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November 2024

Issue Highlights

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



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Research Base Meetings

NRG Winter Meeting: January 16–18, 2025 – Phoenix, AZ

Alliance Spring Meeting: April 30 – May 3, 2025 – Chicago, IL

SWOG Spring Meeting: April 30 – May 3, 2025 – San Francisco, CA



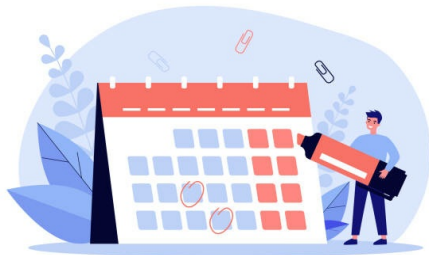
Newly Activated Studies



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

- **A092205:** Randomized Phase III Trial of Pembrolizumab vs. Pembrolizumab/Cetuximab in Recurrent or Metastatic Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma with Platinum Refractory Disease
- **NRG-BN014:** A Phase III Randomized Clinical Trial of Proton Craniospinal Irradiation Versus Involved-Field Radiotherapy for Patients with Breast Cancer or Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Leptomeningeal Metastasis (Radiate-LM)

Monthly Coordinator Call



Affiliate Site Staff Meeting (Coordinator Call)

Monthly Coordinator Meeting
Thursday, December 12, 2024

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

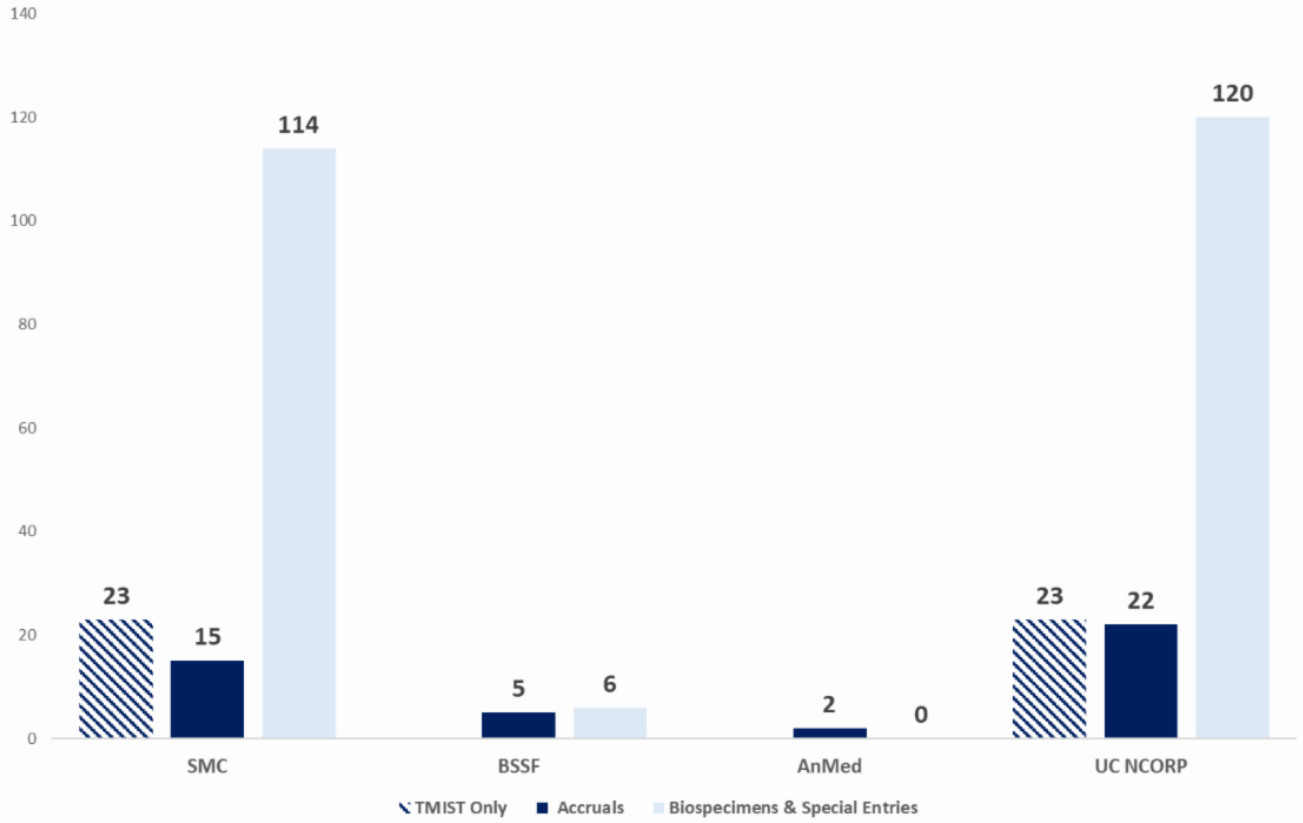
If you did not receive a recurring Teams calendar invite for these meetings please reach out to Sahra Khan, Skhan@gibbscc.org.

