UPSTATE CAROLINA Connector

August 2020

Meeting Updates

NCI NCORP Annual Meeting (Part 1)
August 31, 2020
Virtual-Details below

NCI NCORP Annual Meeting (Part 2)
October 6, 2020
Virtual-Details to follow

URCC Annual Meeting
September 11, 2020
Virtual-Details to follow

SWOG Fall Meeting
September 23-26
Virtual-Details to follow

Issue Highlights:

- The Cancer Letter
- Team Shout-out
- Meeting Dates
- Q.A. Reminders

Congratulations on a great first year **Upstate Carolina NCORP**! As we close out and think about the past year we want to give a huge thank you to all of our staff and investigators who have worked tirelessly making sure we are successful. Despite the unforeseen obstacle of COVID-19 we were able to surpass our goals. We had a very successful first year and are looking forward to the future. We couldn't have done it without you!

- Upcoming Audit

The Cancer Letter

The Cancer Letter is taking a short break and will resume publications on September 4th

August 7, 2020

July 31, 2020

Site Spotlight

BSSF was able to enroll UC-NCORP's first patient onto the NCI COVID study this month!

Keep up the great work!

Meeting Updates

NCORP Meeting

Annual NCI NCORP meeting

Part One
Monday, August 31st (Virtual)
12PM-6PM

Register Here

Part One:

- Telemedicine: The New Normal?
- Telehealth and Policy Implications
- Making Telemedicine Work in the NCORP
- Thinking Out of the Box: Implementing Novel Processes to Cope with COVID
- NCORP Appreciation Awards

You can find the full agenda with meeting times here

Part Two will be held on Tuesday, October 6th, 2PM-5PM: Details to follow

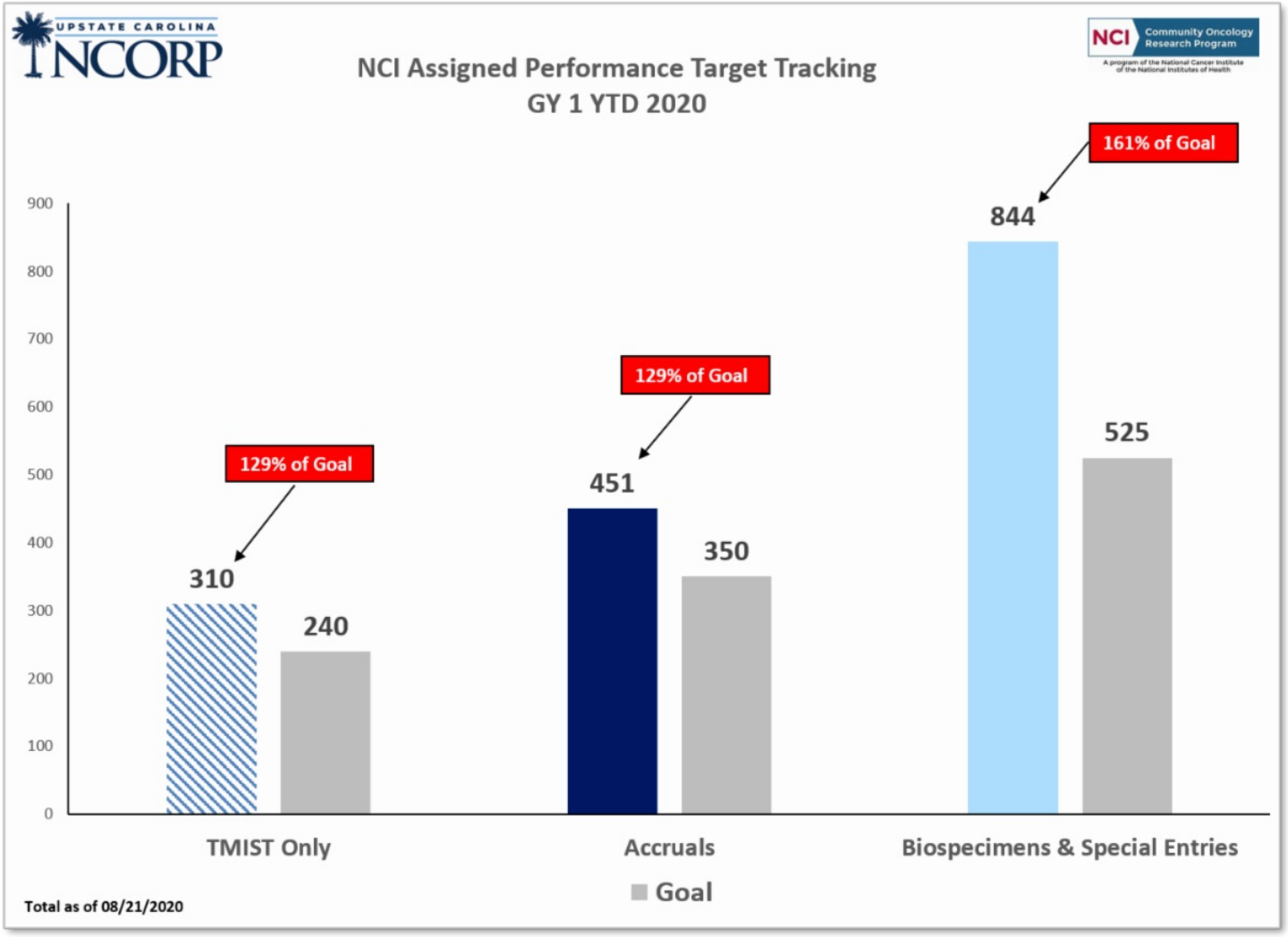
Grant Year 1		
Research Base	**Date**	**Location**
NCI NCORP Annual Meeting Part I	August 31, 2020	Virtual Meeting
URCC Annual Meeting	September 11, 2020	Virtual Meeting
SWOG Fall 2020	September 23-26, 2020	Virtual Meeting
NCI NCORP Annual Meeting Part II	October 6, 2020	Virtual Meeting
ECOG-ACRIN Fall 2020	October 21-23, 2020	Virtual Meeting
Wake Forest Summer 2020	October 29-30, 2020	Virtual Meeting
Alliance Fall 2020	November 5-7, 2020	Virtual Meeting
NRG Oncology	January 28-30, 2021	New Orleans, LA

