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October 2024

Issue Highlights

- Research Base Meetings
- Diving into Disparities
- Smiling New Faces



NCI Community Oncology Research Program

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



Research Base Meetings



Alliance Fall Meeting: October 30– November 1, 2024 – Chicago, IL
ECOG–ACRIN Fall Meeting: November 6–8, 2024 – Fort Lauderdale, FL
NRG Winter Meeting: January 16–18, 2025 – Phoenix, AZ

Wake Forest Annual Meeting



Pictured (left to right): Brandy Heckman–Stoddard, Audrianna Carrington, Abdelmohsen Alqalam, Kamara Mertz–Rivera, James Bearden MD, Melyssa Foust



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The Wake Forest Annual Meeting took place October 21–23 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. UC–NCORP was recognized for having the 2nd Highest NCORP Site Accrual for CCDR Trials. Great job!



Newly Activated Studies

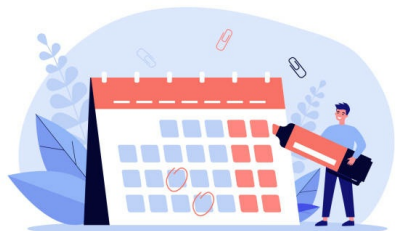


These studies have recently activated.
More information can be found on [CTSU](#).

- **S1900J**: A Phase II Study of Amivantamab SC (Subcutaneous) in Participants with MET Amplification–Positive Stage IV or Recurrent Non–Small Cell Lung Cancer (LUNG–MAP SUB–STUDY)

- **A032102**: PREcision Dagnostics in Prostate Cancer Treatment (PREDICT)
- **NRG-GY025**: A Randomized Phase II Trial of Nivolumab and Ipilimumab Compared to Nivolumab Monotherapy in Patients with Deficient Mismatch Repair System Recurrent Endometrial Carcinoma

Monthly Coordinator Call



Affiliate Site Staff Meeting (Coordinator Call)

Monthly Coordinator Meeting
Thursday, October 31, 2024

The meeting will be held from
2:00PM – 3:00PM
on Microsoft Teams

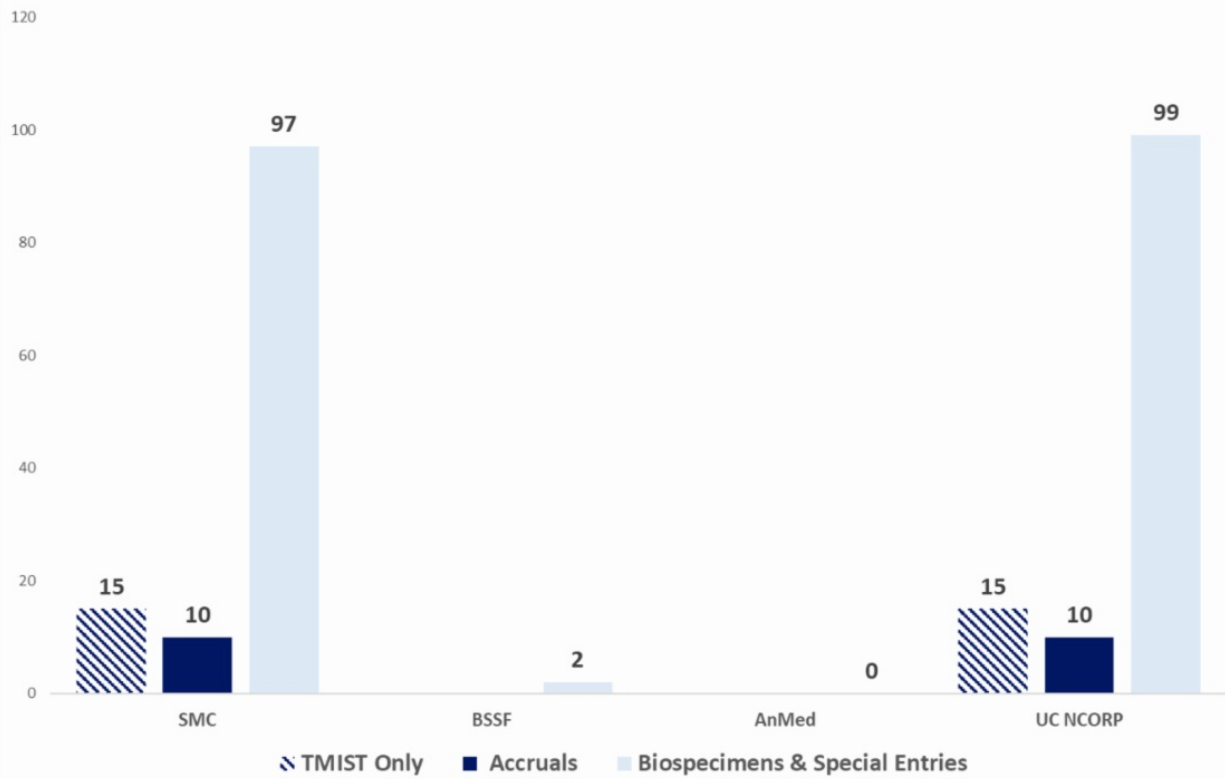
If you did not receive a recurring Teams calendar invite for these meetings please reach out to Sahra Khan, Skhan@gibbscc.org.

