIENTS; AGAINST COVID-19

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January 29, 2021

JILL BIDEN SIGNALS WHITE HOUSE RESOLVE ON CANCER RESEARCH: "THIS IS THE FIGHT OF OUR LIVES"

Jill Biden stopped by at TCL earlier this week to reaffirm the Bidens' pledge to "fight cancer as we know it"—an early signal that cancer research is near the top of the national agenda at the Biden-Harris White House.

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BUILDING ON THE LEGACY OF THE BEAU BIDEN

CANCER RESEARCH

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EMILY FRIEDRICH, ONE OF THE FOUNDERS OF MODERN ONCOLOGY, DIES AT 91

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FOR THOSE WATCHING THE CROWN

REMEMBER WHEN PRINCESS CHANNA RAISED MONEY FOR NORTHWESTERN CANCER CENTER?

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THE DELAWARE EXPERIENCE

KEEPING IN CONTACT WITH THOSE AT RISK IS KEY TO COLORECTAL AND BREAST CANCER SCREENING DURING COVID-19

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February 5, 2021

MOFFITT CANCER CENTER: WHY WE ARE BUILDING THE FIRST MACHINE LEARNING DEPARTMENT IN ONCOLOGY

Imagine a future where cancer patients are able to receive the treatment they precisely need and not the treatment that is prescribed to all.

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ANTONI RIBAS: CANCER RESEARCH HAS BEEN PIVOTAL TO DEVELOPMENT OF COVID-19 VACCINES

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LOW-PIECE THERAPIES

ARE OF NO USE WHEN PATIENTS CAN'T GET OFF WORK TO BE TREATED

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REMEMBERING JANE COOKE

WHICH, A BLACK WOMAN PHYSICIAN, WHO WAS AMONG SEVEN FOUNDERS OF ASCO

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CITY OF HOPE LEADS CANCER PATIENTS

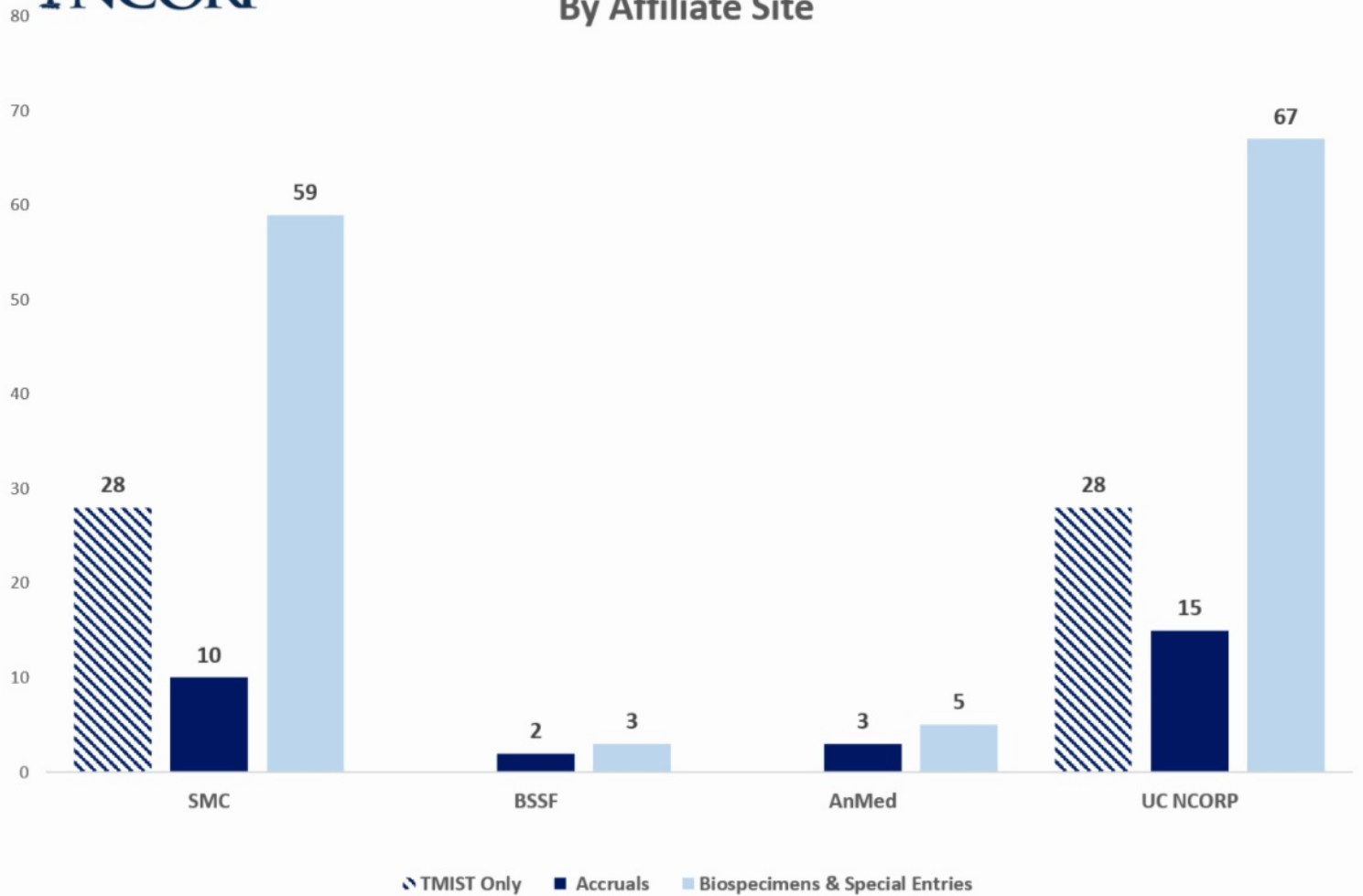
BLIND FIGHTS RESOLUTION, AIMED AT EXPANDING ACCESS TO UNLEASH THE FULL BENEFITS OF CANCER CARE INNOVATION