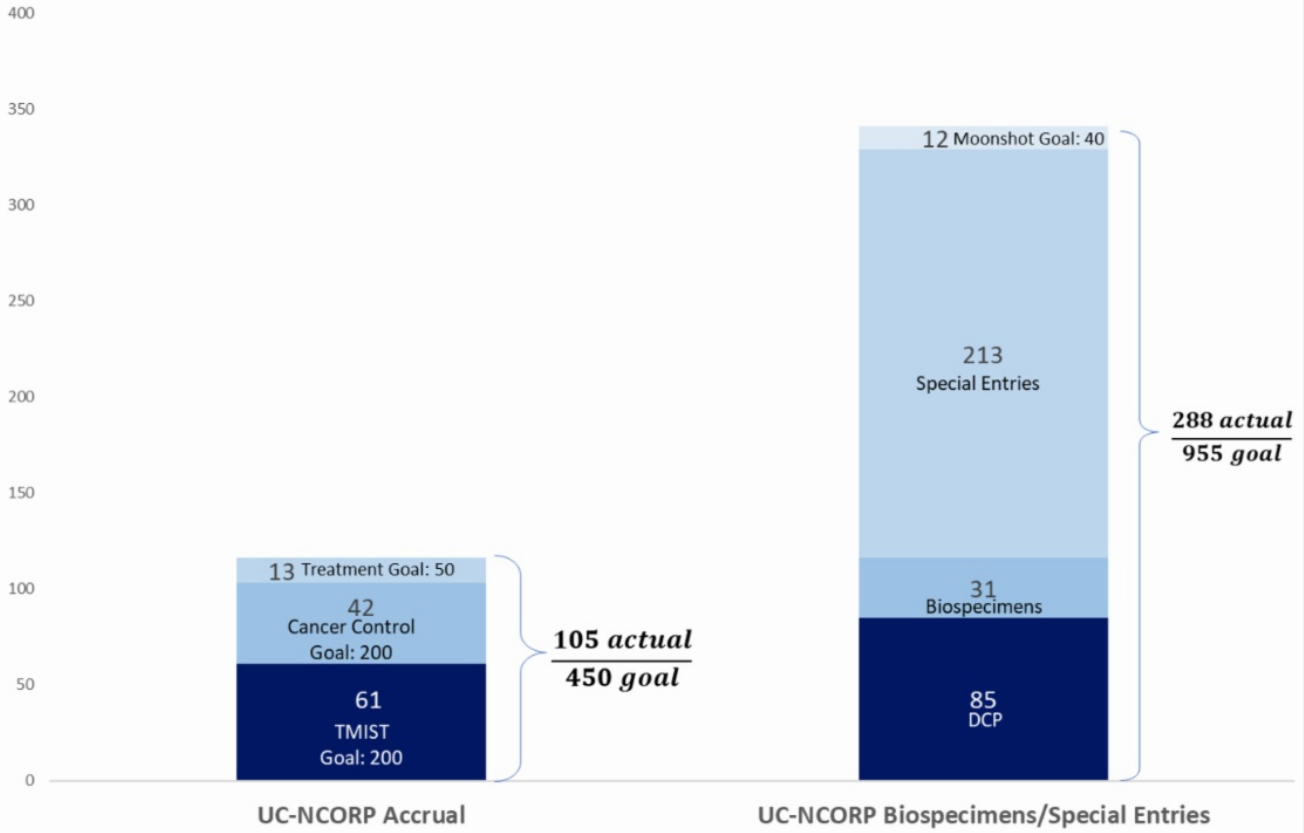
The link for the next call is below

[Coordinator Call](#)

