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Connector

June 2021

Meeting Updates

NRG
July 19-28
Virtual

NCORP Annual
Meeting
August 25-27
Virtual

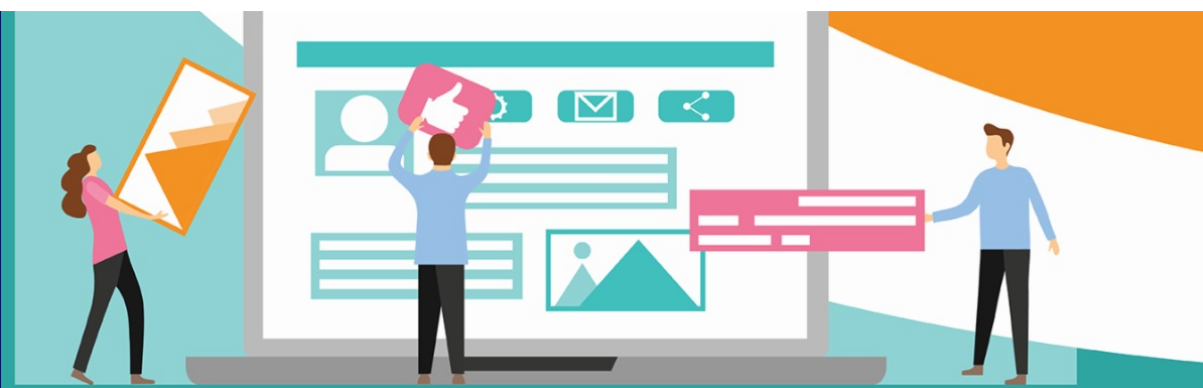
Issue Highlights:

- Contest Winner
- NRG – Virtual
- Accruals & Biospecimens



NCI Community Oncology
Research Program

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



Congratulations to
SMC's

Glenda McArthur

for winning our
LinkedIn
following giveaway!

Way to go Ms. Glenda!

Thank you to all who
continue following and
interacting with our
posts over on our
LinkedIn page!

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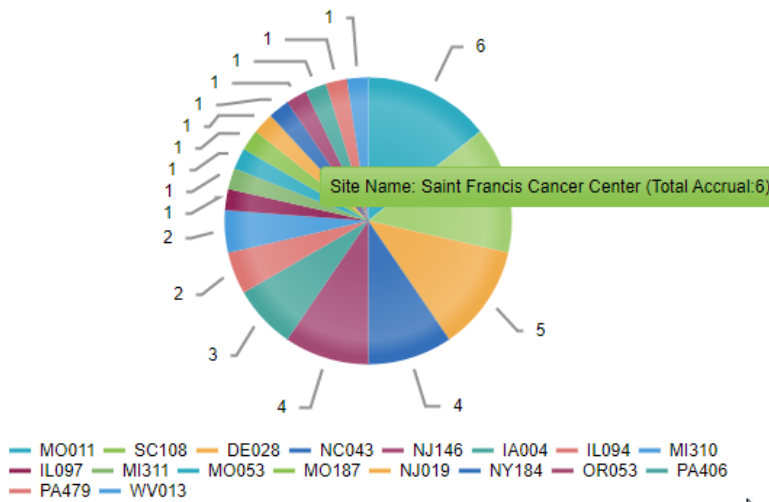
Study Shout Outs

Our fantastic team at Bon Secours has enrolled 6 Patients onto the new NRG GU-009 protocol in less than a month!

We are so proud of you and your continuing hardwork!

Dr. Attia
Chris Sanchez
Sharon Thompson
Ashley Crowe

Intervention Accrual by site



Research Base Meeting – NRG



Registration for NRG is now open!

Follow the link below to view the agenda and register today!