The link for the next call is below.

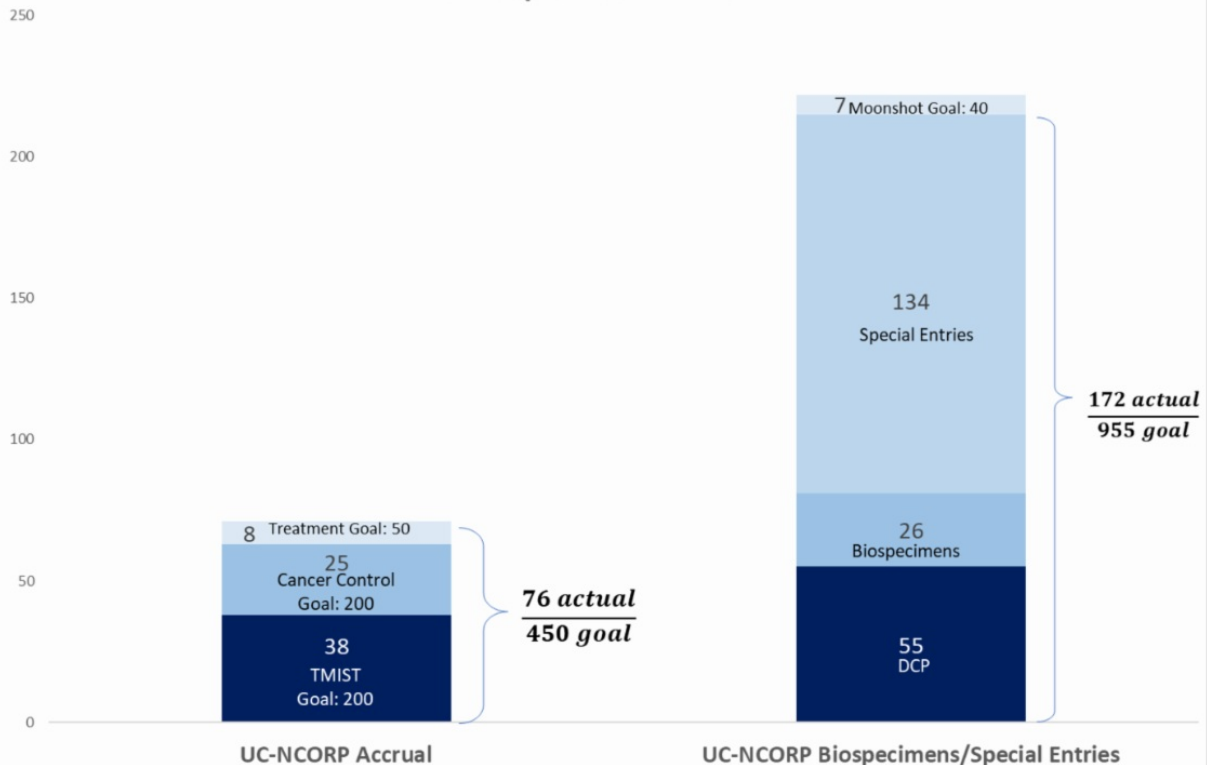
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Accruals, Biospecimens, & Special Entries