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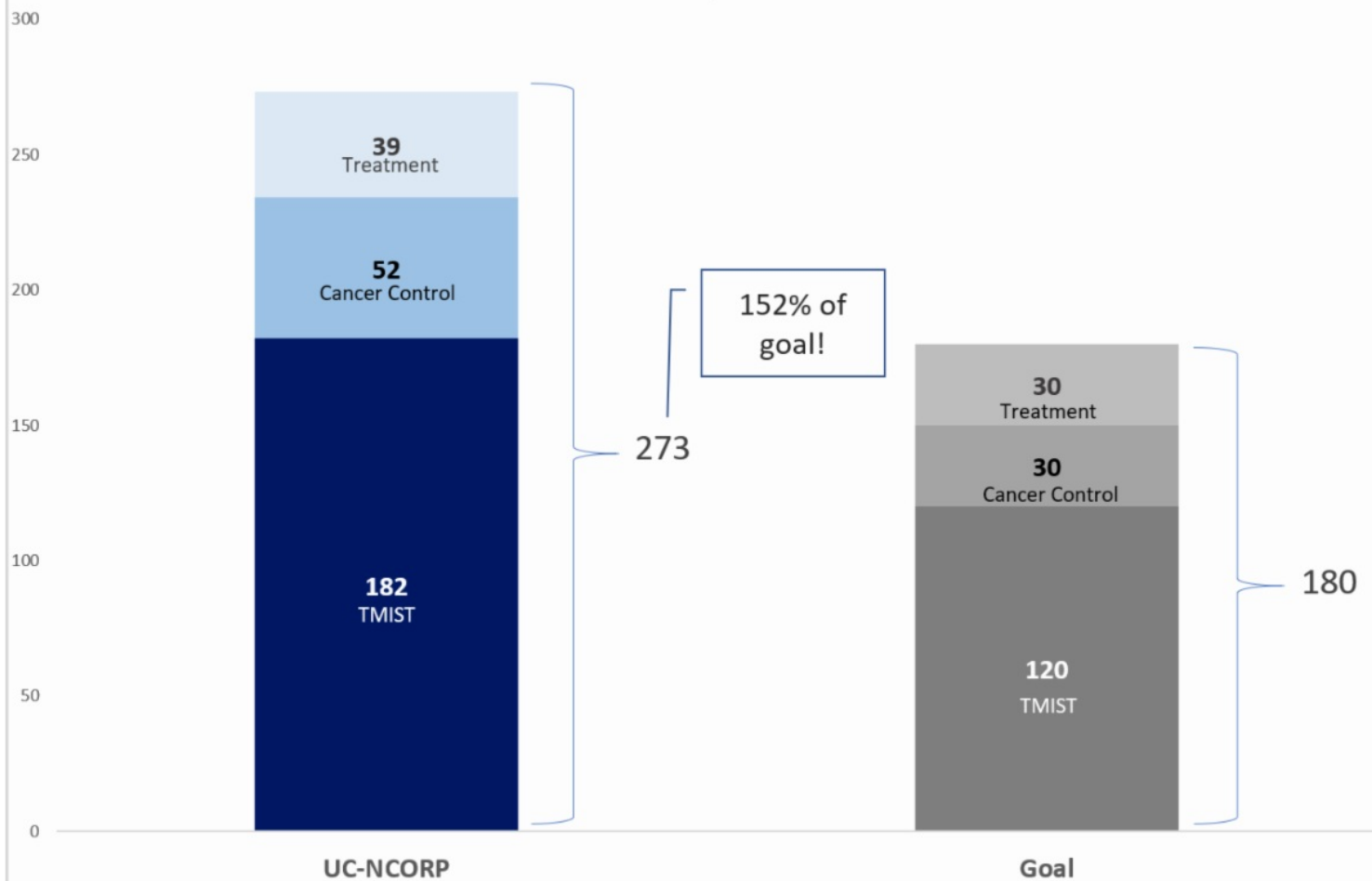