NRG
Registration

The Cancer Letter





June 18,
2021



June 11,
2021

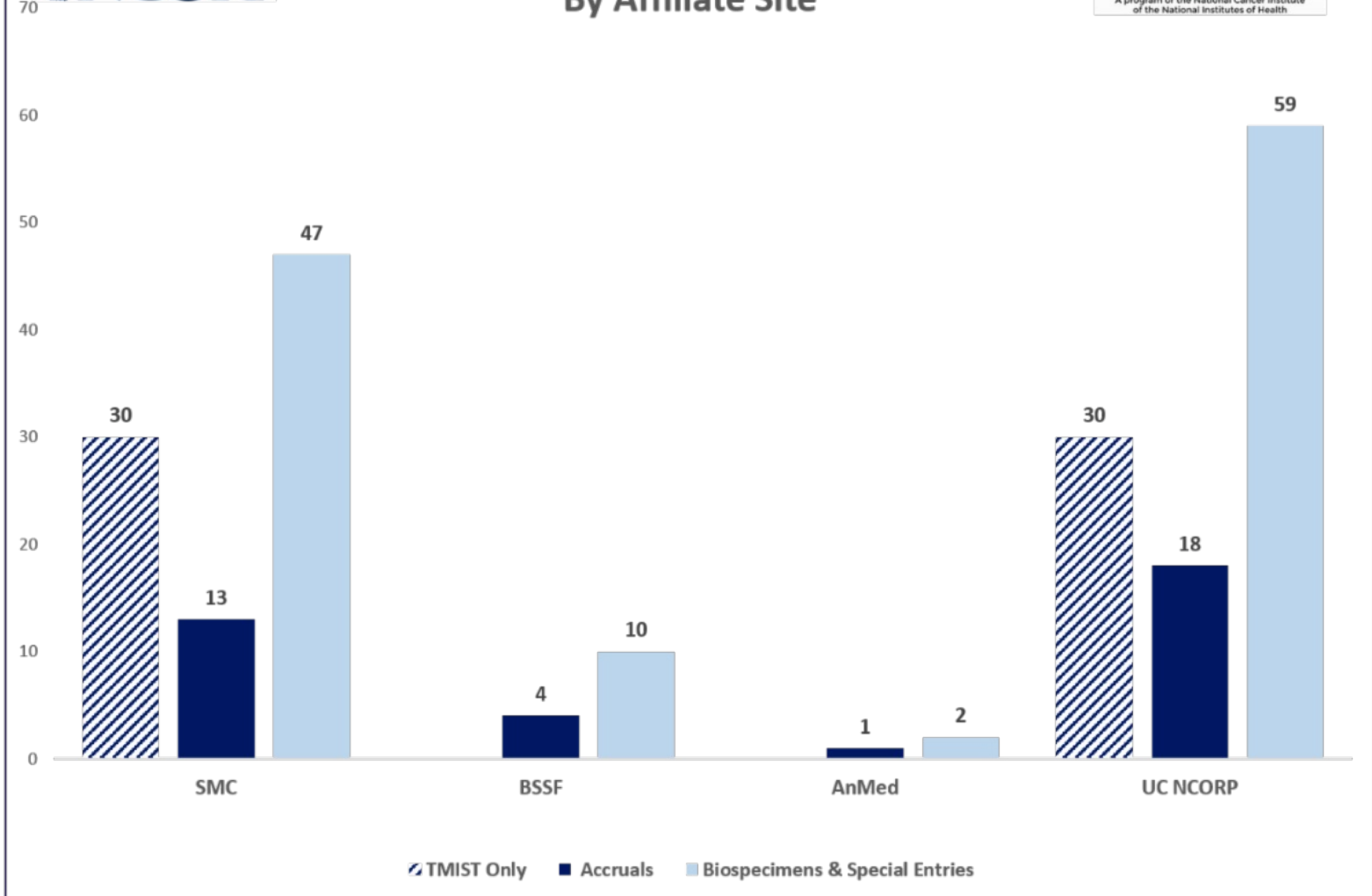


