August 2021

Meeting Updates

NCORP Annual Meeting
August 25–27  
Virtual

URCC Annual Meeting
September 10, 2021  
Virtual

Issue Highlights

- Meeting Update
- Newly Activated Studies
- Accruals & Biospecimens
- Smiling Faces

Affiliate Site Staff Call

Our next coordinator call will be on

September 2, 2021 – 3PM

Join us as we review grant year two and gear up for grant year 3!

Click to Join

Newly Activated Studies

These studies have recently activated. More information about a particular study can be found on CTSU.

A222001: A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Phase II Study of Oxybutynin versus Placebo for Treatment of Hot Flashes in Men Receiving Androgen Deprivation Therapy

A051902: A Randomized Phase II Study of CHO(E)P vs CC–486–CHO(E)P vs Duvelisib–CHO(E)P in Previously Untreated CD30 Negative Peripheral T–Cell Lymphomas

S2013: Immune Checkpoint Inhibitor Toxicity (I–CHECKIT): A Prospective Observational Study

Research Base Meetings

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Register Here

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The Cancer Letter

The Cancer Letter is taking a publication break. We will return on Sept. 6.

August 6,
NCI Assigned Performance Target Tracking
GY2 July YTD 2021

Exceeded NOA goal of 350

165% of goal!

UC-NCROP

367 TMIST

137 Cancer Control

90 Treatment

60 Cancer Control

60 Treatment

240 TMIST

360 Goal

594
Under–Represented Populations

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WF-30917CD-Telehealth Challenge

Christine "rings" into the Lead! Christine has enrolled 4 patients onto Telehealth in the last 2 months!

$$ Don't forget the potential Special Funding for Telehealth enrollment! $$$

- **Seven in Seven Challenge** - I am challenging sites to enroll a patient a week until September 17 (last day for patient enrollment)
- Sponsored by one of our favs-Wake Forest Research Base
- Let's DIAL IN for the WIN!
Welcome to the new AYA coordinator, Heather Schwartz!

Heather and her husband enjoy spending time outside, whether at home or at the lake. She has 2 children and a new puppy.

Heather joined the team at BSSF in February and loves to work with the AYA population. Heather will be taking over the role previously held by Amy Adams.

We are so excited to have you Heather!

Smiling Faces

Welcome to our newest team members!
- Heather Rich, BSSF
- Heather Schwartz, BSSF
- Stephen Henry, BSSF
- Mary Caravalho, BSSF
- Candice Megilligan, BSSF
- Jacob Degarmo, SMC
- Eyad Mourtada, SMC
- Shelly Block, SMC

Diving into Disparities

Breastfeeding – The Impact on Breast Cancer Risk

August is National Breastfeeding Month, and the first week of August is World Breastfeeding Week (WBW). This annual celebration recognizes global action to support women in their efforts to breastfeed (CDC, 2019). In addition, this month, we are highlighting literature surrounding breastfeeding for cancer prevention and breast cancer disparities in the
Breastfeeding is of particular interest for breast cancer prevention because it is a modifiable reproductive risk factor associated with breast cancer (Anstey, et al., 2017). Findings from research studies indicate that women who breastfeed lower their risk of pre- and post-menopausal breast cancer compared with women who do not breastfeed (Mullooly, et al., 2017) (Phipps, et al., 2020). Additionally, specific data analyses show that for every twelve months a woman breastfeeds, the risk of breast cancer decreases about 4–5%, compared to mothers who choose not to breastfeed (Collaborative Group on Hormonal Factors in Breast Cancer, 2002).

With the continual growth of literature linking breastfeeding to reduced breast cancer risk and the impact on breast cancer disparities, there is a need for culturally targeted interventions and clinical screening for breastfeeding education among women, specifically younger women, and women from various racial and ethnic backgrounds. Epidemiologic data indicate that the incidence of breast cancer disproportionately impacts African American and Hispanic women compared to Caucasian women, and they are also less likely to breastfeed compared to Caucasian women (Jones, Power, Queenan, & Schulkin, 2015) (Sly, et al., 2020). In addition to individual challenges to breastfeeding, women from racial and ethnic backgrounds may also differentially face contextual barriers such as lack of social and cultural community acceptance, inadequate support from healthcare providers, and substantial economic differences that contribute to a reduced incidence of breastfeeding (Neifert & Bunik, 2013).

Addressing barriers to initiating and continuing breastfeeding could reduce racial disparities in breast cancer incidence, thus reducing breast cancer mortality disparity.

For more information on breastfeeding and breast cancer, click on the links below!

- Breastfeeding and Breast Cancer Risk Reduction: Implications for Black Mothers
- Breast cancer and breastfeeding
- Racial and ethnic disparities in breastfeeding
- Epidemiologic Risk Factors for In Situ and Invasive Breast Cancers Among Postmenopausal Women in the National Institutes of Health–AARP Diet and Health Study
- Overcoming clinical barriers to exclusive breastfeeding
- Menstrual and reproductive characteristics and breast cancer risk by hormone receptor status and ethnicity: The Breast Cancer Etiology in Minorities study
- Knowledge of the Relationship Between Breastfeeding and Breast Cancer Risk Among Racial and Ethnic Minority Women

Q.A. With Kelsey

Audit Updates

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