Accruals & Biospecimens–Special Entries

Thank you to our 29 investigators who registered patients onto NCI Studies in our first year! Lets keep up the great work in year two!

James Bearden, III
Tondre Buck
Leander Cannick
Steven Corso
Howland Crosswell
Amarinthia Curtis
Jeffrey Delo
Vikas Dembla
John Doster
Stephen Dyar
Roberto Ferro
Joanna Grabska
David Griffin
Amanda Hathaway
Michael Humeniuk
Sharif Khan
Abderrahim Khomani
Jeremy Kilburn
James McClain
Drew Monitto
Jay Nayak
Heather allen
Lillian Nicks
Asim Pati
Fahd Quddus
Robert Siegel
Victor Tomlinson
Alex Yang
Eric Nelson

29 Investigators Participated!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NCORP
NCI Assigned Performance Target Tracking
GY 1 YTD 2020
NCI Community Oncology Research Program
A program of the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health
161% of Goal
129% of Goal
129% of Goal
900
800
700
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500
400
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200
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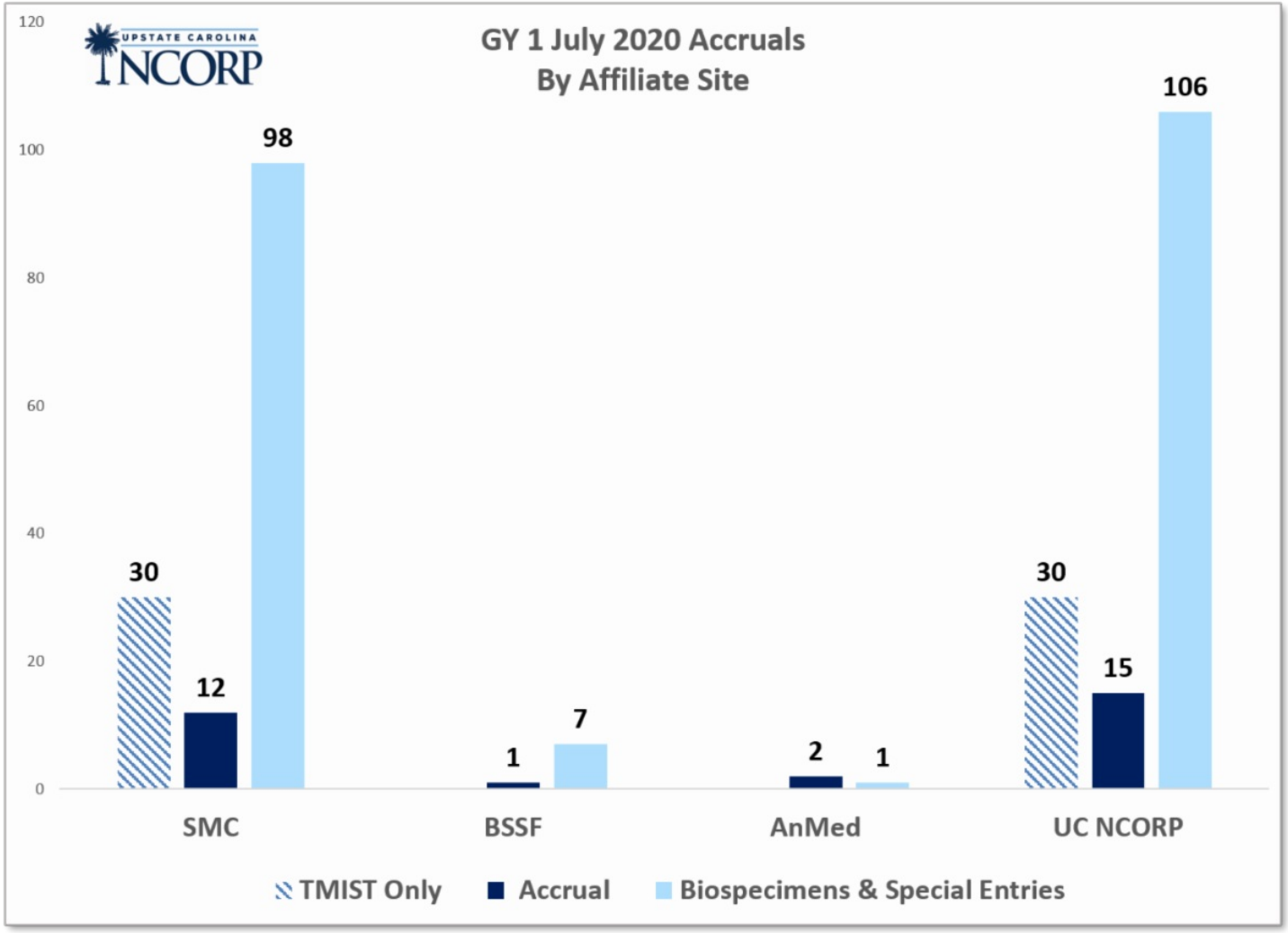
TMIST Only
Accruals
Biospecimens & Special Entries
Goal
Total as of 08/21/2020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NCORP
GY 1 July 2020 Accruals
By Affiliate Site
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SMC
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AnMed
UC NCORP
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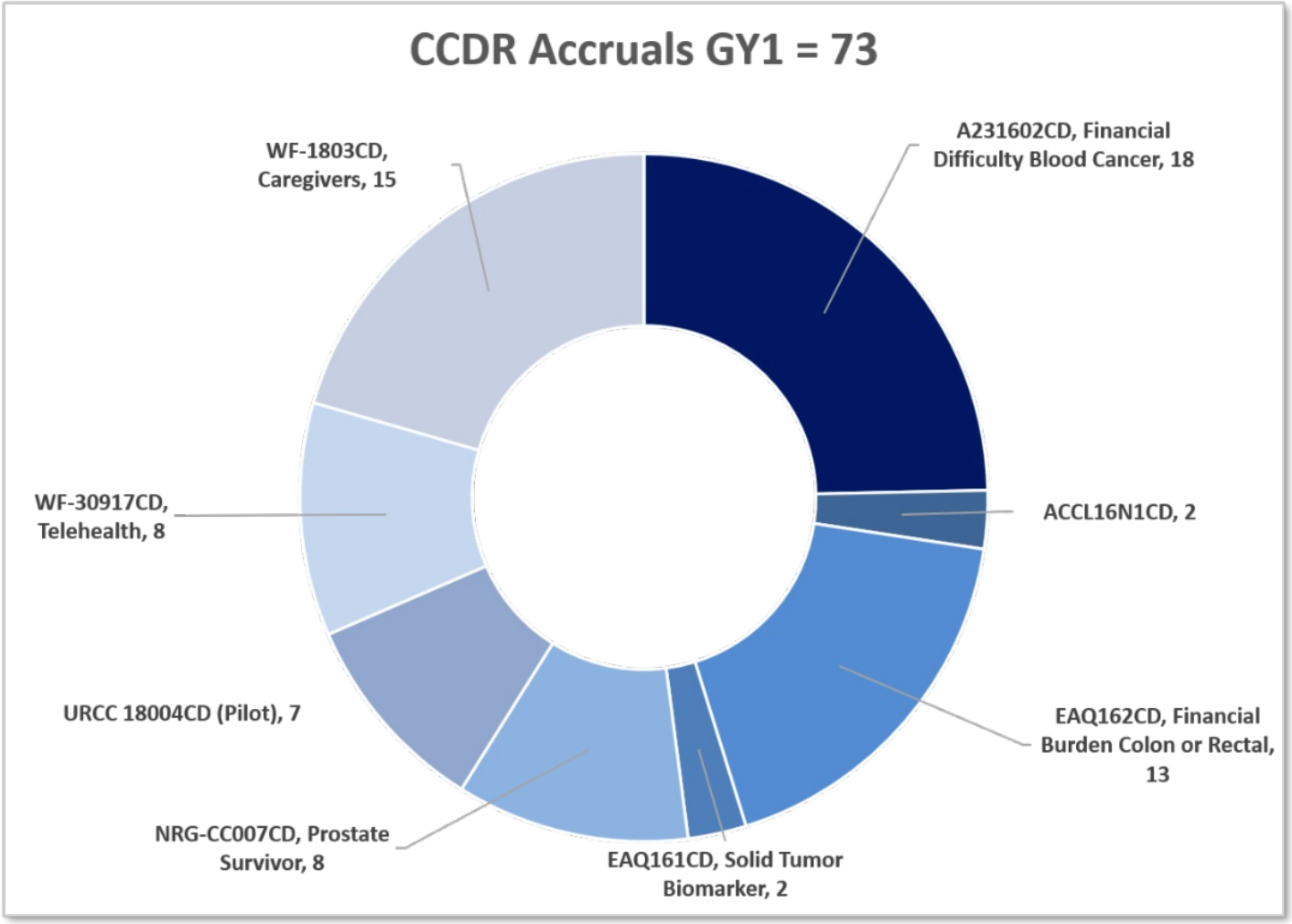
CCDR Corner