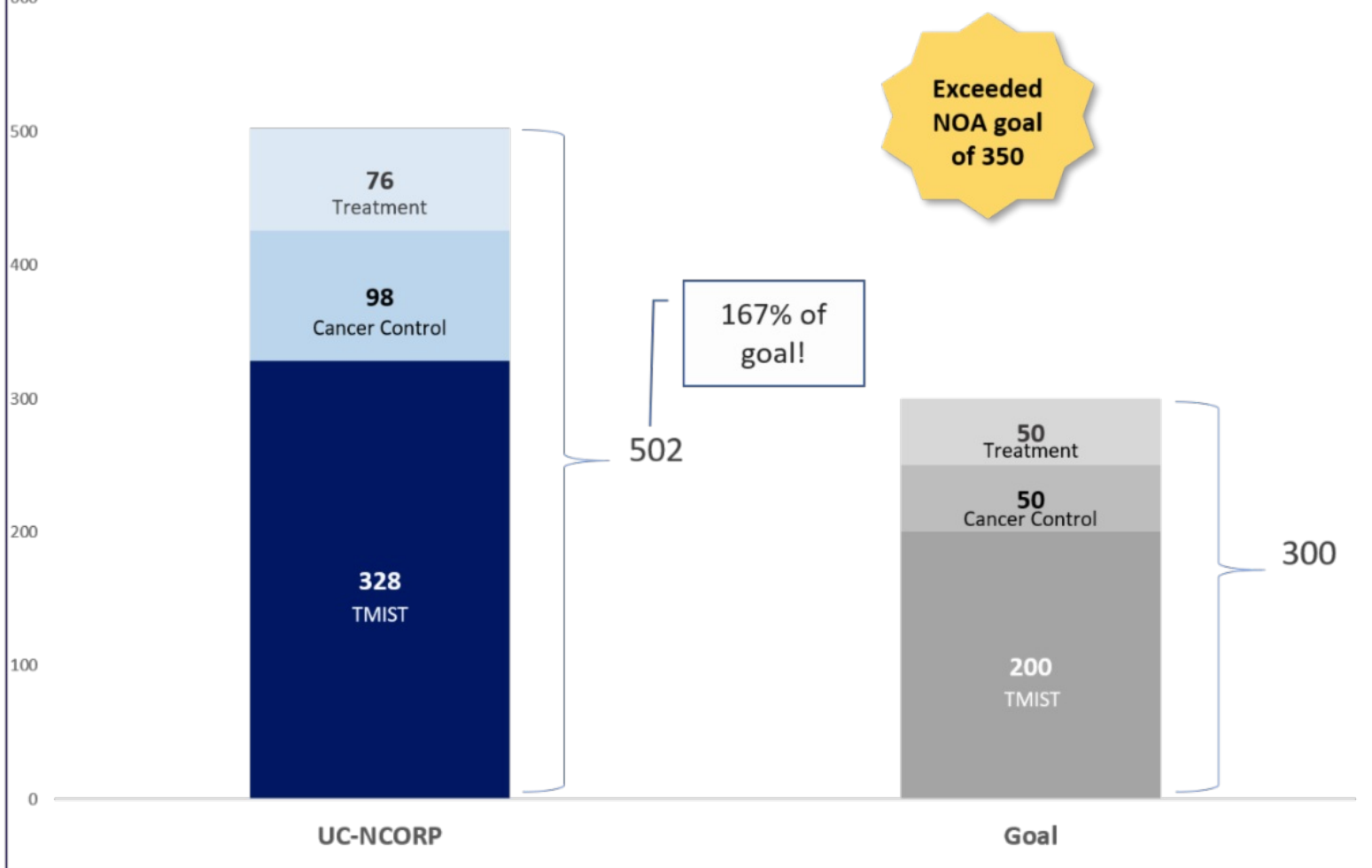
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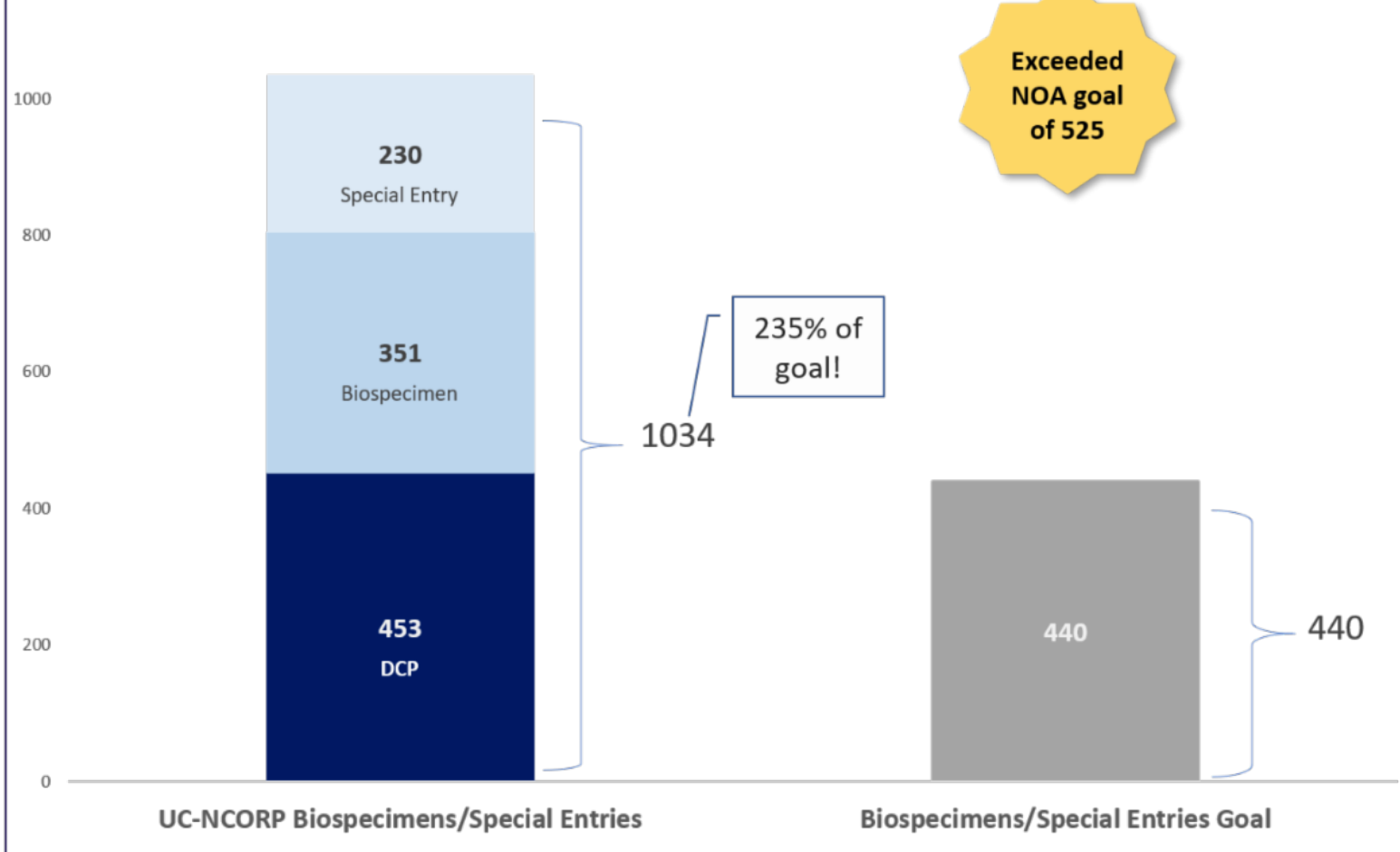