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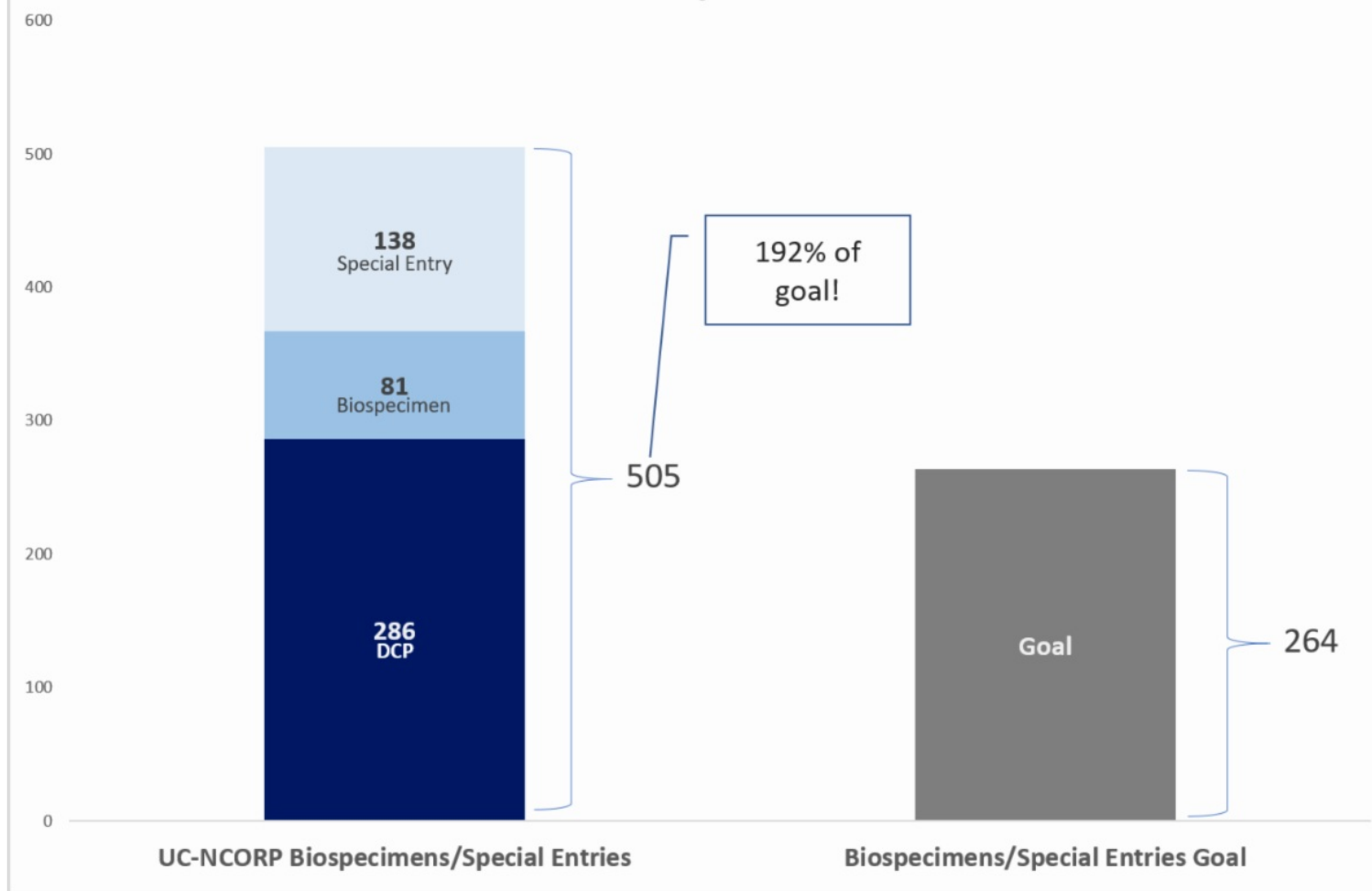
Accruals & Biospecimens—Special Entries