Q.A. with Kelsey

Pharmaceutical Monitoring Branch (PMB) Reminders:

- CTEP-supplied agents from PMB can only be ordered by registered <IVR> Investigators
- NPs and PAs cannot prescribe or sign off on treatment plans for any protocol directed therapies including CTEP-supplied investigational agents OR commercial supplied agents
    - PMB Registered NPs and PAs <NPIVR> can write the prescription but registered <IVR> investigator MUST co-sign the prescription

Data Quality Tips:

- Double check your data entries
- Have additional personnel double check data entries
- Clarify any questions via email with NCI Protocol Coordinator and/or Data coordinator

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Audit Update:

- S1418 (BSSF Only) – October 20, 2020

Diving into Disparities

Rural Population

Cherokee County, South Carolina

Population: 57,300

Cherokee County, South Carolina is home to widespread peach farms and a sprawling landscape. Unfortunately, it may also lack adequate access to healthcare.

Many studies have shown that cancer patients from rural areas have worse outcomes than their urban neighbors. How awful! An actual difference in a patient's outcome based simply on where he or she lives.

What can can Upstate Carolina-NCORP, which has a large rural population in its catchment area, do to improve these patients' outcomes? We can work diligently to match patients with appropriate clinical trials and we can go the extra mile (literally and figuratively) to ensure enrollment.

Dr. Joseph Unger and a team from the SWOG Research Base performed a comparative effectiveness retrospective cohort analysis of over 36,000 patients and found that enrollment in a clinical trial improved access and allowed rural patients' outcomes to equal those seen in urban patients. Imagine that, we can affect outcomes just by enrolling a patient on a trial! All in a day's work for our Research Team!

Click here to access the full article

Smiling Faces

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