May 28,
2021

Accruals & Biospecimens—Special Entries







Under-Represented Populations

Underrepresented Populations													
All Accruals	Aug 2020	Sep 2020	Oct 2020	Nov 2020	Dec 2020	Jan 2021	Feb 2021	Mar 2021	Apr 2021	May 2021	Total GY2	Goal GY2	Status GY2
AYA (15-39 yrs.)	4	0	0	1	2	3	2	7	2	2	23	4%	11.5%
Older Adults (>65 yrs.)	17	21	25	15	11	22	21	22	22	22	198	55%	38%
African American	15	11	12	12	4	12	14	15	14	5	114	17.6%	22%
Other Minorities	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	0.4%	.8%
Hispanic	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	5	1%	1.0%
Rural	25	26	24	12	11	14	13	24	25	23	197	35%	37%

CCDR Corner

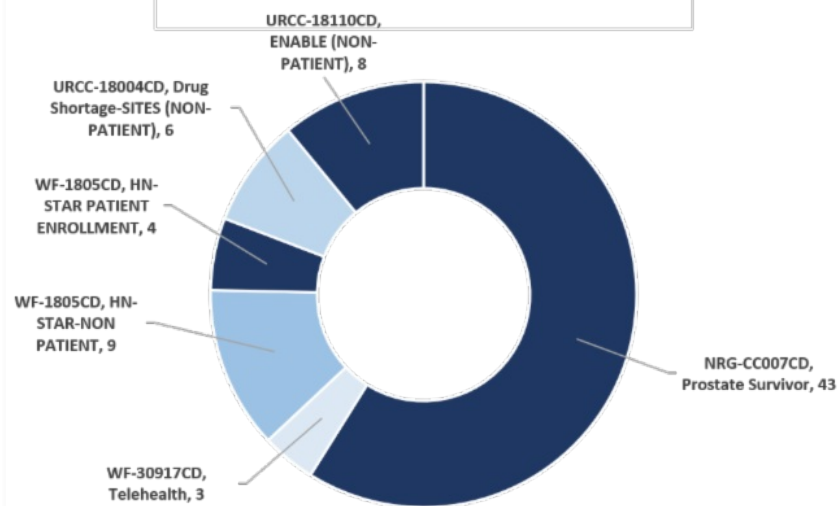
Protocol

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CCDR Registrations GY2 (Aug-May 2021) = 73



