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

Dr. Worta 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
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

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**The Cancer Letter**

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**Accruals & Biospecimens—Special Entries**
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 “Use of a Clinical Trial Screening Tool to Enhance Patient Accrual.”

Under-Represented Populations
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.
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

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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