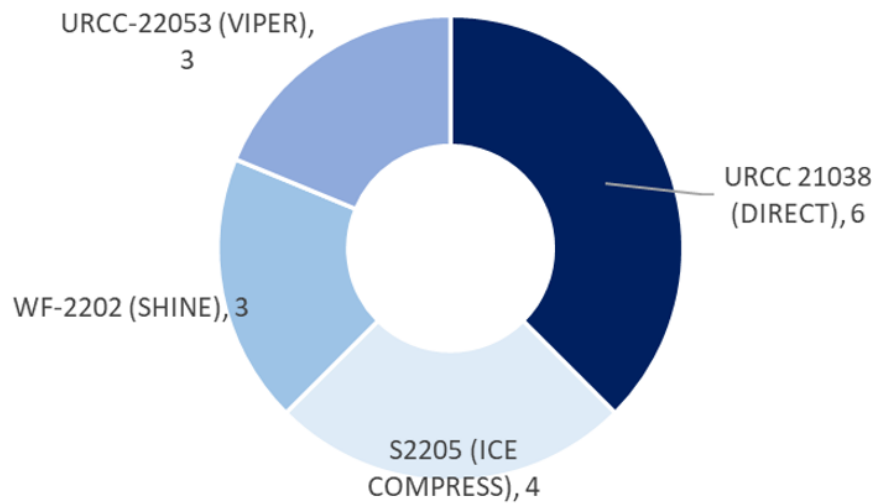
GY6 September 2024 Accruals By Affiliate Site



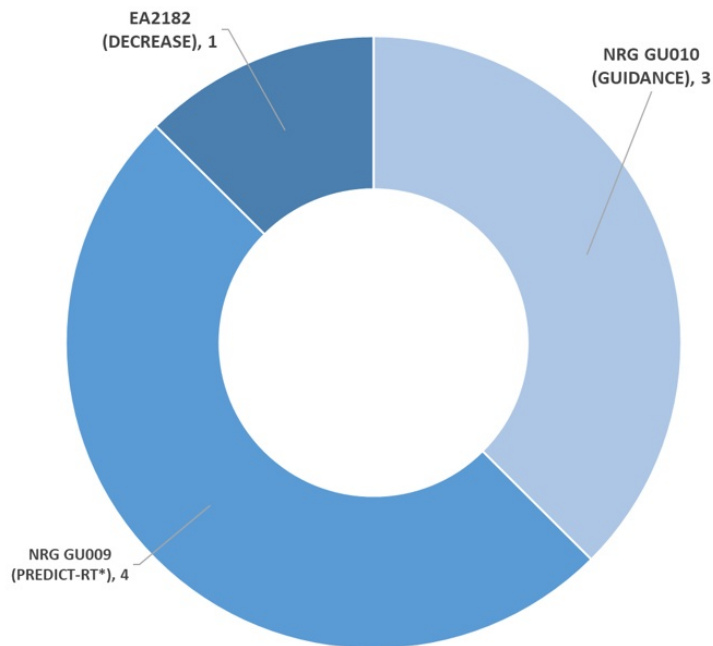
NCI Assigned Performance Tracking GY6 September YTD 2024



Cancer Control Accrual GY6 YTD (Aug - Sep 2024) Top Trials



Treatment Accrual GY6 YTD (Aug - Sep 2024) TOP 3 TRIALS

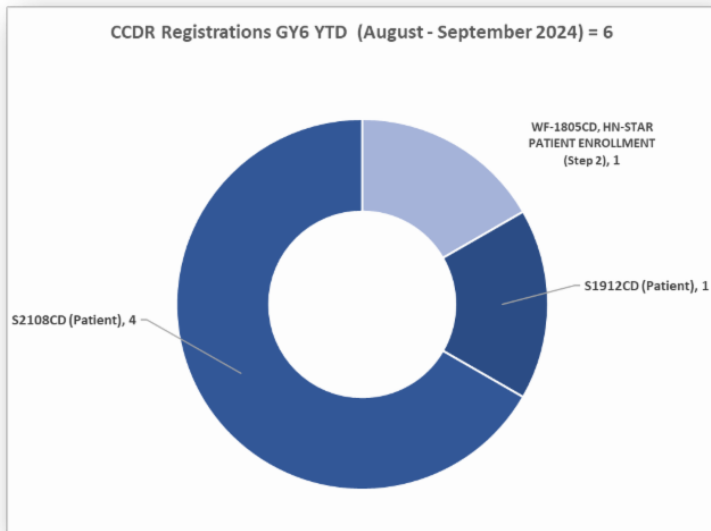


Under-Represented Populations

Underrepresented Populations

All Accruals	Aug 2024	Sep 2024	Goal GY6	Status GY6
AYA (15-39 yrs.)	2	1	4%	7.32%
Older Adults (>65 yrs.)	24	11	55%	43.21%
African American	15	7	17.6%	27%
Other Minorities	0	0	0.4%	0%
Hispanic	1	0	1%	1.23%
Rural	13	14	35%	33%