GY2 Janaury 2021 Accruals By Affiliate Site



NCI Assigned Performance Target Tracking GY2 January YTD 2021





DCP-001 “Use of a Clinical Trial Screening Tool to Enhance Patient Accrual.”

As of 2/22/21, there are over 31,000 entries in the tool. NCI is in the process of analyzing and refining these data (beyond the 19,000 included in the manuscript).

Follow the button below to read the full publication about DCP-001 increasing patient accrual

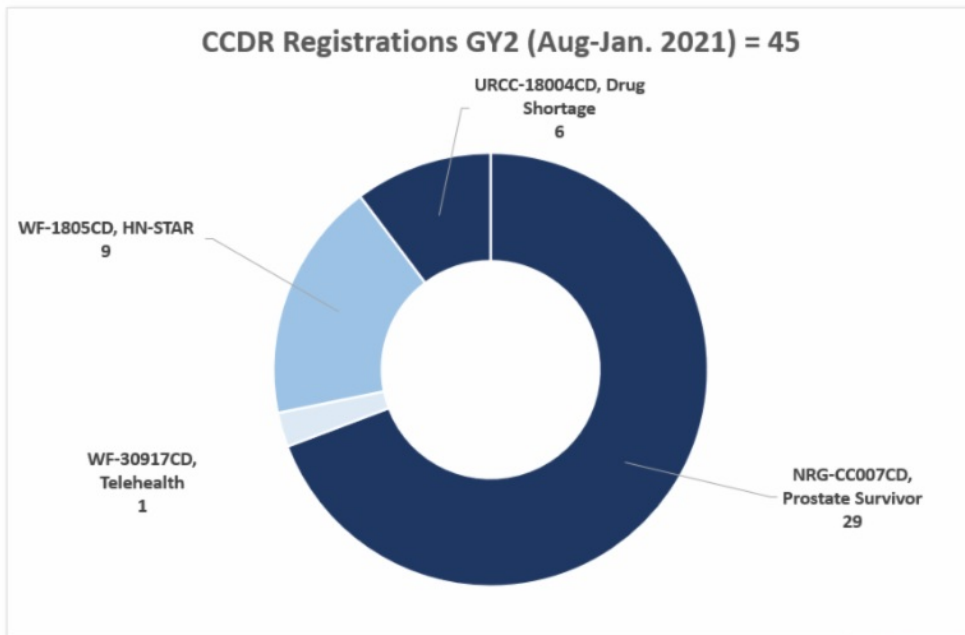
DCP-001

Under-Represented Populations

Underrepresented Populations

All Accruals	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2020	Total GY2	Goal GY2	Status GY2
AYA (15-39 yrs.)	4	0	0	1	2	3	10	4%	9.62%
Older Adults (>65 yrs.)	16	20	25	14	10	22	107	55%	37%
African American	15	9	12	11	4	12	63	17.6%	22%
Other Minorities	1	0	0	0	1	2	4	0.4%	1.4%
Hispanic	0	1	1	1	0	1	4	1%	1.4%
Rural	25	26	24	12	11	14	112	35%	39%

CCDR Corner



Protocol	SMC	BSSF	AnMed
NRG-CC007CD	21	N/A	8
WF-30917CD	1	N/A	N/A
WF-1805CD	4	3	2
URCC-18004CD	4	2	N/A
Site Total	30	5	10
UC-NCORP Total	45		

Diving into Disparities

The American Cancer Society – Cancer Action Network initiative, launched a phenomenal campaign depicting health disparities in cancer care. Since their campaign launched in July 2020, they have strived to provide more resources on reducing health disparities and increasing health equity. Through their website you can now find fact sheets, helpful articles, and recommendations to combat health inequities.

IT'S TIME TO REMOVE HURDLES



Cancer impacts everyone, but it doesn't impact everyone equally. Even as the gap in cancer death rates between Black and white individuals has narrowed, Black patients still have the highest death rate and shortest length of survival of any racial and ethnic group for most cancers – in large part due to lack of access to high-quality health care. Lawmakers at every level of government can and must take action to reduce these devastating disparities by advancing policies that break down existing barriers to quality health care, regardless of skin color, income level or where you live.



Join the fight to reduce disparities in cancer care.

Get involved at fightcancer.org/healthdisparities

The ad to the left was released in late July and aimed towards bringing awareness to the barriers to adequate and equitable health care Black patients must overcome. "Black patients still have the highest death rate and shortest length of survival of any racial and ethnic group for most cancers – in large part due to lack of access to high-quality health care". Their ad, aimed at lawmakers, supports a call to action to provide equitable healthcare to all.

Click [here](#) to explore this great resource

In January, The Henrietta Lacks Enhancing Cancer Research Act was signed into law. This law is aimed at "improving access to clinical trials for communities of color and decreasing health disparities". The Cancer Action Network, Cancer CANdor Blog, asked Alfred Lacks Carter, Henrietta Lacks grandson, to pen a guest blog post about his grandmother's legacy and the actions he and his family are taking to carrying on her legacy.

2020 marked the 100th birthday of Henrietta Lacks and her family has worked to spread the "awareness and appreciation" of the advancements that have been made because of Mrs. Lacks. The family has launched a centennial "CELLebration" in an effort to educate future generations and to further promote health equity and social justice in healthcare.

Click [here](#) to read the full blog post



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CELEBRATE HENRIETTA LACKS

HELA100: The Lacks Family led
year-long Centennial CELLebration honoring
Henrietta Lacks' incontestable impact

"HELA100" Henrietta Lacks Centennial
CELLebration Website

Smiling Faces

During NRG's townhall SMC was recognized as a
highest accruing site onto CCDR / Cancer Control



and GU, GYN, Thoracic, and Head and Neck studies! Way to go Teams!



CCDR / Cancer Control Team



Thoracic, GYN, GU, and Head & Neck Team

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