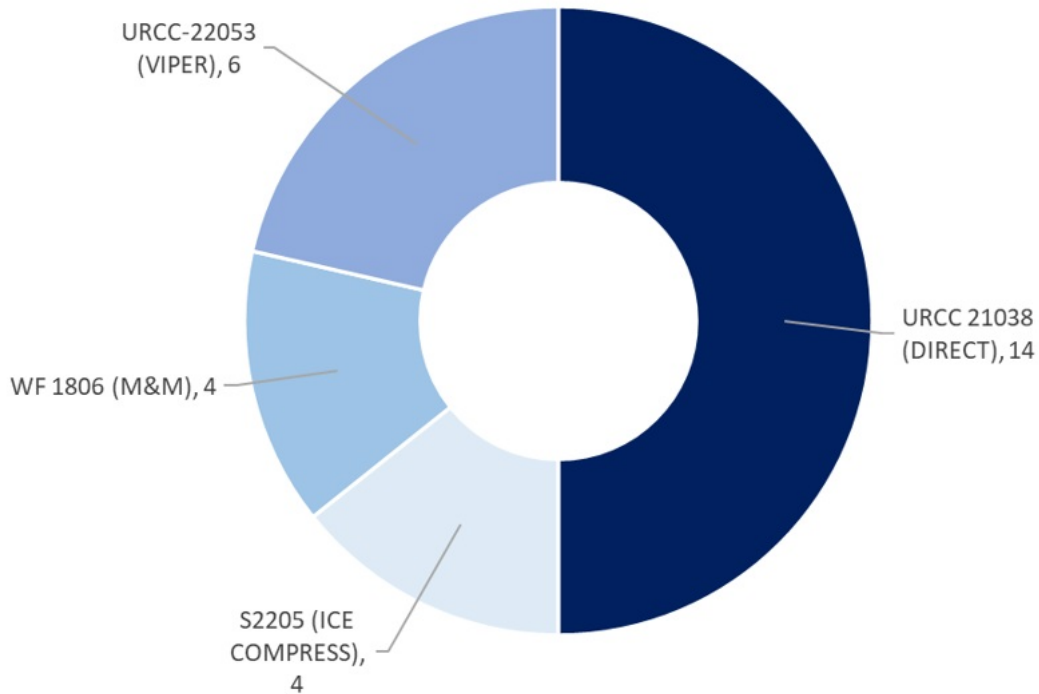
Accruals, Biospecimens, & Special Entries

GY6 October 2024 Accruals By Affiliate Site

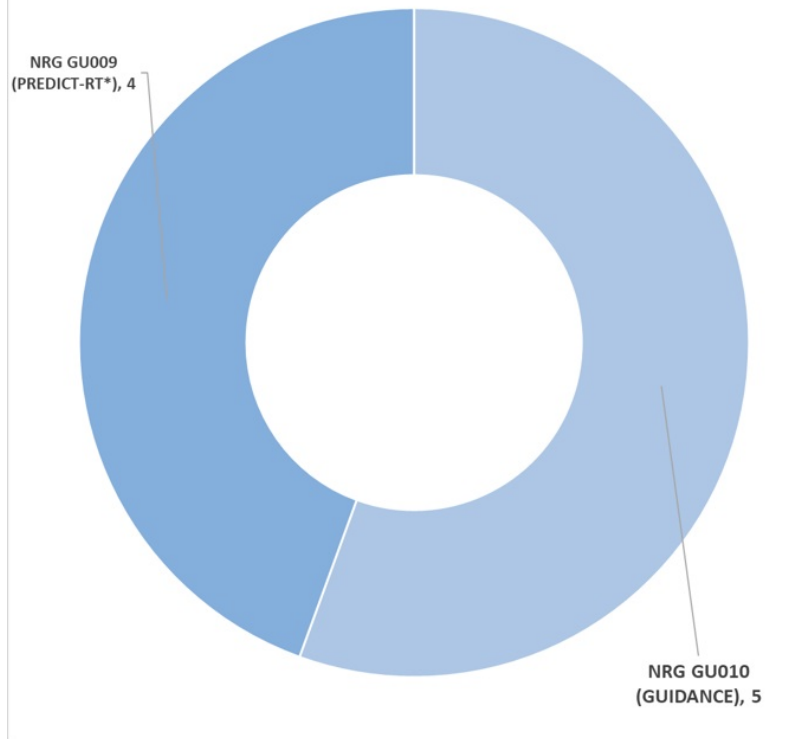




Cancer Control Accrual GY6 YTD (Aug - Oct 2024)
Top Trials



Treatment Accrual GY6 YTD (Aug - Oct 2024)
TOP TRIALS



Under-Represented Populations

Underrepresented Populations

| All Accruals | Aug 2024 | Sep 2024 | Oct 2024 | Goal GY6 | Status GY6 |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| AYA (15-39 yrs.) | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4% | 8.70% |
| Older Adults (>65 yrs.) | 24 | 11 | 28 | 55% | 47.37% |
| African American | 15 | 7 | 22 | 17.6% | 33% |
| Other Minorities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.4% | 0% |
| Hispanic | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1% | 1.49% |
| Rural | 13 | 14 | 22 | 35% | 37% |