NRG-CC007CD	24	3	16
WF-30917CD	3	N/A	N/A
WF-1805CD	4	0	0
WF-1805CD (NON-PATIENT)	4	3	2
URCC-18004CD (Sites registered)	4	2	N/A
URCC-18110CD (NON-PATIENT)	8	N/A	N/A
Site Total	47	8	18
UC-NCORP Total	73		

WF-1805CD HN-STAR

\$\$\$ Don't forget the potential Special Funding for HN STAR enrollment! \$\$\$



- Seeks to improve Survivorship for patients with Head and Neck cancers
- Sponsored by one of our favs-Wake Forest Research Base
- Let's work to be Super Stars for HN-STAR!

Diving into Disparities

Cancer Health Disparities among the LGBTQ+ population: An Underrepresented Group in Clinical Research

The lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender/transsexual, and queer/questioning (LGBTQ) community, also referred to as sexual minorities, represents a growing and medically underserved population in the United States (Fredriksen-Goldsen, Kim, Barkan, Muraco, & Hoy-Ellis, 2013). Multiple social and economic factors and risk behaviors due to the stress of living as a sexual and gender minority correlate with health disparities among this population. For example, LGBTQ+ patients have the highest tobacco and alcohol use rates, which are both known contributors to elevated cancer risk, compared to non-LGBTQ+ patients (Daniel, Butkus, & Physicians, 2015). A better understanding of the barriers and facilitators to LGBTQ+ populations' cancer screening behavior can lead to early detection and identification of factors associated with such at-risk groups. Therefore, enabling public health initiatives to expand the reach of strategies and interventions to promote healthy communities and assess patient's lack of knowledge about



strategies and interventions to promote healthy communities and assess patient's lack of knowledge about cancer screening and treatment can lead to improved health outcomes for the LGBTQ+ population (Haviland, Swette, Kelechi, & Mueller, 2020) (Fredriksen-Goldsen, Kim, Barkan, Muraco, & Hoy-Ellis, 2013).

A long history of LGBTQ+ bias in the healthcare system continues to be a main systemic barrier to cancer care and treatment. Therefore, education and the provision of culturally sensitive healthcare for LGBTQ+ patients are imperative.

Facts regarding LGBTQ+ patients with cancer:

- Studies report a lack of trust and understanding in physician-patient relationships because LGBTQ+ patients fear substandard care or confidentiality issues if they choose to disclose their sexual orientation or gender identity.
- Lesbian and bisexual women are an underserved population in cancer care regarding breast cancer screening and prevention and have a higher prevalence of cervical cancer risk factors than heterosexual women due to differences in behavior and barriers to healthcare.
- The underutilization of healthcare among the transgender population is due to perceived discrimination and stigma.
- Gay men are less likely to be screened for anal cancer due to fear, discrimination, and homophobia in the healthcare system, contributing to late-stage cancer diagnoses.

Sources: (Margolies & Brown, 2019) (Quinn, et al., 2015); <https://cancer-network.org/cancer-information/cancer-and-the-lgbt-community/the-lgbt-communitys-disproportionate-cancer-burden/>

How do we provide quality healthcare that indicates inclusiveness and cultural competency?

- Expand and deepen your LGBTQ+ care knowledge w/ reliable sources such as the CDC, The Office of Minority Health, and other LGBTQ+ advocacy sites
- Awareness of key LGBTQ+ definitions
- Create a welcoming environment for LGBTQ+ patients by having a visible nondiscrimination policy and health education literature with diverse images and inclusive language
- Convey respect by using inclusive/safe language such as preferred names and pronouns

Do you have any staff you would like highlighted in The Connector?
Please submit it by the 15th of the month to Alaina: akennedy@srhs.com



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