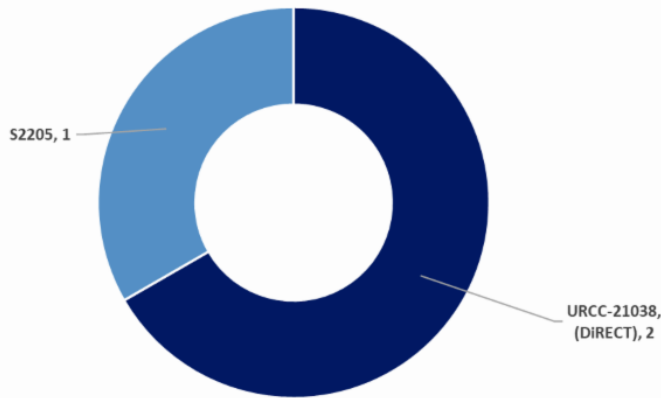
CCDR Corner



Protocol	SMC	BSSF	AnMed
WF-1805CD (Step 1)	0	2	0
WF-1805CD (Step 2)	0	1	0
WF-1805CD (NON-PATIENT)	0	0	0
URCC-18004CD (Drug Shortage Participation)	Prior year	X	N/A
SWOG S1912CD (PATIENT)	1	N/A	N/A
SWOG S1912CD (CAREGIVER)	0	N/A	N/A
SWOG S1912CD (PROVIDER)	0	N/A	N/A
SWOG 2108CD (PATIENT)	4	N/A	N/A
SWOG 2108CD (Physician)	0	N/A	N/A
WF-2300CD CONNECT	1	1	1
Site Total	5	1 + Drug Shortage	0
UC-NCORP Total	6 + Drug Shortage participation		

All About AYAs

AYA Accrual GY6 YTD (Aug - Sep 2024) - 3



Protocol	SMC	BSSF	AnMed
URCC-21038 DIRECT	0	1	1
EAQ202	0	0	0
S2205	1	N/A	N/A
Site Total	1	1	1
UC-NCORP Total	3		

Diving into Disparities



Breast Cancer Awareness Month: *The Need for Inclusivity in Breast Cancer Clinical Trials*

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual campaign focusing on the impact of breast cancer, mammogram screenings for early detection, the importance of patients having access to clinical trials for individualized treatment therapies, and advancements in breast cancer research.

Considering survival rates for breast cancer have significantly increased due to continuous improvements in mammogram screening for early detection and treatment, breast cancer clinical trials are underrepresented in racial and ethnic diversity, causing racial disparities in breast cancer to persist, especially among women from racial and ethnic backgrounds (Adams et al., 2012). For example, non-Hispanic Black women have a higher risk of developing aggressive types of breast cancer and suffer from poorer outcomes compared to non-Hispanic white women (Clarke et al., 2022). Additionally, non-Hispanic Black women have about a 40% higher breast cancer death rate compared with non-Hispanic White women, indicating a higher need for heterogeneity in clinical trial participation (American Cancer Society) (Loree et al., 2019) (Clarke et al., 2022). As research continues to highlight barriers to minority recruitment in clinical trials, such as socioeconomic status, lack of access, financial challenges, education, and time limitations, clinicians, leaders, researchers, patient advocates, and other stakeholders must now implement new practical strategies to recruitment in trials that focus on achieving health equity in breast cancer outcomes, survivorship, and treatment.

As an NCORP promoting the participation of African Americans and other underrepresented groups in NCI Clinical Trials through community engagement and patient support systems, we understand the critical need to collaborate with community health clinics, patient advocates, and stakeholders to form partnerships to address the racial differences in breast cancer outcomes as they relate to clinical trial participation and data.

What can you do to advocate for inclusivity in breast cancer clinical trials?



Smiling Faces

welcome



Paulina Hartney, NBC-HWC, has joined the St. Francis Oncology and Hematology Team as a Research Coordinator. Her background and expertise extend past data management and includes health IT project management and program administration. Her passion for holistic health and drive for compassionate patient care makes her a great fit for the team and Ministry. Welcome Paulina!

Trunk or Treat at Gibbs Cancer Center



Staff from SMC celebrated Halloween by participating in a community Trunk or Treat held at Gibbs Cancer Center. Happy Halloween!

Do you have any staff you would like highlighted in The Connector?
Please submit it by the 15th of the month to Jetta: Jturner@gibbscc.org



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