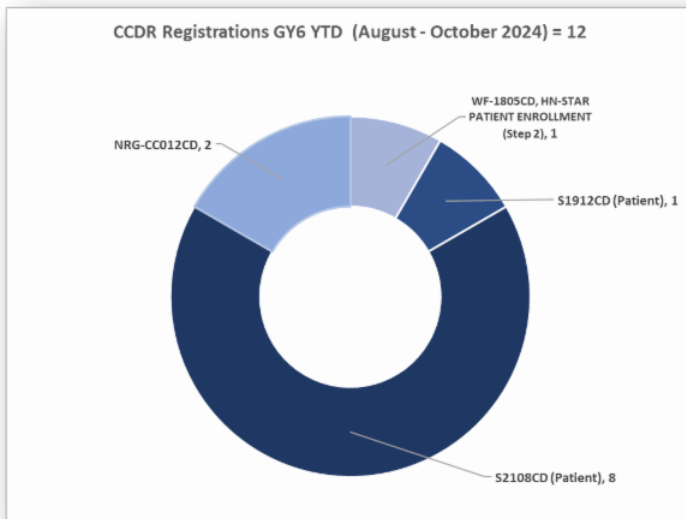
AnMed: CCCR Super Stars

The AnMed team recently opened a new CCCR protocol, NRG-CC012CD: Managing Symptoms and Psychological Distress During Oral Anti-Cancer Treatment (SYMON). Not only did AnMed enroll two patients the first week the trial was activated, they currently lead the nation in accruals!

The NRG team is so thrilled with AnMed's performance that Penny was a featured speaker at the most recent study call offering expert accrual advice! So proud of the AnMed team and their CCCR efforts!



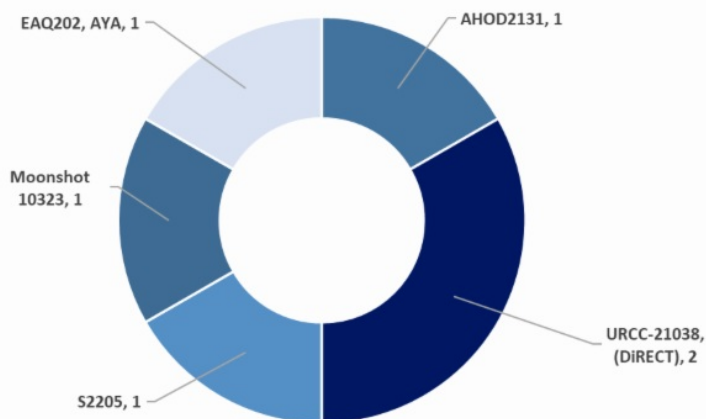
Rhonda Dean, Cindy Haguewood, Malinda Soileau, and Penny Argo



| Protocol | SMC | BSSF | AnMed |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| EAQ211CD | N/A | 0 | N/A |
| WF-1805CD (Step 1) | 1 | 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) | 8 | N/A | N/A |
| NRG-CC012CD | N/A | N/A | 2 |
| WF-2300CD CONNECT | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| WF-2301CD | 0 | N/A | N/A |
| Site Total | 9 | 1 + Drug Shortage | 2 |
| UC-NCORP Total | 12+ Drug Shortage participation | | |

All About AYAs

AYA Accrual GY6 YTD (Aug - Oct 2024) - 6



| Protocol | SMC | BSSF | AnMed |
|-------------------|-----|------|-------|
| AHOD2131 | N/A | 1 | N/A |
| URCC-21038 DIRECT | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| EAQ202 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Moonshot 10323 | 1 | N/A | N/A |
| S2205 | 1 | N/A | N/A |
| Site Total | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| UC-NCORP Total | 6 | | |

Diving into Disparities



Centering Black Voices:

Factors Influencing a Cancer Patient's Decision to Join a Clinical Trial

This study, led by a medical student at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, is a cross-sectional descriptive study that aims to characterize key psychosocial factors to consider when enrolling in a research study for patients who completed radiation treatment for curative gastrointestinal, thoracic, gynecological, and head and neck malignancies, with the goal of improved recruitment among Black patients; therefore helping research staff implement best practical approaches to increase Black participants in clinical research trials.

To learn more about this study, follow the button below



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Alliance Annual Meeting



Pictured (left to right): Jocelyn Gerardo Romero, Haley Farmer, Kamara Mertz-Rivera, Melyssa Foust

UC-NCORP was well represented at the Alliance Fall Meeting held on October 30th – November 1st.

ECOG-ACRIN Annual Meeting



Pictured (left to right): Top row: Kamara Mertz-Rivera, Theresa Hall, Melyssa Foust Bottom row: Keith Dee, Jetta Turner, Elyssa Rivera



Pictured above: (left) Kamara Mertz-Rivera at the Oncology Nursing General Session



Pictured (left to right): Elyssa Rivera, Theresa Hall, Jetta Turner

The ECOG-ACRIN Fall meeting took place in Fort Lauderdale, FL. UC-NCORP Director, Kamara Mertz-Rivera had the opportunity to speak at the Oncology Nursing General Session about QA Processes and Audit Best Practices from the site's perspective!

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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